

[ESSB 5689](#) Sec. 204 (12)

(12)(a) Within existing resources the joint transportation committee must convene a work group to discuss, collaborate, and develop recommendations to the committee on the distribution of federal-aid highway formula program funding from the infrastructure investment and jobs act to state and local government in future biennia. In addition to the executive committee of the joint transportation committee the work group shall include the governor's office, governor's staff from the office of financial management as well as one representative of each of the following:

- (i) The Washington state association of counties;
- (ii) Metropolitan planning organizations;
- (iii) Regional transportation planning organizations;
- (iv) The association of Washington cities;
- (v) Tribes;
- (vi) The Washington state department of transportation;
- (vii) The Washington public ports association; and
- (viii) The Washington state transit association.

(b) The Washington state department of transportation shall provide technical overviews, information, and updates on federal requirements, regulations and guidance from the United States department of transportation on spending federal-aid highway formula program funding.

(c) As the work group develops recommendations, Washington state department of transportation staff shall provide technical review of the recommendations to ensure federal requirements, including federal performance measures, can be met.

(d) Work group meetings shall be open to interested stakeholders and include opportunities for public comment.

(e) Following the meetings of the work group, the joint transportation committee shall consult with the governor's office prior to the committee recommending a distribution of federal aid highway formula program funding.

(f) The joint transportation committee, with recognition of the state's history of collaboration and open discussion, shall provide recommendations to the legislature on the allocation of the infrastructure investment and jobs act funding by September 30, 2022.