

Land Use & Climate Change Advisory Committee

**Background Paper: Recommendation Statement
with Preliminary Cost Information
Amend RCW 36.70A.100
Comprehensive Plans – Must be Coordinated**

Recommendation 2b

Amend RCW 36.70A.100 (*Comprehensive Plans – Must be Coordinated*) to require that comprehensive plans of jurisdictions fully planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) are consistent with regional transportation plans. The LUCC recommends that jurisdictions fully planning under the GMA be required to ensure their comprehensive plans are consistent with the regional transportation plans required under RCW 47.80.030 for the region within which they are located. Nothing in these amended coordination requirements authorizes a Growth Management Hearings Board or superior court to hear petitions alleging noncompliance with this section of this act for a period of five years.

RCW 47.80.023 requires RTPOs to prepare regional transportation plans that are consistent with Countywide Planning Policies, local comprehensive plans, and the state transportation plan.

General assessment of state and local resources needed, financial and otherwise, needed to fully implement the idea.

Initial feedback from Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) indicates a staffing increase of 1.0 to 2.0 FTEs would be required to fulfill this requirement. There are 14 RTPOs in the state. Estimating \$100,000 per FTE (salary, benefits, overhead) the resulting fiscal increase would be \$1,400,000 to \$2,800,000.

This information will be updated as we receive additional information from more RTPOs.