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1            AN ACT Relating to requiring the use of an ordinance to advise  
2 the county governing body of a city's preliminary intent regarding  
3 inclusion or exclusion from a public transportation benefit area; and  
4 amending RCW 36.57A.030.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.57A.030 and 1977 ex.s. c 44 s 1 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8            Any conference which finds it desirable to establish a public  
9 transportation benefit area or change the boundaries of any existing  
10 public transportation benefit area shall fix a date for a public  
11 hearing thereon, or the legislative bodies of any two or more  
12 component cities or the county legislative body by resolution may  
13 require the public transportation improvement conference to fix a  
14 date for a public hearing thereon. Prior to the convening of the  
15 public hearing, the county governing body shall delineate the area of  
16 the county proposed to be included within the transportation benefit  
17 area, and shall furnish a copy of such delineation to each  
18 incorporated city within such area. Each city shall advise the county  
19 governing body, on a preliminary basis, of its desire to be included  
20 or excluded from the transportation benefit area by means of an  
21 ordinance adopted by the legislative body of that city. The county

1 governing body shall cause the delineations to be revised to reflect  
2 the wishes of such incorporated cities. This delineation shall be  
3 considered by the conference at the public hearing for inclusion in  
4 the public transportation benefit area.

5 Notice of such hearing shall be published once a week for at  
6 least four consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general  
7 circulation within the area. The notice shall contain a description  
8 and map of the boundaries of the proposed public transportation  
9 benefit area and shall state the time and place of the hearing and  
10 the fact that any changes in the boundaries of the public  
11 transportation benefit area will be considered at such time and  
12 place. At such hearing or any continuation thereof, any interested  
13 person may appear and be heard on all matters relating to the effect  
14 of the formation of the proposed public transportation benefit area.

15 The conference may make such changes in the boundaries of the  
16 public transportation benefit area as they shall deem reasonable and  
17 proper, but may not delete any portion of the proposed area which  
18 will create an island of included or excluded lands, and may not  
19 delete a portion of any city. If the conference shall determine that  
20 any additional territory should be included in the public  
21 transportation benefit area, a second hearing shall be held and  
22 notice given in the same manner as for the original hearing. The  
23 conference may adjourn the hearing on the formation of a public  
24 transportation benefit area from time to time not exceeding thirty  
25 days in all.

26 Following the conclusion of such hearing the conference shall  
27 adopt a resolution fixing the boundaries of the proposed public  
28 transportation benefit area, declaring that the formation of the  
29 proposed public transportation benefit area will be conducive to the  
30 welfare and benefit of the persons and property therein.

31 Within thirty days of the adoption of such conference resolution,  
32 the county legislative authority of each county wherein a conference  
33 has established proposed boundaries of a public transportation  
34 benefit area, may by resolution, upon making a legislative finding  
35 that the proposed benefit area includes portions of the county which  
36 could not be reasonably expected to benefit from such benefit area or  
37 excludes portions of the county which could be reasonably expected to

1 benefit from its creation, disapprove and terminate the establishment  
2 of such public transportation benefit area within such county.

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