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Senate Transportation Committee
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RE: Reporting on the transfer of WSDOT projects to local jurisdictions

Dear Representative Fey, Senator Liias, and Director Chapman-See,

The 2025 Transportation Budget (ESSB 5161, Sec. 609(2)) requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to compile a list of projects wherein a local partner agency can execute delivery and completion of a project in the 2025-27 biennium if WSDOT is unable to deliver. There are no projects to report that meet the requirements put forth in this section.

Please contact me at troy.suing@wsdot.wa.gov if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature on File]

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ESSB 5161, Sec. 609

NEW SECTION. Sec. 609. LOCAL PARTNER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

(1) If a transportation project, where the Washington state department of transportation is the lead and the project is scheduled to be delivered or completed in the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium as shown on the LEAP Transportation Document 2025-2 ALL PROJECTS as developed April 26, 2025, is in jeopardy of being delayed because the department is unable to deliver or complete the project within the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium and other local jurisdictions are able to deliver or complete the work, the department must coordinate with the appropriate local jurisdictions to determine if a potential local partner is ready, willing, and able to execute delivery and completion of the project within the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

(2) The department must compile a list of projects under this section, including the timing under which the local partner agency can deliver or complete the projects within the 2025-2027 and 2027-2029 fiscal biennia. The department must submit the compiled list of projects to the governor and the transportation committees of the legislature by November 1, 2025.