

ESSB 6381 Section 204--2010 Supplemental Transportation Budget

(5)(a) \$350,000 of the multimodal transportation account--state appropriation is for the joint transportation committee to conduct a study to establish a statewide blueprint for public transportation that will serve to guide state investments in public transportation. At a minimum, the study should include an assessment of unmet operating and capital needs of public transportation agencies, the state role in funding those unmet needs, and the priorities for state investments. The report should include efficiency and accountability measures that inform future state investment in public transportation to maximize mobility, social, economic, and environmental benefits provided to the state.

(b) The statewide blueprint for public transportation should serve to guide state investments to support public transportation and address unmet needs to improve service, access to public transportation, and connectivity between public transportation providers across jurisdictional boundaries. The blueprint must be consistent with the state's transportation system policy goals provided in RCW 47.04.280 and the statewide transportation plan provided in RCW 47.01.071(4).

(c) To provide input to the study, the joint transportation committee shall convene a public transit advisory panel. The cochairs of the committee shall appoint and convene the advisory panel to be comprised of members as provided in this subsection:

- (i) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate;
- (ii) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives;
- (iii) One representative of the department of transportation's public transportation division;
- (iv) Two representatives of users of public transportation systems, one of which must represent persons with special needs;
- (v) Three representatives from transit agencies from a list recommended by the Washington state transit association;
- (vi) Two representatives from regional transportation planning organizations, one representing eastern Washington and one representing western Washington;
- (vii) Three representatives of employers at or owners of major work sites in Washington;
- (viii) The chief executive officer, or the chief executive officer's designee, of a regional transit authority;
- (ix) Two representatives of organizations that address primarily environmental issues;
- (x) One member of a collective bargaining organization that primarily represents the interests of transit agency employees; and
- (xi) Other individuals deemed appropriate.

Nonlegislative members of the advisory panel must seek reimbursement for travel and other membership expenses through their respective agencies or organizations. The committee may make exceptions and approve certain expenses for good cause on a case-by-case basis.