

SHB 1700 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that
4 the Washington state department of transportation shall provide for the
5 needs of drivers, public transportation vehicles and patrons,
6 bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities in all planning,
7 programming, design, construction, reconstruction, retrofit,
8 operations, and maintenance activities and products.

9 It is also the intent of the legislature that the department shall
10 view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve
11 safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in Washington and
12 recognize bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements
13 of the transportation system.

14 The increase in Washington's older adult population, which is up to
15 forty percent of total population in some counties, increases the need
16 for locally based transportation options and a statewide transportation
17 system less reliant on the automobile.

18 Washington is committed to providing community-based options for
19 individuals with disabilities who require access to a broader range of
20 transportation options.

21 Washington believes the full integration of all modes in the design
22 of streets and roadways will increase the capacity and efficiency of
23 the road network, reduce traffic congestion, improve mobility options,
24 and limit greenhouse gas emissions.

25 Washington believes regular walking and bicycling improves physical
26 health, increases mental well-being, and helps reduce the risk of
27 cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, some cancers, and other
28 chronic diseases. Increased physical activity is also critical to
29 combating the obesity crisis in Washington.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.75.060 and 1982 c 55 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Any city or town may use any funds available for street or road
4 construction, maintenance, or improvement for building, improving, and
5 maintaining bicycle paths, lanes, roadways, and routes, and for
6 improvements to make existing streets and roads more suitable and safe
7 for bicycle traffic: PROVIDED, That any such paths, lanes, roadways,
8 routes, or streets for which any such street or road funds are expended
9 shall be suitable for bicycle transportation purposes and not solely
10 for recreation purposes. Bicycle facilities constructed or modified
11 after (~~June 10, 1982~~) December 31, 2012, shall meet or exceed the
12 standards (~~of the state department of transportation~~) adopted by the
13 design standards committee under RCW 35.78.030.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35.78 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 Any city or town may use any funds available for street or road
17 construction, maintenance, or improvement for building, improving, and
18 maintaining a pedestrian right-of-way and for improvements to make
19 existing streets and roads more suitable and safe for pedestrian
20 travel. Any such paths, lanes, roadways, routes, or streets for which
21 any such street or road funds are expended must be suitable for
22 pedestrian travel purposes and not solely for recreation purposes. A
23 pedestrian right-of-way constructed or modified after December 31,
24 2012, must meet or exceed the standards adopted by the design standards
25 committee under RCW 35.78.030.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.78.030 and 1965 c 7 s 35.78.030 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) The design standards committee shall from time to time adopt
29 uniform design standards for major arterial and secondary arterial
30 streets.

31 (2) By July 1, 2012, and from time to time thereafter, the design
32 standards committee shall adopt standards for bicycle and pedestrian
33 facilities.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.82.145 and 1982 c 55 s 3 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

1 Any funds deposited in the county road fund may be used for the
2 construction, maintenance, or improvement of bicycle paths, lanes,
3 routes, and roadways, and for improvements to make existing streets and
4 roads more suitable and safe for bicycle traffic. Bicycle facilities
5 constructed or modified after (~~June 10, 1982~~) December 31, 2012,
6 shall meet or exceed the standards (~~of the state department of~~
7 ~~transportation~~) adopted by the design standards committee under RCW
8 43.32.020.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.82 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Any county may use any funds available for street or road
12 construction, maintenance, or improvement for building, improving, and
13 maintaining a pedestrian right-of-way and for improvements to make
14 existing streets and roads more suitable and safe for pedestrian
15 travel. Any such paths, lanes, roadways, routes, or streets for which
16 any such street or road funds are expended must be suitable for
17 pedestrian travel purposes and not solely for recreation purposes. A
18 pedestrian right-of-way constructed or modified after December 31,
19 2012, must meet or exceed the standards adopted by the design standards
20 committee under RCW 43.32.020.

21 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.32.020 and 1965 c 8 s 43.32.020 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) On or before January 1, 1950, and from time to time thereafter,
24 the design standards committee shall adopt uniform design standards for
25 the county primary road systems.

26 (2) By July 1, 2012, and from time to time thereafter, the design
27 standards committee shall adopt standards for bicycle and pedestrian
28 facilities."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "projects;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 35.75.060, 35.78.030,
3 36.82.145, and 43.32.020; adding a new section to chapter 35.78 RCW;
4 adding a new section to chapter 36.82 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Modifies all the dates in the underlying bill to 2012 and provides six months between the time that updated design standards must be adopted and when newly constructed or modified facilities must meet those standards. Removes a section that is duplicative to a section of law that was passed in ESHB 1071 in the 2011 legislative session.

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