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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Jarrett, Moeller, Tom, Simpson, Appleton, Linville, Sommers, Lantz and Dunshee)

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1 AN ACT Relating to multimodal concurrency strategies; amending RCW
2 47.80.030; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The transportation element required by RCW 36.70A.070 may
8 include, in addition to improvements or strategies to accommodate the
9 impacts of development authorized under RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b),
10 multimodal transportation improvements or strategies that are made
11 concurrent with the development. These transportation improvements or
12 strategies may include, but are not limited to, measures implementing
13 or evaluating:

14 (a) Multiple modes of transportation with peak and nonpeak hour
15 capacity performance standards for locally owned transportation
16 facilities; and

17 (b) Modal performance standards meeting the peak and nonpeak hour
18 capacity performance standards.

1 (2) Jurisdictions implementing new transportation improvements or
2 strategies under this section or RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) after December
3 31, 2005, shall prepare and submit to the department annual performance
4 reports that include, at a minimum, an evaluation of the effectiveness
5 of the improvements or strategies.

6 (3) Nothing in this section or RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) shall be
7 construed as prohibiting a county or city planning under RCW 36.70A.040
8 from exercising existing authority to develop multimodal improvements
9 or strategies to satisfy the concurrency requirements of this chapter.

10 (4) Nothing in this section is intended to affect or otherwise
11 modify the authority of jurisdictions planning under RCW 36.70A.040.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.80.030 and 1998 c 171 s 9 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) Each regional transportation planning organization shall
15 develop in cooperation with the department of transportation, providers
16 of public transportation and high capacity transportation, ports, and
17 local governments within the region, adopt, and periodically update a
18 regional transportation plan that:

19 (a) Is based on a least cost planning methodology that identifies
20 the most cost-effective facilities, services, and programs;

21 (b) Identifies existing or planned transportation facilities,
22 services, and programs, including but not limited to major roadways
23 including state highways and regional arterials, transit and
24 nonmotorized services and facilities, multimodal and intermodal
25 facilities, marine ports and airports, railroads, and noncapital
26 programs including transportation demand management that should
27 function as an integrated regional transportation system, giving
28 emphasis to those facilities, services, and programs that exhibit one
29 or more of the following characteristics:

30 (i) Crosses member county lines;

31 (ii) Is or will be used by a significant number of people who live
32 or work outside the county in which the facility, service, or project
33 is located;

34 (iii) Significant impacts are expected to be felt in more than one
35 county;

36 (iv) Potentially adverse impacts of the facility, service, program,

1 or project can be better avoided or mitigated through adherence to
2 regional policies;

3 (v) Transportation needs addressed by a project have been
4 identified by the regional transportation planning process and the
5 remedy is deemed to have regional significance; and

6 (vi) Provides for system continuity;

7 (c) Establishes level of service standards for state highways and
8 state ferry routes, with the exception of transportation facilities of
9 statewide significance as defined in RCW 47.06.140. These regionally
10 established level of service standards for state highways and state
11 ferries shall be developed jointly with the department of
12 transportation, to encourage consistency across jurisdictions. In
13 establishing level of service standards for state highways and state
14 ferries, consideration shall be given for the necessary balance between
15 providing for the free interjurisdictional movement of people and goods
16 and the needs of local commuters using state facilities;

17 (d) Includes a financial plan demonstrating how the regional
18 transportation plan can be implemented, indicating resources from
19 public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be made
20 available to carry out the plan, and recommending any innovative
21 financing techniques to finance needed facilities, services, and
22 programs;

23 (e) Assesses regional development patterns, capital investment and
24 other measures necessary to:

25 (i) Ensure the preservation of the existing regional transportation
26 system, including requirements for operational improvements,
27 resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of existing and future
28 major roadways, as well as operations, maintenance, modernization, and
29 rehabilitation of existing and future transit, railroad systems and
30 corridors, and nonmotorized facilities; and

31 (ii) Make the most efficient use of existing transportation
32 facilities to relieve vehicular congestion and maximize the mobility of
33 people and goods;

34 (f) Sets forth a proposed regional transportation approach,
35 including capital investments, service improvements, programs, and
36 transportation demand management measures to guide the development of
37 the integrated, multimodal regional transportation system. For
38 regional growth centers, the approach must address transportation

1 concurrency strategies required under RCW 36.70A.070 and include a
2 measurement of vehicle level of service for off-peak periods and total
3 multimodal capacity for peak periods; and

4 (g) Where appropriate, sets forth the relationship of high capacity
5 transportation providers and other public transit providers with regard
6 to responsibility for, and the coordination between, services and
7 facilities.

8 (2) The organization shall review the regional transportation plan
9 biennially for currency and forward the adopted plan along with
10 documentation of the biennial review to the state department of
11 transportation.

12 (3) All transportation projects, programs, and transportation
13 demand management measures within the region that have an impact upon
14 regional facilities or services must be consistent with the plan and
15 with the adopted regional growth and transportation strategies.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1)(a) The department of community, trade,
17 and economic development shall administer a study to examine multimodal
18 transportation improvements and strategies to comply with the
19 concurrency requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(6), subject to the
20 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose. The
21 study shall be completed by one or more regional transportation
22 planning organizations established under chapter 47.80 RCW electing to
23 participate in the study.

24 (b) The department of transportation shall provide technical
25 assistance with the study to the department of community, trade, and
26 economic development and participating regional transportation planning
27 organizations.

28 (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development
29 shall, in consultation with members from each of the two largest
30 caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and
31 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
32 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
33 representatives, award direct financial assistance through a
34 competitive grant process to participating regional transportation
35 planning organizations completing the study established by this
36 section.

37 (3) The study shall, at a minimum, include:

1 (a) An assessment and comprehensive summary of studies or reports
2 examining concurrency requirements and practices in Washington;

3 (b) An examination of existing or proposed multimodal
4 transportation improvements or strategies employed by a city in a
5 county with a population of one million or more residents;

6 (c) Recommendations for statutory and administrative rule changes
7 that will further the promotion of effective multimodal transportation
8 improvements and strategies that are consistent with the provisions of
9 RCW 36.70A.070 and 36.70A.020(3);

10 (d) Recommendations for improving the coordination of concurrency
11 practices in jurisdictions subject to RCW 36.70A.215;

12 (e) An identification of effective multimodal transportation
13 improvements and strategies employed by jurisdictions subject to RCW
14 36.70A.215; and

15 (f) Recommendations for model multimodal transportation
16 improvements and strategies that may be employed by counties and
17 cities.

18 (4) The department of community, trade, and economic development
19 shall, in coordination with participating regional transportation
20 planning organizations completing the study established by this
21 section, submit a report of findings and recommendations to the
22 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2006.

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