BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

- BILL REQ. #: Z-1001.2/10 2nd draft
- ATTY/TYPIST: SCG:ean
- BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Consolidating several transportation-related boards and commissions.

AN ACT Relating to consolidating transportation-related boards and 1 2 commissions; amending RCW 36.33A.040, 36.77.065, 36.78.010, 36.78.020, 36.78.030, 36.78.050, 36.78.060, 36.78.070, 36.78.090, 3 36.78.080, 4 36.78.100, 36.78.110, 36.78.121, 36.79.010, 36.79.020, 36.79.040, 5 36.79.050, 36.79.060, 36.79.070, 36.79.090, 36.79.100, 36.79.110, 36.79.120, 6 36.79.130, 36.79.150, 36.79.160, 36.79.170, 36.80.060, 7 36.81.121, 36.82.160, 46.68.090, 47.56.725, 35.58.2795, 47.01.240, 8 47.26.044, 47.26.080, 47.26.084, 47.26.086, 47.26.090, 47.26.115, 9 47.26.121, 47.26.140, 47.26.150, 47.26.160, 47.26.164, 47.26.170, 10 47.26.185, 47.26.190, 47.26.260, 47.26.270, 47.26.282, 47.26.305, 47.26.320, 47.26.420, 47.26.450, 47.26.460, 11 47.26.330, 47.26.340, 12 47.26.500, 77.95.170, 82.80.070, 47.06A.010, 47.06A.020, 47.06A.030, 47.06A.040, 47.06A.050, 47.06A.060, 47.06A.070, 43.59.010, 43.59.070, 13 and 47.01.250; reenacting and amending RCW 36.79.140 and 82.44.180; 14 adding a new section to chapter 43.59 RCW; adding new chapters to Title 15 47 RCW; creating new sections; recodifying RCW 36.78.010, 36.78.020, 16 17 36.78.030, 36.78.040, 36.78.050, 36.78.060, 36.78.070, 36.78.080, 36.78.090, 36.78.100, 36.78.110, 36.78.120, 36.79.010, 36.79.020, 18 19 36.79.030, 36.79.040, 36.79.050, 36.79.060, 36.79.070, 36.79.080, 36.79.090, 36.79.100, 36.79.110, 36.79.120, 36.79.130, 36.79.140, 20 36.79.150, 36.79.160, 36.79.170, 36.79.900, and 36.79.901; repealing 21

RCW 47.26.440, 43.59.060, and 43.59.080; and providing an effective 1 2 date.

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

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PART I

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COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Sec. 101. RCW 36.33A.040 and 2007 c 195 s 1 are each amended to б 7 read as follows:

8 Rates for the rental of equipment owned by the fund shall be set to 9 cover all costs of maintenance and repair, material and supplies 10 consumed in operating or maintaining the equipment, and the future replacement thereof. The rates shall be determined by the county 11 engineer or other appointee of the county legislative body and shall be 12 subject to annual review by the legislative body. 13 This section does 14 not restrict the ability of the ((county road administration board)) 15 department of transportation to directly inquire into the process of setting rental rates while performing its statutory oversight 16 responsibility. 17

18 **Sec. 102.** RCW 36.77.065 and 2009 c 29 s 1 are each amended to read as follows: 19

20 The board may cause any county road to be constructed or improved 21 by use of county forces as provided in this section.

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(1) As used in this section:

23 (a) "County forces" means regular employees of a county; and

24 (b) "Road construction project costs" means the aggregate total of those costs as defined by the budgeting, accounting, and reporting 25 system for counties and cities and other local governments authorized 26 under RCW 43.09.200 and 43.09.230 as prescribed in the state auditor's 27 28 budget, accounting, and reporting manual's (BARS) road and street PROVIDED, That such costs shall not include 29 construction accounts: those costs assigned to the right-of-way account, ancillary operations 30 account, preliminary engineering account, and construction engineering 31 32 account in the budget, accounting, and reporting manual.

33 (2) For counties with a population that equals or exceeds four

hundred thousand people, the total amount of road construction project costs one county may perform annually with county forces shall be no more than the total of the following amounts:

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(a) Three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

5 (b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution 6 factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied by the amount 7 listed in (a) of this subsection.

8 (3) For counties with a population that equals or exceeds one 9 hundred fifty thousand, but is less than four hundred thousand people, 10 the total amount of road construction project costs one county may 11 perform annually with county forces shall be no more than the total of 12 the following amounts:

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(a) One million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

(b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied by the amount listed in (a) of this subsection.

17 (4) For counties with a population that equals or exceeds thirty 18 thousand, but is less than one hundred fifty thousand people, the total 19 amount of road construction project costs one county may perform 20 annually with county forces shall be no more than the total of the 21 following amounts:

(a) One million one hundred fifty thousand dollars; this amount
 shall increase to one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars
 effective January 1, 2012; and

(b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution
factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied by the amount
listed in (a) of this subsection.

(5) For counties with a population that is less than thirty thousand people, the total amount of road construction project costs one county may perform annually with county forces shall be no more than the total of the following amounts:

32 (a) Seven hundred thousand dollars; this amount shall increase to
 33 eight hundred thousand dollars effective January 1, 2012; and

34 (b) The previous year's county motor vehicle fuel tax distribution
35 factor, as provided for in RCW 46.68.124(5), multiplied by the amount
36 listed in (a) of this subsection.

37 (6) Any county whose expenditure for county forces for road38 construction projects exceeds the limits specified in this section, is

in violation of the ((county road administration board's)) department of transportation's standards of good practice under RCW 36.78.020 (as recodified by this act) and is in violation of this section.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, whenever 4 the construction work or improvement is the installation of electrical 5 traffic control devices, highway illumination equipment, electrical б 7 equipment, wires, or equipment to convey electrical current, in an 8 amount exceeding ten thousand dollars for any one project including labor, equipment, and materials, such work shall be performed by 9 10 contract as in this chapter provided. This section means a complete project and does not permit the construction of any project by county 11 12 forces by division of the project into units of work or classes of 13 work.

14 sec. 103. RCW 36.78.010 and 1965 ex.s. c 120 s 1 are each amended 15 to read as follows:

16 <u>The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter</u> 17 <u>unless the context clearly requires otherwise.</u>

18 <u>(1)</u> "Board" ((shall)) means the county road administration board 19 created by this chapter, which shall be a program within the 20 <u>department</u>.

21 (2) "Department" means the department of transportation.

22 (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department.

23 **Sec. 104.** RCW 36.78.020 and 1993 c 65 s 1 are each amended to read 24 as follows:

25 "Standards of good practice" shall mean general and uniform practices formulated and adopted by the <u>department</u>, in consultation 26 with the board, relating to the administration of county roads and the 27 safe and efficient movement of people and goods over county roads, 28 which shall apply to engineering, design procedures, maintenance, 29 traffic control, safety, planning, programming, road classification, 30 road inventories, budgeting and accounting procedures, management 31 practices, equipment policies, personnel policies, and effective use of 32 33 transportation-related information technology.

34 Sec. 105. RCW 36.78.030 and 1971 ex.s. c 85 s 5 are each amended 35 to read as follows:

There is created hereby a county road administration board 1 2 consisting of nine members who shall be appointed by the secretary, in consultation with the executive committee of the Washington state 3 association of counties. ((Prior to July 1, 1965 the executive 4 committee of the Washington state association of counties shall appoint 5 6 the first members of the county road administration board: Three 7 members to serve one year; three members to serve two years; and three 8 members to serve three years from July 1, 1965. Upon expiration of the 9 original terms subsequent)) Appointments shall be made by the ((same appointing authority)) department, in consultation with the executive 10 11 committee of the Washington state association of counties, for three 12 year terms except in the case of a vacancy, in which event the 13 appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term in 14 which the vacancy has occurred.

15 Sec. 106. RCW 36.78.050 and 1993 c 65 s 2 are each amended to read 16 as follows:

The board shall meet at least once quarterly ((and)). The department, in consultation with the board, shall from time to time adopt rules ((and regulations)) for its own government and as may be necessary for it to discharge its duties and exercise its powers under this chapter. The board shall elect a chair from its own membership who shall hold office for one year. Election as chair does not affect the member's right to vote on all matters before the board.

24 **Sec. 107.** RCW 36.78.060 and 1990 c 266 s 1 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

The ((county road administration)) secretary, in consultation with 26 the board chair, shall appoint ((an executive director who shall be 27 the)) a chief administrative officer of the board ((and)) who shall be 28 responsible for carrying out the policies adopted by the board. 29 The ((executive director)) chief administrative officer is exempt from the 30 provisions of state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW, and shall 31 serve at the pleasure of the ((county road administration board)) 32 33 secretary. The ((executive director's)) chief administrative officer's 34 salary shall be set by the ((board)) secretary.

1 Sec. 108. RCW 36.78.070 and 2005 c 319 s 102 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The ((county road administration)) department, in consultation with
4 the board, shall:

5 (1) Establish by rule, standards of good practice for the 6 administration of county roads and the efficient movement of people and 7 goods over county roads;

8 (2) Establish reporting requirements for counties with respect to9 the standards of good practice adopted by the board;

10 (3) Receive and review reports from counties and reports from ((its 11 executive director)) the board's chief administrative officer to 12 determine compliance with legislative directives and the standards of 13 good practice adopted by the ((board)) department;

14 (4) Advise counties on issues relating to county roads and the safe 15 and efficient movement of people and goods over county roads and assist 16 counties in developing uniform and efficient transportation-related 17 information technology resources;

(5) Report annually before the fifteenth day of January, and 18 throughout the year as appropriate, to ((the state department of 19 transportation and to)) the chairs of the 20 house and senate 21 transportation committees, and to other entities as appropriate on the 22 status of county road administration in each county, including one copy to the staff of each of the committees. 23 The annual report shall 24 contain recommendations for improving administration of the county road 25 programs;

(6) Administer the rural arterial program established by chapter
36.79 RCW (as recodified by this act) and the program funded by the
county arterial preservation account established by RCW 46.68.090, as
well as any other programs provided for in law.

30 Sec. 109. RCW 36.78.080 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 80 are each 31 amended to read as follows:

Members of the ((county road administration)) board shall receive no compensation for their service on the board, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred while attending meetings of the board or while engaged on other business of the board when authorized by the ((board)) secretary in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended.

1 Sec. 110. RCW 36.78.090 and 2009 c 549 s 4127 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Before May 1st of each year the ((board)) department shall
4 transmit to the state treasurer certificates of good practice on behalf
5 of the counties which during the preceding calendar year:

6 (a) Have submitted to the state department ((of transportation or 7 to the board)) all reports required by law or ((regulation of the 8 board)) rule; and

9 (b) Have reasonably complied with provisions of law relating to 10 county road administration and with the standards of good practice as 11 ((formulated and)) adopted by the ((board)) department.

12 (2) The ((board)) <u>department</u> shall not transmit to the state 13 treasurer a certificate of good practice on behalf of any county 14 failing to meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, but 15 the ((board)) <u>department</u> shall in such case and before May 1st, notify 16 the county and the state treasurer of its reasons for withholding the 17 certificate.

(3) The state treasurer, upon receiving a notice that a certificate 18 19 of good practice will not be issued on behalf of a county, or that a previously issued certificate of good practice has been revoked, shall, 20 21 effective the first day of the month after that in which notice is 22 received, withhold from such county its share of motor vehicle fuel 23 taxes distributable pursuant to RCW 46.68.120 until the ((board)) 24 department thereafter issues on behalf of such county a certificate of good practice or a conditional certificate. After withholding or 25 26 revoking a certificate of good practice with respect to any county, the 27 ((board)) <u>department</u> may thereafter at any time issue such a certificate or a conditional certificate when the ((board)) department 28 29 is satisfied that the county has complied or is diligently attempting 30 to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The board may, upon notice and a hearing, revoke a previously issued certificate of good practice or substitute a conditional certificate therefor when, after issuance of a certificate of good practice, any county fails to meet the requirements of subsection (1) (a) and (b) of this section, but the board shall in such case notify the county and the state treasurer of its reasons for the revocation or substitution.

(5) Motor vehicle fuel taxes withheld from any county pursuant to 1 2 this section shall not be distributed to any other county, but shall be retained in the motor vehicle fund to the credit of the county 3 originally entitled thereto. Whenever the state treasurer receives 4 from the ((board)) department a certificate of good practice issued on 5 behalf of such county he or she shall distribute to such county all of б the funds theretofore retained in the motor vehicle fund to the credit 7 8 of such county.

9 Sec. 111. RCW 36.78.100 and 1977 ex.s. c 257 s 2 are each amended 10 to read as follows:

11 Whenever the board finds that a county has failed to submit the 12 reports required by RCW 36.78.090 (as recodified by this act), or has failed to comply with provisions of law relating to county road 13 administration or has failed to meet the standards of good practice as 14 formulated and adopted by the board, the ((board)) department may in 15 lieu of withholding or revoking a certificate of good practice issue 16 17 and transmit to the state treasurer on behalf of such county a conditional certificate which will authorize the continued distribution 18 to such county all or a designated portion of its share of motor 19 20 vehicle fuel taxes. The issuance of such a conditional certificate 21 shall be upon terms and conditions as shall be deemed by the board to 22 be appropriate. In the event a county on whose behalf a conditional certificate is issued fails to comply with the terms and conditions of 23 such certificate, the ((board)) department may forthwith cancel or 24 25 modify such certificate notifying the state treasurer thereof. In such 26 case the state treasurer shall thereafter withhold from such county all 27 or the designated portion of its share of the motor vehicle fuel taxes as provided in RCW 36.78.090 (as recodified by this act). 28

29 Sec. 112. RCW 36.78.110 and 2009 c 549 s 4128 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

((All expenses incurred by the board including salaries of employees shall be paid upon voucher forms provided by the office of financial management or pursuant to a regular payroll signed by the chair and the executive director of the board.)) All expenses of the board shall be paid out of that portion of the motor vehicle fund

allocated to the counties and withheld for use by the department ((of transportation and the county road administration board)) under the provisions of RCW 46.68.120(1), as now or hereafter amended.

4 **sec. 113.** RCW 36.78.121 and 2006 c 334 s 10 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

б The ((county road administration)) board, or its successor entity, 7 shall establish a standard of good practice for maintenance of transportation system assets. This standard must be implemented by all 8 9 counties no later than December 31, 2007. The board shall develop a 10 model maintenance management system for use by counties. The 11 department, in consultation with the board, shall develop rules to 12 assist the counties in the implementation of this system. Counties 13 shall annually submit their maintenance plans to the board. The board 14 shall compile the county data regarding maintenance management and annually submit it to the office of financial management. 15

16 Sec. 114. RCW 36.79.010 and 1997 c 81 s 1 are each amended to read 17 as follows:

18 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this 19 chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Rural arterial program" means improvement projects on those county roads in rural areas classified as rural arterials and collectors in accordance with the federal functional classification system and the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas.

(2) "Rural area" means every area of the state outside of areas designated as urban areas by the state transportation commission with the approval of the secretary of the United States department of transportation in accordance with federal law.

(3) "Board" means the county road administration board created by
RCW 36.78.030 (as recodified by this act), which shall be a program
within the department.

32 (4) "Department" means the department of transportation.

33 (5) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department.

34 **Sec. 115.** RCW 36.79.020 and 1997 c 81 s 2 are each amended to read 35 as follows:

There is created in the motor vehicle fund the rural arterial trust 1 2 account. All moneys deposited in the motor vehicle fund to be credited to the rural arterial trust account shall be expended for (1) the 3 construction and improvement of county rural arterials and collectors, 4 (2) the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal 5 bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas, and (3) б 7 those expenses of the ((board)) department associated with the 8 administration of the rural arterial program.

9 **Sec. 116.** RCW 36.79.040 and 1997 c 81 s 3 are each amended to read 10 as follows:

Funds available for expenditure by the ((board)) <u>department</u> pursuant to RCW 36.79.020 <u>(as recodified by this act)</u> shall be apportioned to the five regions for expenditure upon county arterials in rural areas in the following manner:

(1) One-third in the ratio which the land area of the rural areas of each region bears to the total land area of all rural areas of the state;

18 (2) Two-thirds in the ratio which the mileage of county arterials
19 and collectors in rural areas of each region bears to the total mileage
20 of county arterials and collectors in all rural areas of the state.

The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, shall adjust the schedule for apportionment of such funds to the five regions in the manner provided in this section before the commencement of each fiscal biennium.

25 **Sec. 117.** RCW 36.79.050 and 1997 c 81 s 4 are each amended to read 26 as follows:

At the beginning of each fiscal biennium, the <u>department</u>, in 27 consultation with the board, shall establish apportionment percentages 28 for the five regions defined in RCW 36.79.030 (as recodified by this 29 act) in the manner prescribed in RCW 36.79.040 (as recodified by this 30 act) for that biennium. The apportionment percentages shall be used 31 once each calendar quarter by the ((board)) department to apportion 32 funds credited to the rural arterial trust account that are available 33 34 for expenditure for rural arterial and collector projects and for 35 construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas. The funds so 36

apportioned shall remain apportioned until expended on construction projects in accordance with rules of the ((board)) department. Within each region, funds shall be allocated by the ((board)) department to counties for the construction of specific rural arterial and collector projects and construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas in accordance with the procedures set forth in this chapter.

8 **Sec. 118.** RCW 36.79.060 and 1998 c 245 s 31 are each amended to 9 read as follows:

10 The <u>department</u>, in consultation with the board, shall:

(1) Adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter relating to the allocation of funds in the rural arterial trust account to counties;

14 (2) Adopt reasonably uniform design standards for county rural
 15 arterials and collectors that meet the requirements for trucks
 16 transporting commodities.

17 **Sec. 119.** RCW 36.79.070 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 49 s 7 are each 18 amended to read as follows:

19 ((The board may contract with the department of transportation to 20 furnish any necessary staff services and facilities required in the 21 administration of the rural arterial program.)) The cost of ((such)) 22 services provided by the department that are attributable to the rural 23 arterial program, together with travel expenses in accordance with RCW 24 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 of the members and all other lawful expenses of 25 the board that are attributable to the rural arterial program, shall be 26 paid from the rural arterial trust account in the motor vehicle fund.

27 **Sec. 120.** RCW 36.79.090 and 1988 c 26 s 5 are each amended to read 28 as follows:

29 Upon receipt of a county's revised six-year program, the board as 30 soon as practicable shall review, and may ((revise)) make recommendations to the department on the revision of, the construction 31 32 program as it relates to rural arterials and the construction of 33 replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on 34 access roads in rural areas for which rural arterial trust account 35 moneys are requested as necessary to conform to (1) the priority rating

of the proposed project, based upon the factors in RCW 36.79.080 <u>(as</u> <u>recodified by this act)</u>, in relation to proposed projects in all other rural arterial construction programs submitted by the counties and within each region; and (2) the amount of rural arterial trust account funds that the board estimates will be apportioned to the region.

6 Sec. 121. RCW 36.79.100 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 49 s 9 are each 7 amended to read as follows:

Whenever a rural arterial enters a city or town, the proper city or 8 9 town and county officials shall jointly plan the improvement of the 10 arterial in their respective long-range plans. Whenever a rural 11 arterial connects with and will be substantially affected by a 12 programmed construction project on a state highway, the proper county 13 officials shall jointly plan the development of such arterial with the department of transportation district administrator. The department, 14 in consultation with the board, shall adopt rules encouraging the 15 16 system development of county-city arterials in rural areas and rural 17 arterials with state highways.

18 Sec. 122. RCW 36.79.110 and 1988 c 167 s 7 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

The ((county road administration)) department, in consultation with the board and the transportation improvement board, shall ((jointly)) adopt rules to assure coordination of ((their respective)) programs ((especially with respect to)) regarding projects proposed by the group of incorporated cities outside the boundaries of federally approved urban areas, and to encourage the system development of county-city arterials in rural areas.

27 **Sec. 123.** RCW 36.79.120 and 2006 c 334 s 11 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

29 Counties receiving funds from the rural arterial trust account for 30 construction of arterials and the construction of replacement bridges 31 funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in 32 rural areas shall provide such matching funds as established by rules 33 recommended by the <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, subject 34 to review, revision, and final approval by the office of financial

management. Matching requirements shall be established after
 appropriate studies by the board, taking into account financial
 resources available to counties to meet arterial needs.

4 **Sec. 124.** RCW 36.79.130 and 2006 c 334 s 12 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 Not later than November 1st of each even-numbered year the board 7 shall prepare and present to the ((office of financial management)) 8 <u>department</u> a recommended budget for expenditures from the rural 9 arterial trust account during the ensuing biennium. The budget shall 10 contain an estimate of the revenues to be credited to the rural 11 arterial trust account.

12 The <u>department shall present the budget to the</u> office of financial 13 management, <u>which</u> shall review the budget as recommended, revise the 14 budget as it deems proper, and include the budget as revised as a 15 separate section of the transportation budget which it shall submit to 16 the governor pursuant to chapter 43.88 RCW.

17 Sec. 125. RCW 36.79.140 and 2001 c 221 s 2 and 2001 c 212 s 26 are 18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 At the time the board reviews the six-year program of each county 20 each even-numbered year, it shall consider, and the department shall 21 approve for inclusion in its recommended budget, as required by RCW 22 36.79.130 (as recodified by this act), the portion of the rural arterial construction program scheduled to be performed during the 23 24 biennial period beginning the following July 1st. Subject to the appropriations actually approved by the legislature, the ((board)) 25 department shall as soon as feasible approve rural arterial trust 26 27 account funds to be spent during the ensuing biennium for preliminary 28 proposals in priority sequence as established pursuant to RCW 36.79.090 (as recodified by this act). Only those counties that during the 29 30 preceding twelve months have spent all revenues collected for road purposes only for such purposes, including removal of barriers to fish 31 passage and accompanying streambed and stream bank repair as specified 32 in RCW 36.82.070, and including traffic law enforcement, as are allowed 33 34 to the state by Article II, section 40 of the state Constitution are 35 eligible to receive funds from the rural arterial trust account, except 36 that: (1) Counties with a population of less than eight thousand are

exempt from this eligibility restriction; (2) counties expending 1 2 revenues collected for road purposes only on other governmental services after authorization from the voters of that county under RCW 3 4 84.55.050 are also exempt from this eligibility restriction; and (3) this restriction shall not apply to any moneys diverted from the road 5 б district levy under chapter 39.89 RCW. The ((board)) department shall 7 authorize rural arterial trust account funds for the construction 8 project portion of a project previously authorized for a preliminary proposal in the sequence in which the preliminary proposal has been 9 10 completed and the construction project is to be placed under contract. At such time the ((board)) department may reserve rural arterial trust 11 12 account funds for expenditure in future years as may be necessary for 13 completion of preliminary proposals and construction projects to be 14 commenced in the ensuing biennium.

15 The ((board)) department may, within the constraints of available arterial trust funds, consider additional 16 rural projects for authorization upon a clear and conclusive showing by the submitting 17 18 county that the proposed project is of an emergent nature and that its 19 need was unable to be anticipated at the time the six-year program of the county was developed. The proposed projects shall be evaluated on 20 21 the basis of the priority rating factors specified in RCW 36.79.080 (as 22 recodified by this act).

23 Sec. 126. RCW 36.79.150 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 31 are each amended 24 to read as follows:

25 (1) Whenever the ((board)) department approves a rural arterial project ((it)), the board shall ((determine)) recommend to the 26 department the amount of rural arterial trust account funds to be 27 28 allocated for such project. The allocation shall be based upon information contained in the six-year plan submitted by the county 29 seeking approval of the project and upon such further investigation as 30 the board deems necessary. The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation</u> with the 31 board, shall adopt reasonable rules pursuant to which rural arterial 32 trust account funds allocated to a project may be increased upon a 33 34 subsequent application of the county constructing the project. The 35 rules adopted by the ((board)) department shall take into account, but 36 shall not be limited to, the following factors: (a) The financial 37 effect of increasing the original allocation for the project upon other

rural arterial projects either approved or requested; (b) whether the project for which an additional allocation is requested can be reduced in scope while retaining a usable segment; (c) whether the original cost of the project shown in the applicant's six-year program was based upon reasonable engineering estimates; and (d) whether the requested additional allocation is to pay for an expansion in the scope of work originally approved.

8 (2) The ((board)) <u>department</u> shall not allocate funds, nor make 9 payments under RCW 36.79.160 <u>(as recodified by this act)</u>, to any county 10 or city identified by the governor under RCW 36.70A.340.

11 **Sec. 127.** RCW 36.79.160 and 2009 c 549 s 4129 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 Upon completion of a preliminary proposal, the county (1) submitting the proposal shall submit to the ((board)) department its 14 voucher for payment of the trust account share of the cost. Upon the 15 16 completion of an approved rural arterial construction project, the 17 county constructing the project shall submit to the ((board)) department its voucher for the payment of the trust account share of 18 the cost. The ((chair of the board or his or her designated agent)) 19 20 department shall approve such voucher when proper to do so, for payment from the rural arterial trust account to the county submitting the 21 22 voucher.

(2) The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, may adopt rules providing for the approval of payments of funds in the rural arterial trust account to a county for costs of preliminary proposal, and costs of construction of an approved project from time to time as work progresses. These payments shall at no time exceed the rural arterial trust account share of the costs of construction incurred to the date of the voucher covering the payment.

30 **Sec. 128.** RCW 36.79.170 and 2009 c 549 s 4130 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

The legislative body of any county feeling aggrieved by any <u>initial</u> action or <u>initial</u> decision of the ((board)) <u>department</u> with respect to this chapter may appeal to the secretary ((of transportation)) by filing a notice of appeal within ninety days after the action or decision of the board. The notice shall specify the action or decision

of which complaint is made. The secretary shall fix a time for a 1 2 hearing on the appeal at the earliest convenient time and shall notify the county auditor ((and the chair of the board)) by certified mail at 3 4 least twenty days before the date of the hearing. At the hearing the secretary shall receive evidence from the county filing the appeal 5 ((and from the board)). After the hearing, the secretary shall make б 7 such order as in the secretary's judgment is just and proper, which shall be subject to appeal under the administrative procedure act, 8 9 chapter 34.05 RCW.

10 **Sec. 129.** RCW 36.80.060 and 2009 c 549 s 4135 are each amended to 11 read as follows:

The county road engineer shall maintain in his or her office 12 13 and accurate records of all expenditures complete for (1)administration, (2) bond and warrant retirement, (3) maintenance, (4) 14 construction, (5) purchase and operation of road equipment, and (6) 15 16 purchase or manufacture of materials and supplies, and shall maintain 17 a true and complete inventory of all road equipment. The state auditor, with the advice and assistance of the ((county road 18 administration board)) department of transportation, shall prescribe 19 20 forms and types of records to be maintained by the county road 21 engineers.

22 **Sec. 130.** RCW 36.81.121 and 2005 c 360 s 3 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

(1) At any time before adoption of the budget, the legislative authority of each county, after one or more public hearings thereon, shall prepare and adopt a comprehensive transportation program for the ensuing six calendar years. If the county has adopted a comprehensive plan pursuant to chapter 35.63 or 36.70 RCW, the inherent authority of a charter county derived from its charter, or chapter 36.70A RCW, the program shall be consistent with this comprehensive plan.

The program shall include proposed road and bridge construction work and other transportation facilities and programs deemed appropriate, and for those counties operating ferries shall also include a separate section showing proposed capital expenditures for ferries, docks, and related facilities. The program shall include any new or enhanced bicycle or pedestrian facilities identified pursuant to

RCW 36.70A.070(6) or other applicable changes that promote nonmotorized 1 2 transit. Copies of the program shall be filed with the ((county road administration board)) department of transportation and with the state 3 4 secretary of transportation not more than thirty days after its adoption by the legislative authority. The purpose of this section is 5 to assure that each county shall perpetually have available advanced б 7 plans looking to the future for not less than six years as a guide in 8 carrying out a coordinated transportation program. The program may at any time be revised by a majority of the legislative authority but only 9 10 after a public hearing thereon.

(2) Each six-year transportation program forwarded to the secretary in compliance with subsection (1) of this section shall contain information as to how a county will expend its moneys, including funds made available pursuant to chapter 47.30 RCW, for nonmotorized transportation purposes.

16 (3) Each six-year transportation program forwarded to the secretary 17 in compliance with subsection (1) of this section shall contain 18 information as to how a county shall act to preserve railroad right-of-19 way in the event the railroad ceases to operate in the county's 20 jurisdiction.

(4) The six-year plan for each county shall specifically set forth
 those projects and programs of regional significance for inclusion in
 the transportation improvement program within that region.

24 **Sec. 131.** RCW 36.82.160 and 1991 c 363 s 88 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

26 Each county legislative authority, with the assistance of the county road engineer, shall prepare and file with the county auditor on 27 or before the second Monday in August in each year, detailed and 28 29 itemized estimates of all expenditures required in the county for the ensuing fiscal year. In the preparation and adoption of the county 30 31 road budget the legislative authority shall determine and budget sums to become available for the following county road purposes: 32 (1) Administration; (2) bond and warrant retirement; (3) maintenance; (4) 33 construction; (5) operation of equipment rental and revolving fund; and 34 35 (6) such other items relating to the county road budget as may be 36 required by the ((county road administration board)) department of

1 <u>transportation</u>; and the respective amounts as adopted for these several 2 items in the final budget for the ensuing calendar year shall not be 3 altered or exceeded except as by law provided.

4 **Sec. 132.** RCW 46.68.090 and 2005 c 314 s 103 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (1) All moneys that have accrued or may accrue to the motor vehicle 7 fund from the motor vehicle fuel tax and special fuel tax shall be 8 first expended for purposes enumerated in (a) and (b) of this 9 subsection. The remaining net tax amount shall be distributed monthly 10 by the state treasurer in accordance with subsections (2) through (7) 11 of this section.

(a) For payment of refunds of motor vehicle fuel tax and specialfuel tax that has been paid and is refundable as provided by law;

(b) For payment of amounts to be expended pursuant to appropriations for the administrative expenses of the offices of state treasurer, state auditor, and the department of licensing of the state of Washington in the administration of the motor vehicle fuel tax and the special fuel tax, which sums shall be distributed monthly.

(2) All of the remaining net tax amount collected under RCW
82.36.025(1) and 82.38.030(1) shall be distributed as set forth in (a)
through (j) of this section.

(a) For distribution to the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to
44.387 percent to be expended for highway purposes of the state as
defined in RCW 46.68.130;

(b) For distribution to the special category C account, hereby created in the motor vehicle fund, an amount equal to 3.2609 percent to be expended for special category C projects. Special category C projects are category C projects that, due to high cost only, will require bond financing to complete construction.

30 The following criteria, listed in order of priority, shall be used 31 in determining which special category C projects have the highest 32 priority:

33 (i) Accident experience;

34 (ii) Fatal accident experience;

35 (iii) Capacity to move people and goods safely and at reasonable 36 speeds without undue congestion; and

1 (iv) Continuity of development of the highway transportation
2 network.

Moneys deposited in the special category C account in the motor vehicle fund may be used for payment of debt service on bonds the proceeds of which are used to finance special category C projects under this subsection (2)(b);

7 (c) For distribution to the Puget Sound ferry operations account in
8 the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.3283 percent;

9 (d) For distribution to the Puget Sound capital construction 10 account in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.3726 percent;

(e) For distribution to the urban arterial trust account in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 7.5597 percent;

(f) For distribution to the transportation improvement account in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 5.6739 percent and expended in accordance with RCW 47.26.086;

16 (g) For distribution to the cities and towns from the motor vehicle 17 fund an amount equal to 10.6961 percent in accordance with RCW 18 46.68.110;

(h) For distribution to the counties from the motor vehicle fund an 19 amount equal to 19.2287 percent: (i) Out of which there shall be 20 21 distributed from time to time, as directed by the department of 22 transportation, those sums as may be necessary to carry out the 23 provisions of RCW 47.56.725; and (ii) less any amounts appropriated to 24 the county road administration board to implement the provisions of RCW 47.56.725(4), with the balance of such county share to be distributed 25 26 monthly as the same accrues for distribution in accordance with RCW 27 46.68.120;

(i) For distribution to the county arterial preservation account, 28 hereby created in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 1.9565 29 30 These funds shall be distributed by the county road percent. administration board to counties in proportions corresponding to the 31 32 number of paved arterial lane miles in the unincorporated area of each county and shall be used for improvements to sustain the structural, 33 safety, and operational integrity of county arterials. The department 34 35 of transportation, in consultation with the county road administration 36 board, shall adopt reasonable rules and develop policies to implement 37 this program and to assure that a pavement management system is used;

(j) For distribution to the rural arterial trust account in the
 motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.5363 percent and expended in
 accordance with RCW 36.79.020 (as recodified by this act).

4 (3) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025(2)
5 and 82.38.030(2) shall be distributed to the transportation 2003
6 account (nickel account).

7 (4) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025(3)
8 and 82.38.030(3) shall be distributed as follows:

9 (a) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to the incorporated cities 10 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

(b) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to counties of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

13 (c) The remainder shall be distributed to the transportation 14 partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

(5) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025(4)
and 82.38.030(4) shall be distributed as follows:

17 (a) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to the incorporated cities18 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

(b) 8.3333 percent shall be distributed to counties of the state inaccordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

(c) The remainder shall be distributed to the transportation partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

(6) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.36.025 (5)
and (6) and 82.38.030 (5) and (6) shall be distributed to the
transportation partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

(7) Nothing in this section or in RCW 46.68.130 may be construed so as to violate any terms or conditions contained in any highway construction bond issues now or hereafter authorized by statute and whose payment is by such statute pledged to be paid from any excise taxes on motor vehicle fuel and special fuels.

31 **Sec. 133.** RCW 47.56.725 and 1999 c 269 s 12 are each amended to 32 read as follows:

(1) The department is hereby authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties pursuant to which the department shall, from time to time, direct the distribution to each of the counties the amounts authorized in subsection (2) of this section in accordance with RCW 46.68.090.

(2) The department is authorized to include in each agreement a 1 2 provision for the distribution of funds to each county to reimburse the county for fifty percent of the deficit incurred during each previous 3 4 fiscal year in the operation and maintenance of the ferry system owned and operated by the county. The total amount to be reimbursed to 5 6 Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties collectively shall not exceed one 7 million dollars in any biennium. Each county agreement shall contain 8 a requirement that the county shall maintain tolls on its ferries at least equal to tolls in place on January 1, 1990. 9

10 (3) The annual fiscal year operating and maintenance deficit, if any, shall be determined by Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties 11 12 subject to review and approval of the department. The annual fiscal 13 year operating and maintenance deficit is defined as the total of operations and maintenance expenditures less the sum of ferry toll 14 revenues and that portion of fuel tax revenue distributions which are 15 attributable to the county ferry as determined by the department. 16 17 Distribution of the amounts authorized by subsection (2) of this 18 section by the state treasurer shall be directed by the department upon 19 the receipt of properly executed vouchers from each county.

20 (4) The <u>department</u>, with the recommendation of the county road 21 administration board, may evaluate requests by Pierce, Skagit, 22 Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties for county ferry capital improvement 23 The board shall evaluate the requests and, if approved by a funds. 24 majority of the board, submit the requests to the legislature for funding out of the amounts available under RCW $46.68.090((\frac{(1)(j)}{j}))$ 25 26 (2)(h). Any county making a request under this subsection shall first 27 seek funding through the public works trust fund, or any other 28 available revenue source, where appropriate.

29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 134. (1) The county road administration board 30 is transferred to the department of transportation.

31 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, 32 papers, or written material in the possession of the county road 33 administration board shall be delivered to the custody of the 34 department of transportation. All cabinets, furniture, office 35 equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the 36 county road administration board shall be made available to the

department of transportation. All funds, credits, or other assets held
 by the county road administration board shall be assigned to the
 department of transportation.

4 (b) Any appropriations made to the county road administration board
5 shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and
6 credited to the department of transportation.

7 (c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, 8 funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other 9 tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the 10 performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of 11 financial management shall make a determination as to the proper 12 allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

13 (3) All employees of the county road administration board are transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of transportation. 14 All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil 15 service law, are assigned to the department of transportation to 16 17 perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any 18 loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate 19 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil 20 service.

(4) All rules and all pending business before the county road administration board shall be continued and acted upon by the department of transportation. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by the department of transportation.

(5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
the county road administration board shall not affect the validity of
any act performed before the effective date of this section.

(6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the transfers directed by this section, the director of financial management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected, the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

35 (7) All classified employees of the county road administration 36 board assigned to the department of transportation under this act whose 37 positions are within an existing bargaining unit description at the 38 department of transportation shall become a part of the existing

1 bargaining unit and shall be considered an appropriate addition or 2 modification of the existing bargaining unit under the provisions of 3 chapter 41.80 RCW.

4	NEW SECTION. Sec. 135. The following sections are recodified as	
5	a new chapter in Title 47 RCW:	
6	RCW 36.78.010	
7	RCW 36.78.020	
8	RCW 36.78.030	
9	RCW 36.78.040	
10	RCW 36.78.050	
11	RCW 36.78.060	
12	RCW 36.78.070	
13	RCW 36.78.080	
14	RCW 36.78.090	
15	RCW 36.78.100	
16	RCW 36.78.110	
17	RCW 36.78.120	
18	NEW SECTION. Sec. 136. The following sections are recodified as	
19	a new chapter in Title 47 RCW:	
20	RCW 36.79.010	
21	RCW 36.79.020	
22	RCW 36.79.030	
23	RCW 36.79.040	
24	RCW 36.79.050	
25	RCW 36.79.060	
26	RCW 36.79.070	
27	RCW 36.79.080	
28	RCW 36.79.090	
29	RCW 36.79.100	
30	RCW 36.79.110	
31	RCW 36.79.120	
32	RCW 36.79.130	
33	RCW 36.79.140	
34	RCW 36.79.150	
35	RCW 36.79.160	
36	RCW 36.79.170	

1 RCW 36.79.900

2 RCW 36.79.901

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PART II

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD

5 **Sec. 201.** RCW 35.58.2795 and 1994 c 158 s 6 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 By April 1st of each year, the legislative authority of each 8 municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and each regional transit 9 authority shall prepare a six-year transit development plan for that 10 calendar year and the ensuing five years. The program shall be consistent with the comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities, 11 12 and towns, pursuant to chapter 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70 RCW, the inherent authority of a first-class city or charter county derived from 13 its charter, or chapter 36.70A RCW. 14 The program shall contain 15 information as to how the municipality intends to meet state and local long-range priorities for public transportation, capital improvements, 16 significant operating changes planned for the system, and how the 17 municipality intends to fund program needs. The six-year plan for each 18 19 municipality and regional transit authority shall specifically set 20 forth those projects of regional significance for inclusion in the 21 transportation improvement program within that region. Each 22 municipality and regional transit authority shall file the six-year 23 with the state department of transportation((, the program 24 transportation improvement board,)) and cities, counties, and regional 25 planning councils within which the municipality is located.

In developing its program, the municipality and the regional transit authority shall consider those policy recommendations affecting public transportation contained in the state transportation policy plan approved by the state transportation commission and, where appropriate, adopted by the legislature. The municipality shall conduct one or more public hearings while developing its program and for each annual update.

33 **Sec. 202.** RCW 47.01.240 and 1988 c 167 s 12 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

35 The department ((and the transportation improvement board)) shall

coordinate ((their)) its activities relative to long-range needs 1 2 studies, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 47.05 RCW and RCW 3 47.26.170, respectively, in order that long-range needs data may be 4 developed and maintained on an integrated and comparable basis. Needs data for county roads and city streets in nonurban areas shall be 5 provided by the counties and cities to the department in such form and б 7 extent as requested by the department, after consultation with the 8 ((county road administration board and the)) association of Washington cities, in order that needs data may be obtained on a comparable basis 9 10 for all highways, roads, and streets in Washington.

11 **Sec. 203.** RCW 47.26.044 and 1994 c 179 s 6 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter 14 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15 ((The term)) (1) "Board" ((as used in this chapter)) means the 16 transportation improvement board, which is a program within the 17 department.

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(2) "Department" means the department of transportation.

19 Sec. 204. RCW 47.26.080 and 2007 c 148 s 2 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

There is hereby created in the motor vehicle fund the urban arterial trust account. The intent of the urban arterial trust account program is to improve the arterial street system of the state by improving mobility and safety while supporting an environment essential to the quality of life of the citizens of the state of Washington. The small city program, as provided for in RCW 47.26.115, is implemented within the urban arterial trust account.

The ((board)) <u>department</u> shall not allocate funds, nor make payments of the funds under RCW 47.26.260, to any county, city, or town identified by the governor under RCW 36.70A.340.

31 **Sec. 205.** RCW 47.26.084 and 1999 c 94 s 17 are each amended to 32 read as follows:

33 The transportation improvement account is hereby created in the 34 motor vehicle fund. The intent of the program is to improve mobility

of people and goods in Washington state by supporting economic
 development and environmentally responsive solutions to our statewide
 transportation system needs.

Within one year after ((board)) approval of an application for funding by the department with the recommendation of the board, a county, city, or transportation benefit district shall provide written certification to the ((board)) <u>department</u> of the pledged local and/or private funding. Funds allocated to an applicant that does not certify its funding within one year after approval may be reallocated by the ((board)) <u>department</u>.

11 **Sec. 206.** RCW 47.26.086 and 1994 c 179 s 11 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 Transportation improvement account projects selected for funding 14 programs after fiscal year 1995 are governed by the requirements of 15 this section.

16 The board shall allocate funds from the account by June 30th of 17 each year for the ensuing fiscal year to urban counties, cities with a population of five thousand and over, and to transportation benefit 18 districts. Projects may include, but are not limited to, multi-agency 19 20 projects and arterial improvement projects in fast-growing areas. The 21 department, with the recommendation of the board, shall endeavor to 22 provide geographical diversity in selecting improvement projects to be 23 funded from the account.

The intent of the program is to improve mobility of people and goods in Washington state by supporting economic development and environmentally responsive solutions to our statewide transportation system needs.

To be eligible to receive these funds, a project must be consistent 28 29 with the growth management act, the clean air act including conformity, and the <u>commute trip</u> reduction <u>law</u> and consideration must have been 30 31 given to the project's relationship, both actual and potential, with the statewide rail passenger program and rapid mass transit. Projects 32 must be consistent with any adopted high capacity transportation plan, 33 34 must consider existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels 35 attributable to economic development or growth and all modes of 36 transportation and safety, and must be partially funded by local

government or private contributions, or a combination of such 1 2 contributions. Priority consideration shall be given to those projects 3 with the greatest percentage of local or private contribution, or both. 4 Within one year after ((board)) <u>department</u> approval of an 5 application for funding, the lead agency shall provide written certification to the board of the pledged local and private funding for б 7 the phase of the project approved. Funds allocated to an applicant 8 that does not certify its funding within one year after approval may be reallocated by the department, with the recommendation of the board. 9

10 **Sec. 207.** RCW 47.26.090 and 1994 c 179 s 12 are each amended to 11 read as follows:

12 The term "arterial" as used in this chapter means any state 13 highway, county road, or city street, in an urban area, that is functionally classified as a principal arterial, minor arterial, or 14 collector street by the department in cooperation with the board, 15 16 regional transportation planning organizations, cities, and counties. 17 The department, in consultation with the board, shall develop criteria and procedures for designating arterials in the incorporated cities and 18 towns lying outside urban areas. 19

20 Sec. 208. RCW 47.26.115 and 1999 c 94 s 18 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

The intent of the small city program is to preserve and improve the roadway system consistent with local needs of incorporated cities and towns with a population of less than five thousand. The <u>department, in</u> <u>consultation with the board</u>, shall adopt rules and procedures to govern the allocation of funds distributed to the small city program.

27 **Sec. 209.** RCW 47.26.121 and 1996 c 49 s 1 are each amended to read 28 as follows:

(1) There is hereby created a transportation improvement board, which shall be a program within the department. The board shall consist of twenty-one members, six of whom shall be county members and six of whom shall be city members. The remaining members shall be: (a) One representative appointed by the governor who shall be a state employee with responsibility for transportation policy, planning, or funding; (b) two representatives from within the department ((official constraints)).

1 transportation)); (c) two representatives of public transit systems; 2 (d) a private sector representative; (e) a member representing the 3 ports; (f) a member representing nonmotorized transportation; and (g) 4 a member representing special needs transportation.

(2) Of the county members of the board, one shall be a county 5 6 engineer or public works director; one shall be the ((executive director)) chief administrative officer of 7 the county road administration board; one shall be a county planning director or 8 9 planning manager; one shall be a county executive, councilmember, or 10 commissioner from a county with a population of one hundred twenty-five 11 thousand or more; one shall be a county executive, councilmember, or 12 commissioner of a county who serves on the board of a public transit 13 system; and one shall be a county executive, councilmember, or 14 commissioner from a county with a population of less than one hundred 15 twenty-five thousand. All county members of the board, except the ((executive director)) chief administrative officer of the county road 16 administration board, shall be appointed. Not more than one county 17 18 member of the board shall be from any one county. No more than two of 19 the three county-elected officials may represent counties located in 20 either the eastern or western part of the state as divided north and 21 south by the summit of the Cascade mountains.

22 (3) Of the city members of the board one shall be a chief city engineer, public works director, or other city employee 23 with 24 responsibility for public works activities, of a city with a population 25 of twenty thousand or more; one shall be a chief city engineer, public 26 works director, or other city employee with responsibility for public 27 works activities, of a city of less than twenty thousand population; 28 one shall be a city planning director or planning manager; one shall be 29 a mayor, commissioner, or city councilmember of a city with a 30 population of twenty thousand or more; one shall be a mayor, commissioner, or city councilmember of a city who serves on the board 31 32 of a public transit system; and one shall be a mayor, commissioner, or 33 councilmember of a city of less than twenty thousand population. All of the city members shall be appointed. Not more than one city member 34 35 of the board shall be from any one city. No more than two of the three 36 city-elected officials may represent cities located in either the 37 eastern or western part of the state as divided north and south by the 38 summit of the Cascade mountains.

1 (4) Of the transit members, at least one shall be a general 2 manager, executive director, or transit director of a public transit 3 system in an urban area with a population over two hundred thousand and 4 at least one representative from a rural or small urban transit system 5 in an area with a population less than two hundred thousand.

6 (5) The private sector member shall be a citizen with business,
7 management, and transportation related experience and shall be active
8 in a business community-based transportation organization.

9 (6) The port member shall be a commissioner or senior staff person 10 of a public port.

(7) The nonmotorized transportation member shall be a citizen with a demonstrated interest and involvement with a nonmotorized transportation group.

(8) The specialized transportation member shall be a citizen with
 a demonstrated interest and involvement with a statewide specialized
 needs transportation group.

(9) Appointments of county, city, ((Washington)) department ((of 17 18 transportation)), transit, port, nonmotorized transportation, special 19 needs transportation, and private sector representatives shall be made by the secretary ((of the department of transportation)). Appointees 20 21 shall be chosen from a list of two persons for each position nominated 22 by the Washington state association of counties for county members, the 23 association of Washington cities for city members, the Washington state 24 transit association for the transit members, and the Washington public 25 ports association for the port member. The private sector, 26 nonmotorized transportation, and special needs members shall be sought 27 through classified advertisements in selected newspapers collectively serving all urban areas of the state, and other appropriate means. 28 29 Persons applying for the private sector, nonmotorized transportation, 30 or special needs transportation member position must provide a letter of interest and a resume to the secretary of the department of 31 32 transportation. In the case of a vacancy, the appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term in which the vacancy has 33 occurred. A vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred on the board when 34 35 any member elected to public office completes that term of office or is 36 removed therefrom for any reason or when any member employed by a 37 political subdivision terminates such employment for whatsoever reason

or when a private sector, nonmotorized transportation, or special needs
 transportation member resigns or is unable or unwilling to serve.

3 (10) Appointments shall be for terms of four years. Terms of all
4 appointed members shall expire on June 30th of even-numbered years.
5 The initial term of appointed members may be for less than four years.
6 No appointed member may serve more than two consecutive four-year
7 terms.

8 (11) The board shall elect a chair from among its members for a 9 two-year term.

10 (12) Expenses of the board shall be paid in accordance with RCW 11 47.26.140.

12 (13) For purposes of this section, "public transit system" means a 13 city-owned transit system, county transportation authority, 14 metropolitan municipal corporation, public transportation benefit area, 15 or regional transit authority.

16 **Sec. 210.** RCW 47.26.140 and 1999 c 94 s 19 are each amended to 17 read as follows:

The ((transportation improvement)) secretary, in consultation with 18 appoint ((an executive director,)) a chief 19 the board, shall 20 administrative officer of the board who shall serve at ((its)) the 21 secretary's pleasure and whose salary shall be set by the ((board)) 22 secretary, and may employ additional staff as it deems appropriate. 23 All costs associated with staff, together with travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, shall be paid from the 24 25 urban arterial trust account, public transportation systems account, 26 and the transportation improvement account in the motor vehicle fund as 27 determined by the biennial appropriation.

28 **Sec. 211.** RCW 47.26.150 and 1988 c 167 s 17 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

The ((transportation improvement)) board shall meet ((at least once quarterly)) as necessary and upon the call of its ((chairman and)) chair. The department, in consultation with the board, shall from time to time adopt rules ((and regulations)) for ((its own)) the board's government and as may be necessary for ((it)) the board to discharge its duties and exercise its powers under this chapter.

1 Sec. 212. RCW 47.26.160 and 1995 c 269 s 2607 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The ((transportation improvement)) department, in consultation 4 with the board, shall:

5 (1) Adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of chapter
6 47.66 RCW and this chapter relating to the allocation of funds;

7 (2) Adopt reasonably uniform design standards for city and county8 arterials.

9 Sec. 213. RCW 47.26.164 and 2007 c 148 s 3 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

11 The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, shall adopt 12 reasonable rules necessary to implement the city hardship assistance 13 program as recommended by the road jurisdiction study.

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The following criteria shall be used to implement the program:

(1) Cities with a population of twenty thousand or less and a net gain in cost responsibility due to jurisdictional transfers in chapter 342, Laws of 1991, and thereafter under RCW ((47.26.167)) 47.01.425, are eligible to receive money from the small city pavement and sidewalk account created in RCW 47.26.340;

20 (2) The board shall develop criteria and procedures under which 21 eligible cities may receive funding for rehabilitation projects on 22 transferred city streets; and

(3) The amount spent for the city hardship assistance program shallnot exceed the amount deposited under RCW 46.68.110(3).

25 **Sec. 214.** RCW 47.26.170 and 2005 c 319 s 131 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

Each county having within its boundaries an urban area and cities 27 28 and towns shall prepare and submit to the ((transportation improvement board)) department arterial inventory data required to determine the 29 30 long-range arterial construction needs. The counties, cities, and towns shall revise the arterial inventory data every four years to show 31 the current arterial construction needs through the advanced planning 32 33 period, and as revised shall submit them to the ((transportation 34 improvement board)) department during the first week of January every 35 four years beginning in 1996. The inventory data shall be prepared

pursuant to guidelines established by the ((transportation
 improvement)) department, in consultation with the board. As
 information is updated, it shall be made available to the commission.

4 **Sec. 215.** RCW 47.26.185 and 1994 c 179 s 17 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

б The ((transportation improvement)) department, in consultation with 7 the board, may adopt rules establishing qualifications for cities and counties administering and supervising the design and construction of 8 9 projects financed in part from funds administered by the ((board)) 10 department. The rules establishing qualification shall take into 11 account the resources and population of the city or county, its 12 permanent engineering staff, its design and construction supervision 13 experience, and other factors the ((board)) department deems 14 appropriate. Any city or county failing to meet the qualifications established by the ((board)) department for administering and 15 supervising a project shall contract with a qualified city or county or 16 17 the department for the administration and supervision of the design and 18 construction of any approved project as a condition for receiving funds for the project. 19

20 **Sec. 216.** RCW 47.26.190 and 1994 c 179 s 18 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, shall adopt rules that provide geographical diversity in selecting improvement projects to be funded from the urban arterial trust account and small city ((account)) program funds.

26 **Sec. 217.** RCW 47.26.260 and 1994 c 179 s 19 are each amended to 27 read as follows:

The ((transportation improvement)) department, in consultation with the board, shall adopt rules providing for the approval of payments of funds in the accounts to a county, city, town, or transportation benefit district for costs of predesign, design, engineering, and costs of construction of an approved project from time to time as work progresses. These payments shall at no time exceed the account share of the costs incurred to the date of the voucher covering such payment.

Sec. 218. RCW 47.26.270 and 1994 c 179 s 20 are each amended to 1 2 read as follows:

3 Counties, cities, towns, and transportation benefit districts 4 receiving funds from the ((board)) department shall provide such matching funds as established by rules adopted by the ((transportation 5 improvement)) department, in consultation with the board. 6 When 7 determining matching requirements, the department, in consultation with 8 the board, shall consider (1) financial resources available to counties and cities to meet arterial needs, (2) the amounts and percentages of 9 10 funds available for road or street construction traditionally expended by counties and cities on arterials, (3) in the case of counties, the 11 12 relative needs of arterials lying outside urban areas, and (4) the 13 requirements necessary to avoid diversion of funds traditionally 14 expended for arterial construction to other street or road purposes or 15 to nonhighway purposes.

16 Sec. 219. RCW 47.26.282 and 2002 c 189 s 5 are each amended to read as follows: 17

In any project funded by the ((transportation improvement)) 18 department with the recommendation of the board, except for projects in 19 20 cities having a population of less than five thousand persons, and in 21 addition to any other items required to be considered by statute, the 22 department, in consultation with the board, also shall consider the 23 land use implications of the project, such as whether the programs and projects: 24

25 (1) Support development in and revitalization of existing 26 downtowns;

27 (2) Implement local comprehensive plans for rural and urban residential and nonresidential densities; 28

29 (3) Have land use planning and regulations encouraging compact development for rural and urban residential and nonresidential 30 densities; and 31

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(4) Promote the use of multimodal transportation.

33 Sec. 220. RCW 47.26.305 and 1994 c 179 s 21 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

35 Bicycle routes shall, when established in accordance with RCW 47.06.100 be eligible for establishment, improvement, and upgrading 36

1 with ((board)) funds <u>administered</u> by the department with the 2 <u>recommendation of the board</u>. The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> 3 board, shall adopt rules and procedures that will encourage the 4 development of a system of bicycle routes within counties, cities, and 5 towns.

6 **Sec. 221.** RCW 47.26.320 and 2001 c 201 s 1 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

The term "advance right-of-way acquisition" as used in this chapter 8 9 means the acquisition of property and property rights, together with 10 engineering costs necessary for the advance right-of-way the 11 acquisition. Property or property rights purchased must be for 12 projects approved by the ((transportation improvement board or the 13 county road administration board)) department as part of a city or 14 county six-year plan or program.

15 **Sec. 222.** RCW 47.26.330 and 2001 c 201 s 3 are each amended to 16 read as follows:

(1) After any properties or property rights are acquired through funds in the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the acquiring city or county is responsible for the management of the properties in accordance with sound business practices and shall provide annual status reports to the board. Funds received by the city or county from the interim management of the properties must be deposited into the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund.

24 (2) When the city or county proceeds with the construction of an 25 arterial project that will require the use of any of the property so acquired, the city or county shall reimburse the city and county 26 27 advance right-of-way revolving fund. Reimbursement must reflect the 28 original cost of the acquired property or property rights required for the project plus an interest rate as determined annually by the 29 30 department, in consultation with the board. The ((board)) department 31 shall report annually on the interest rate set to the transportation committees ((through its annual report)). 32

33 (3) When the city or county determines that any properties or 34 property rights acquired from funds in the city and county advance 35 right-of-way revolving fund will not be required for an arterial 36 construction project or the property has been held by the city or

county for more than six years, the city or county shall either sell 1 2 the property at fair market value or reimburse the fund at fair market All proceeds of the sale must be deposited in the city and 3 value. county advance right-of-way revolving fund. At the ((board's)) 4 department's discretion, a portion of savings on transportation 5 improvement board projects realized through the use of the city and б 7 county advance (({right-of-way})) right-of-way revolving fund may be 8 deposited back into the city and county advance right-of-way revolving 9 fund.

10 (4) Deposits in the fund may be reexpended without further or 11 additional appropriations.

12 **Sec. 223.** RCW 47.26.340 and 2007 c 148 s 4 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

The small city pavement and sidewalk account is created in the 14 state treasury. All state money allocated to the small city pavement 15 16 and sidewalk account for the ongoing support of cities and towns must 17 be deposited into the account. Money in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used for 18 small city pavement and sidewalk projects or improvements selected by 19 20 the department, with the recommendation of the board, in accordance 21 with RCW 47.26.164 or 47.26.345, to pay principal and interest on bonds 22 authorized for these projects or improvements, to make grants or loans 23 in accordance with this chapter, or to pay for engineering feasibility 24 studies selected by the ((board)) department.

25 **Sec. 224.** RCW 47.26.420 and 2007 c 519 s 6 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

27 In order to provide funds necessary to meet the urgent construction 28 needs on county and city arterials within urban areas, there are hereby authorized for issuance general obligation bonds of the state of 29 30 Washington, the first authorization of which shall be in the sum of two hundred fifty million dollars, and the second authorization of which, 31 to be known as series II bonds, shall be in the sum of sixty million 32 dollars, and the third authorization of which, to be known as series 33 34 III bonds, shall be in the sum of one hundred million dollars, which 35 shall be issued and sold in such amounts and at such times as determined to be necessary by the ((transportation improvement board)) 36

The amount of such bonds issued and sold under the 1 department. 2 provisions of RCW 47.26.420 through 47.26.427 in any biennium shall not exceed the amount of a specific appropriation therefor, from the 3 4 proceeds of such bonds, for the construction of county and city arterials in urban areas. The issuance, sale, and retirement of said 5 6 bonds shall be under the supervision and control of the state finance 7 committee which, upon request being made by the ((transportation 8 improvement board)) department, shall provide for the issuance, sale, 9 and retirement of coupon or registered bonds to be dated, issued, and 10 sold from time to time in such amounts as shall be requested by the 11 ((transportation improvement board)) department.

12 **Sec. 225.** RCW 47.26.450 and 1994 c 179 s 26 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

14 The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, shall adopt rules 15 and procedures to govern the allocation of funds subject to the 16 appropriations actually approved by the legislature.

The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> board, shall develop rules and procedures to require value engineering studies performed by an interagency team for certain board funded projects. When determining the process, the board shall consider the project cost, length, and complexity.

22 **Sec. 226.** RCW 47.26.460 and 1994 c 179 s 27 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

24 The department, in consultation with the board, shall adopt 25 reasonable rules pursuant to which funds allocated to a project may be 26 increased upon a subsequent application of the county, city, town, or 27 transportation benefit district constructing the project. The rules 28 adopted by the ((board)) department shall consider the following 29 The financial effect of increasing the original factors: (1) 30 allocation for the project upon other urban arterial projects either approved or requested; (2) whether the project for which an additional 31 authorization is requested can be reduced in scope while retaining a 32 33 usable segment; (3) whether the cost of the project shown in the 34 original application was based upon reasonable engineering estimates; 35 and (4) whether the requested additional authorization is to pay for an 36 expansion in the scope of work originally approved.

1 Sec. 227. RCW 47.26.500 and 2000 2nd sp.s. c 6 s 1 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 In order to provide funds necessary to meet the urgent construction 4 needs on state, county, and city transportation projects, there are 5 hereby authorized for issuance general obligation bonds of the state of 6 Washington in the sum of one hundred million dollars, which shall be 7 issued and sold in such amounts and at such times as determined to be 8 necessary by the ((state transportation improvement board)) department. 9 The amount of such bonds issued and sold under the provisions of RCW 10 47.26.500 through 47.26.507 in any biennium shall not exceed the amount of a specific appropriation therefor, from the proceeds of such bonds, 11 12 for the construction of state, county, and city transportation 13 The issuance, sale, and retirement of the bonds shall be projects. under the supervision and control of the state finance committee which, 14 upon request being made by the ((board)) department, shall provide for 15 the issuance, sale, and retirement of coupon or registered bonds to be 16 17 dated, issued, and sold from time to time in such amounts as shall be 18 requested by the ((board)) department.

19 Sec. 228. RCW 77.95.170 and 1999 c 242 s 4 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

21 (1) The department of transportation and the department of fish and 22 wildlife may administer and coordinate all state grant programs 23 specifically designed to assist state agencies, local governments, private landowners, tribes, organizations, and volunteer groups in 24 25 identifying and removing impediments to salmonid fish passage. The department, in consultation with the transportation improvement board, 26 may administer all grant programs specifically designed to assist 27 cities, counties, and local governments with fish passage barrier 28 29 corrections associated with transportation projects. All grant programs must be administered and be consistent with the following: 30

(a) Salmonid-related corrective projects, inventory, assessment,
 and prioritization efforts;

33 (b) Salmonid projects subject to a competitive application process; 34 and

35 (c) A minimum dollar match rate that is consistent with the funding 36 authority's criteria. If no funding match is specified, a match amount

of at least twenty-five percent per project is required. For local, private, and volunteer projects, in-kind contributions may be counted toward the match requirement.

4 (2) Priority shall be given to projects that immediately increase 5 access to available and improved spawning and rearing habitat for 6 depressed, threatened, and endangered stocks. Priority shall also be 7 given to project applications that are coordinated with other efforts 8 within a watershed.

9 (3) Except for projects administered by the transportation 10 improvement board, all projects shall be reviewed and approved by the 11 fish passage barrier removal task force or an alternative oversight 12 committee designated by the state legislature.

13 (4) Other agencies that administer natural resource_based grant 14 programs that may include fish passage barrier removal projects shall 15 use fish passage selection criteria that are consistent with this 16 section.

(5) The departments of transportation and fish and wildlife shall establish a centralized database directory of all fish passage barrier information. The database directory must include, but is not limited to, existing fish passage inventories, fish passage projects, grant program applications, and other databases. These data must be used to coordinate and assist in habitat recovery and project mitigation projects.

24 **Sec. 229.** RCW 82.44.180 and 1999 c 402 s 5 and 1999 c 94 s 31 are 25 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The transportation fund is created in the state treasury.
 Revenues under RCW ((82.44.110 and)) 82.50.510 shall be deposited into
 the fund as provided in those sections.

29 Moneys in the fund may be spent only after appropriation. 30 Expenditures from the fund may be used only for transportation purposes 31 and activities and operations of the Washington state patrol not 32 directly related to the policing of public highways and that are not 33 authorized under Article II, section 40 of the state Constitution.

34 (2) There is hereby created the public transportation systems 35 account within the transportation fund. Moneys deposited into the 36 account under RCW 82.44.150(2) (b) and (c) shall be appropriated to the 37 transportation improvement board and allocated by the transportation

improvement board to public transportation projects submitted by the public transportation systems as defined by chapters 36.56, 36.57, and 36.57A RCW and RCW 35.84.060 and 81.112.030, and the Washington state ferry system, solely for:

5 (a) Planning;

6 (b) Development of capital projects;

7 (c) Development of high capacity transportation systems as defined
8 in RCW 81.104.015;

9 (d) Development of high occupancy vehicle lanes and related 10 facilities as defined in RCW 81.100.020;

(e) Other public transportation system-related roadway projects on state highways, county roads, or city streets;

(f) Public transportation system contributions required to fund projects under federal programs and those approved by the transportation improvement board from other fund sources; and

(g) Reimbursement to the general fund of tax credits authorized
 under RCW 82.04.4453 and 82.16.048, subject to appropriation.

18 sec. 230. RCW 82.80.070 and 2005 c 319 s 139 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

20 (1) The proceeds collected pursuant to the exercise of the local 21 option authority of RCW 82.80.010, 82.80.030, and 82.80.050 (hereafter 22 called "local option transportation revenues") shall be used for 23 transportation purposes only, including but not limited to the 24 following: The operation and preservation of roads, streets, and other 25 transportation improvements; new construction, reconstruction, and expansion of city streets, county roads, and state highways and other 26 27 transportation improvements; development and implementation of public transportation and high capacity transit improvements and programs; and 28 29 planning, design, and acquisition of right-of-way and sites for such transportation purposes. The proceeds collected from excise taxes on 30 the sale, distribution, or use of motor vehicle fuel and special fuel 31 32 under RCW 82.80.010 shall be used exclusively for "highway purposes" as that term is construed in Article II, section 40 of the state 33 34 Constitution.

35 (2) The local option transportation revenues shall be expended for36 transportation uses consistent with the adopted transportation and land

1 use plans of the jurisdiction expending the funds and consistent with 2 any applicable and adopted regional transportation plan for 3 metropolitan planning areas.

4 (3) Each local government with a population greater than eight
5 thousand that levies or expends local option transportation funds, is
6 also required to develop and adopt a specific transportation program
7 that contains the following elements:

8 (a) The program shall identify the geographic boundaries of the 9 entire area or areas within which local option transportation revenues 10 will be levied and expended.

(b) The program shall be based on an adopted transportation plan for the geographic areas covered and shall identify the proposed operation and construction of transportation improvements and services in the designated plan area intended to be funded in whole or in part by local option transportation revenues and shall identify the annual costs applicable to the program.

(c) The program shall indicate how the local transportation plan is coordinated with applicable transportation plans for the region and for adjacent jurisdictions.

(d) The program shall include at least a six-year funding plan, 20 21 updated annually, identifying the specific public and private sources 22 and amounts of revenue necessary to fund the program. The program 23 shall include a proposed schedule for construction of projects and 24 expenditure of revenues. The funding plan shall consider the 25 additional local tax revenue estimated to be generated by new 26 development within the plan area if all or a portion of the additional revenue is proposed to be earmarked as future appropriations for 27 28 transportation improvements in the program.

(4) Local governments with a population greater than eight thousand exercising the authority for local option transportation funds shall periodically review and update their transportation program to ensure that it is consistent with applicable local and regional transportation and land use plans and within the means of estimated public and private revenue available.

35 (5) In the case of expenditure for new or expanded transportation 36 facilities, improvements, and services, priorities in the use of local 37 option transportation revenues shall be identified in the

1 transportation program and expenditures shall be made based upon the 2 following criteria, which are stated in descending order of weight to 3 be attributed:

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(a) First, the project serves a multijurisdictional function;

5 (b) Second, it is necessitated by existing or reasonably 6 foreseeable congestion;

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(c) Third, it has the greatest person-carrying capacity;

8 (d) Fourth, it is partially funded by other government funds, such 9 as from the <u>department of transportation with the recommendation of the</u> 10 state transportation improvement board, or by private sector 11 contributions, such as those from the local transportation act, chapter 12 39.92 RCW; and

(e) Fifth, it meets such other criteria as the local governmentdetermines is appropriate.

15 (6) It is the intent of the legislature that as a condition of 16 levying, receiving, and expending local option transportation revenues, 17 no local government agency use the revenues to replace, divert, or loan 18 any revenues currently being used for transportation purposes to 19 nontransportation purposes.

20 (7) Local governments are encouraged to enter into interlocal 21 agreements to jointly develop and adopt with other local governments 22 the transportation programs required by this section for the purpose of 23 accomplishing regional transportation planning and development.

(8) Local governments may use all or a part of the local option transportation revenues for the amortization of local government general obligation and revenue bonds issued for transportation purposes consistent with the requirements of this section.

(9) Subsections (1) through (8) of this section do not apply to a regional transportation investment district imposing a tax or fee under the local option authority of this chapter. Proceeds collected under the exercise of local option authority under this chapter by a district must be used in accordance with chapter 36.120 RCW.

33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 231. RCW 47.26.440 (Budget for expenditures 34 from funds administered by board--Estimate of revenues) and 1994 c 179 35 s 25, 1988 c 167 s 32, 1984 c 7 s 163, & 1967 ex.s. c 83 s 54 are each 36 repealed.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 232. (1) The transportation improvement board
 is transferred to the department of transportation.

3 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, 4 papers, or written material in the possession of the transportation improvement board shall be delivered to the custody of the department 5 of transportation. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor б 7 vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the transportation 8 improvement board shall be made available to the department of 9 transportation. All funds, credits, or other assets held by the 10 transportation improvement board shall be assigned to the department of 11 transportation.

(b) Any appropriations made to the transportation improvement board shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and credited to the department of transportation.

15 (c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, 16 funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other 17 tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the 18 performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of 19 financial management shall make a determination as to the proper 20 allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

21 (3) All employees of the transportation improvement board are 22 transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of transportation. 23 All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the department of transportation to 24 25 perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any 26 loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate 27 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil 28 service.

(4) All rules and all pending business before the transportation improvement board shall be continued and acted upon by the department of transportation. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by the department of transportation.

(5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
 the transportation improvement board shall not affect the validity of
 any act performed before the effective date of this section.

37 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the38 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial

1 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
2 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make
3 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
4 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

5 (7) All classified employees of the transportation improvement 6 board assigned to the department of transportation under this act whose 7 positions are within an existing bargaining unit description at the 8 department of transportation shall become a part of the existing 9 bargaining unit and shall be considered an appropriate addition or 10 modification of the existing bargaining unit under the provisions of 11 chapter 41.80 RCW.

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PART III FREIGHT MOBILITY PROGRAM

14 **Sec. 301.** RCW 47.06A.010 and 1998 c 175 s 2 are each amended to 15 read as follows:

16 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 17 this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Board" means the freight mobility strategic investment boardcreated in RCW 47.06A.030.

20 (2) "Department" means the department of transportation.

(3) "Freight mobility" means the safe, reliable, and efficient movement of goods within and through the state to ensure the state's economic vitality.

(4) "Local governments" means cities, towns, counties, special
 purpose districts, port districts, and any other municipal corporations
 or quasi-municipal corporations in the state excluding school
 districts.

(5) "Public entity" means a state agency, city, town, county, port
 district, or municipal or regional planning organization.

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(6) <u>"Secretary" means the secretary of the department.</u>

31 (7) "Strategic freight corridor" means a transportation corridor of 32 great economic importance within an integrated freight system that:

33 (a) Serves international and domestic interstate and intrastate 34 trade;

35 (b) Enhances the state's competitive position through regional and 36 global gateways;

1 (c) Carries freight tonnages of at least:

2 (i) Four million gross tons annually on state highways, city3 streets, and county roads;

- 4 (ii) Five million gross tons annually on railroads; or
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(iii) Two and one-half million net tons on waterways; and

(d) Has been designated a strategic corridor by the board under RCW
47.06A.020(((3))) (4). However, new alignments to, realignments of,
and new links to strategic corridors that enhance freight movement may
qualify, even though no tonnage data exists for facilities to be built
in the future.

11 **Sec. 302.** RCW 47.06A.020 and 2005 c 319 s 125 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 (1) The <u>department</u>, in consultation with the board, shall:

(a) Adopt rules and procedures necessary to implement the freight
 mobility strategic investment program; and

16 (b) Solicit from public entities proposed projects that meet 17 eligibility criteria established in accordance with subsection (((++)))18 (5) of this section((+ and)).

(((c))) <u>(2)(a) The board shall r</u>eview and evaluate project 19 20 applications based on criteria established under this section, and 21 prioritize and ((select)) recommend projects comprising a portfolio to be funded in part with grants from state funds appropriated for the 22 23 freight mobility strategic investment program. In determining the 24 appropriate level of state funding for a project, the department, in 25 consultation with the board, shall ensure that state funds are 26 allocated to leverage the greatest amount of partnership funding 27 possible. After selecting projects comprising the portfolio, the ((board)) department shall submit them as part of its budget request to 28 29 the office of financial management and the legislature. The department, in consultation with the board, shall ensure that projects 30 31 submitted as part of the portfolio are not more appropriately funded with other federal, state, or local government funding mechanisms or 32 programs. The department, in consultation with the board, shall reject 33 34 those projects that appear to improve overall general mobility with 35 limited enhancement for freight mobility.

36 (b) The ((board)) department shall provide periodic progress

reports on its activities to the office of financial management and the
 senate and house transportation committees.

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 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ <u>(3)</u> The $((\frac{board}{2}))$ <u>department</u> may:

4 (a) Accept from any state or federal agency, loans or grants for
5 the financing of any transportation project and enter into agreements
6 with any such agency concerning the loans or grants;

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(b) Provide technical assistance to project applicants;

8 (c) Accept any gifts, grants, or loans of funds, property, or 9 financial, or other aid in any form from any other source on any terms 10 and conditions which are not in conflict with this chapter;

(d) Adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to carry out
 the purposes of this chapter, in consultation with the board; and

(e) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powersexpressly granted or implied under this chapter.

15 (((3))) (4) The ((board)) department shall designate strategic 16 freight corridors within the state. The ((board)) department shall 17 update the list of designated strategic corridors not less than every 18 two years, and shall establish a method of collecting and verifying 19 data, including information on city and county-owned roadways.

20 (((4))) <u>(5)</u> The <u>department</u>, in <u>consultation</u> with the board, shall 21 utilize threshold project eligibility criteria that, at a minimum, 22 includes the following:

(a) The project must be on a strategic freight corridor;

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(b) The project must meet one of the following conditions:

(i) It is primarily aimed at reducing identified barriers to freight movement with only incidental benefits to general or personal mobility; or

(ii) It is primarily aimed at increasing capacity for the movement of freight with only incidental benefits to general or personal mobility; or

(iii) It is primarily aimed at mitigating the impact on communities of increasing freight movement, including roadway/railway conflicts; and

34 (c) The project must have a total public benefit/total public cost35 ratio of equal to or greater than one.

36 (((5))) <u>(6)</u> From June 11, 1998, through the biennium ending June 37 30, 2001, the board shall use the multicriteria analysis and scoring 38 framework for evaluating and ranking eligible freight mobility and

freight mitigation projects developed by the freight mobility project 1 prioritization committee and contained in the January 16, 1998, report 2 entitled "Project Eligibility, Priority and Selection Process for a 3 4 Strategic Freight Investment Program." The prioritization process shall measure the degree to which projects address important program 5 objectives and shall generate a project score that reflects a project's 6 7 priority compared to other projects. The board shall assign scoring 8 points to each criterion that indicate the relative importance of the criterion in the overall determination of project priority. After June 9 2001, the department, in consultation with the board, may 10 30, supplement and refine the initial project priority criteria and scoring 11 12 framework developed by the freight mobility project prioritization 13 committee as expertise and experience is gained in administering the 14 freight mobility program.

(((6))) (7) It is the intent of the legislature that each freight 15 mobility project contained in the project portfolio submitted by the 16 17 ((board)) department utilize the greatest amount of nonstate funding The department, in consultation with the board, shall adopt 18 possible. 19 rules that give preference to projects that contain the greatest levels of financial participation from nonprogram fund sources. 20 The 21 department, in consultation with the board, shall consider twenty 22 percent as the minimum partnership contribution, but shall also ensure 23 that there are provisions allowing exceptions for projects that are 24 located in areas where minimal local funding capacity exists or where 25 the magnitude of the project makes the adopted partnership contribution 26 financially unfeasible.

(((7))) (8) The department, in consultation with the board, shall develop and recommend policies that address operational improvements that primarily benefit and enhance freight movement, including, but not limited to, policies that reduce congestion in truck lanes at border crossings and weigh stations and provide for access to ports during nonpeak hours.

33 **Sec. 303.** RCW 47.06A.030 and 1999 c 216 s 2 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

(1) The freight mobility strategic investment board is created.The board shall convene by July 1, 1998.

(2) The board is composed of twelve members. The secretary shall 1 2 be a member of the board. The following members are appointed by the ((governor)) secretary for terms of four years, except that five 3 4 members initially are appointed for terms of two years: (a) Two members, one of whom is from a city located within or along a strategic 5 6 freight corridor, appointed from a list of at least four persons nominated by the association of Washington cities or its successor; (b) 7 8 two members, one of whom is from a county having a strategic freight 9 corridor within its boundaries, appointed from a list of at least four 10 persons nominated by the Washington state association of counties or its successor; (c) two members, one of whom is from a port district 11 12 located within or along a strategic freight corridor, appointed from a 13 list of at least four persons nominated by the Washington public ports 14 association or its successor; (d) one member representing the office of financial management; (e) one member appointed as a representative of 15 the trucking industry; (f) one member appointed as a representative of 16 17 the railroads; (g) ((the secretary of the department of transportation; (h)) one member representing the steamship industry; and (((i)))18 19 one member of the general public. In appointing the general public member, the ((governor)) secretary shall endeavor to appoint a member 20 21 with special expertise in relevant fields such as public finance, 22 freight transportation, or public works construction. The ((governor)) 23 secretary shall appoint the general public member as chair of the 24 In making appointments to the board, the ((governor)) secretary board. 25 shall ensure that each geographic region of the state is represented.

(3) Members of the board shall be reimbursed for reasonable and
 customary travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

(4) If a vacancy on the board occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the ((governor)) secretary shall fill the vacant position for the unexpired term. Each vacancy in a position appointed from lists provided by the associations and departments under subsection (2) of this section must be filled from a list of at least four persons nominated by the relevant association or associations.

34 (5) The appointments made in subsection (2) of this section are not35 subject to confirmation.

36 **Sec. 304.** RCW 47.06A.040 and 1999 c 216 s 3 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

1 The ((board)) secretary, at ((its)) his or her option, may either 2 appoint ((an executive director)) a chief administrative officer of the board, who shall serve at ((its)) the secretary's pleasure and whose 3 salary shall be set by the ((board)) secretary or make provisions 4 ensuring the responsibilities of the ((executive director)) chief 5 administrative officer are carried out by an existing transportationб 7 related state agency or by private contract. Staff support to the 8 board shall be provided by the department ((of transportation, the 9 transportation improvement board, and the county road administration 10 board, or their successor agencies)).

11 **Sec. 305.** RCW 47.06A.050 and 1998 c 175 s 6 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

(1) For the purpose of allocating funds for the freight mobility strategic investment program, the ((board)) <u>department</u> shall allocate the first fifty-five percent of funds to the highest priority projects, without regard to location.

17 (2) The remaining funds shall be allocated equally among three 18 regions of the state, defined as follows:

(a) The Puget Sound region includes King, Pierce, and Snohomishcounties;

(b) The western Washington region includes Clallam, Jefferson,
 Island, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays
 Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum
 counties; and

(c) The eastern Washington region includes Adams, Chelan, Douglas,
Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens,
Whitman, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas,
Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties.

(3) If a region does not have enough qualifying projects to utilize its allocation of funds, the funds will be made available to the next highest priority project, without regard to location.

(4) In the event that a proposal contains projects in more than one region, for purposes of assuring that equitable geographic distributions are made under subsection (2) of this section, the <u>department, in consultation with the board</u>, shall evaluate the proposal and proportionally assign the benefits that are attributable to each region.

(5) If the ((board)) department identifies a project for funding, 1 2 but later determines that the project is not ready to proceed at the time the legislature's funding decision is pending, the ((board)) 3 department shall recommend removing the project from consideration and 4 the next highest priority project shall be substituted in the project 5 portfolio. Any project removed from funding consideration because it б 7 is not ready to proceed shall retain its position on the priority project list and is eligible to be recommended for funding in the next 8 project portfolio submitted by the ((board)) department. 9

10 **Sec. 306.** RCW 47.06A.060 and 1998 c 175 s 7 are each amended to 11 read as follows:

12 (1) In order to aid the financing of eligible freight mobility 13 projects, the ((board)) <u>department</u> may((÷

14 (1)) <u>make grants or loans from funds appropriated for the freight</u> 15 mobility strategic investment program for the purpose of financing 16 freight mobility projects. The ((board)) <u>department</u> may require terms 17 and conditions as it deems necessary or convenient to carry out the 18 purposes of this chapter.

19 (2) The state shall not bear the financial burden for project costs 20 unrelated to the movement of freight. Project amenities unrelated to 21 the movement of freight may not be submitted to the ((board)) 22 <u>department</u> as part of a project proposal under the freight mobility 23 strategic investment program.

(3) All freight mobility projects aided in whole or in part under
 this chapter must have a public entity designated as the lead project
 proponent.

27 Sec. 307. RCW 47.06A.070 and 1998 c 175 s 8 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

The ((board)) <u>department</u> shall keep proper records <u>relating to the</u> <u>freight mobility program</u> and shall be subject to audit by the state auditor.

32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 308.** (1) The freight mobility strategic 33 investment board is transferred to the department of transportation.

34 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,
 35 papers, or written material in the possession of the freight mobility

strategic investment board shall be delivered to the custody of the department of transportation. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the freight mobility strategic investment board shall be made available to the department of transportation. All funds, credits, or other assets held by the freight mobility strategic investment board shall be assigned to the department of transportation.

8 (b) Any appropriations made to the freight mobility strategic 9 investment board shall, on the effective date of this section, be 10 transferred and credited to the department of transportation.

(c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

(3) All employees of the freight mobility strategic investment 17 board are transferred to the jurisdiction of the department of 18 19 transportation. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the department 20 of 21 transportation to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as 22 formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be 23 appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing 24 state civil service.

(4) All rules and all pending business before the freight mobility strategic investment board shall be continued and acted upon by the department of transportation. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by the department of transportation.

30 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of 31 the freight mobility strategic investment board shall not affect the 32 validity of any act performed before the effective date of this 33 section.

(6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial
 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make

the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

3 (7) All classified employees of the freight mobility strategic 4 investment board assigned to the department of transportation under 5 this act whose positions are within an existing bargaining unit 6 description at the department of transportation shall become a part of 7 the existing bargaining unit and shall be considered an appropriate 8 addition or modification of the existing bargaining unit under the 9 provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW.

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PART IV

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 401. A new section is added to chapter 43.59
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter 15 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

16 (1) "Commission" means the traffic safety commission, which is a 17 program within the patrol.

18 (2) "Patrol" means the Washington state patrol.

19 Sec. 402. RCW 43.59.010 and 2009 c 549 s 5141 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

21 (1) The purpose of this chapter is to establish a new ((agency)) 22 program of state government to be known as the Washington traffic 23 safety commission. The functions and purpose of this commission shall 24 be to find solutions to the problems that have been created as a result of the tremendous increase of motor vehicles on our highways and the 25 attendant traffic death and accident tolls; to plan and supervise 26 27 programs for the prevention of accidents on streets and highways including but not limited to educational campaigns designed to reduce 28 traffic accidents in cooperation with all official and unofficial 29 30 organizations interested in traffic safety; to coordinate the activities at the state and local level in the development of statewide 31 32 and local traffic safety programs; to promote a uniform enforcement of 33 traffic safety laws and establish standards for investigation and 34 reporting of traffic accidents; to promote and improve driver

education; and to authorize the governor to perform all functions required to be performed by him or her under the federal Highway Safety Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-564; 80 Stat. 731).

(2) The legislature finds and declares that bicycling and walking 4 are becoming increasingly popular in Washington as clean and efficient 5 б modes of transportation, as recreational activities, and as organized 7 sports. Future plans for the state's transportation system will 8 require increased access and safety for bicycles and pedestrians on our 9 common roadways, and federal transportation legislation and funding 10 programs have created strong incentives to implement these changes quickly. As a result, many more people are likely to take up bicycling 11 12 in Washington both as a leisure activity and as a convenient, 13 inexpensive form of transportation. Bicyclists are more vulnerable to injury and accident than motorists, and should be as knowledgeable as 14 15 possible about traffic laws, be highly visible and predictable when riding in traffic, and be encouraged to wear bicycle safety helmets. 16 Hundreds of bicyclists and pedestrians are seriously injured every year 17 in accidents, and millions of dollars are spent on health care costs 18 There is clear evidence that 19 associated with these accidents. organized training in the rules and techniques of safe and effective 20 21 cycling can significantly reduce the incidence of serious injury and 22 accidents, increase cooperation among road users, and significantly 23 increase the incidence of bicycle helmet use, particularly among 24 A reduction in accidents benefits the entire community. minors. Therefore it is appropriate for businesses and community organizations 25 26 to provide donations to bicycle and pedestrian safety training 27 programs.

28 Sec. 403. RCW 43.59.070 and 1967 ex.s. c 147 s 8 are each amended 29 to read as follows:

The ((director shall be secretary)) chief of the patrol shall appoint a chief administrative officer of the commission ((and)), who shall be responsible for carrying into effect the commission's orders and rules ((and regulations promulgated)) adopted by the patrol, in consultation with the commission. The ((director)) chief of the patrol shall also be authorized to employ such staff as is necessary pursuant to the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW. The patrol, in consultation

with the commission, shall adopt such rules ((and regulations)) as
 shall be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this chapter.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 404.** The following acts or parts of acts are 4 each repealed:

5 (1) RCW 43.59.060 (Director of commission--Appointment--Salary) and 6 2009 c 549 s 5143 & 1967 ex.s. c 147 s 7; and

7 (2) RCW 43.59.080 (Governor's duties as chair) and 2009 c 549 s 8 5144 & 1967 ex.s. c 147 s 9.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 405.** (1) The traffic safety commission is 10 transferred to the Washington state patrol.

11 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, 12 papers, or written material in the possession of the traffic safety commission shall be delivered to the custody of the Washington state 13 patrol. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and 14 15 other tangible property employed by the traffic safety commission shall 16 be made available to the Washington state patrol. All funds, credits, or other assets held by the traffic safety commission shall be assigned 17 to the Washington state patrol. 18

(b) Any appropriations made to the traffic safety commission shall,
on the effective date of this section, be transferred and credited to
the Washington state patrol.

(c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

(3) All employees of the traffic safety commission are transferred to the jurisdiction of the Washington state patrol. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the Washington state patrol to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil service.

35 (4) All rules and all pending business before the traffic safety

commission shall be continued and acted upon by the Washington state
 patrol. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full
 force and shall be performed by the Washington state patrol.

4 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
5 the traffic safety commission shall not affect the validity of any act
6 performed before the effective date of this section.

7 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the 8 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial 9 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected, 10 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make 11 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation 12 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

(7) All classified employees of the traffic safety commission assigned to the Washington state patrol under this act whose positions are within an existing bargaining unit description at the Washington state patrol shall become a part of the existing bargaining unit and shall be considered an appropriate addition or modification of the existing bargaining unit under the provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW.

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PART V

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

21 Sec. 501. RCW 47.01.250 and 1998 c 245 s 92 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

The chief of the Washington state patrol((, the director of the 23 24 traffic safety commission, the executive director of the county road 25 administration board,)) and the director of licensing are designated as 26 official consultants to the transportation commission so that the goals 27 activities of their respective agencies which relate to and 28 fully coordinated transportation are with other related responsibilities of the department of transportation. 29 In this 30 capacity, the chief of the Washington state patrol((, the director of the traffic safety commission, the executive director of the county 31 road administration board,)) and the director of licensing shall 32 33 consult with the transportation commission and the secretary of 34 transportation on the implications and impacts on the transportation-35 related functions and duties of their respective agencies of any proposed comprehensive transportation plan, program, or policy. 36

In order to develop fully integrated, balanced, and coordinated 1 2 transportation plans, programs, and budgets the chief of the Washington state patrol((, the director of the traffic safety commission, the 3 executive director of the county road administration board,)) and the 4 director of licensing shall consult with the secretary 5 of transportation on the matter of relative priorities during the б development of their respective agencies' plans, programs, and budgets 7 8 as they pertain to transportation activities.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 502. This act takes effect July 1, 2010.

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