

STREETS -- BICYCLES -- PATHS

RCW 35.75.050

Bicycle road fund -- Sources -- Use.

The city or town council shall by ordinance provide that the whole amount or any amount not less than seventy-five percent of all license fees, penalties or other moneys collected under the authority of this chapter shall be paid into and placed to the credit of a special fund to be known as the "**bicycle** road fund." The moneys in the **bicycle** road fund shall not be transferred to any other fund and shall be paid out for the sole purpose of building and maintaining **bicycle** paths and roadways authorized to be constructed and maintained by this chapter or for special policemen, **bicycle** tags, stationery and other expenses growing out of the regulating and licensing of the riding of bicycles and other vehicles and the construction, maintenance and regulation of the use of **bicycle** paths and roadways.

RCW 35.75.060

Use of street and road funds for **bicycle paths, lanes, routes and improvements authorized -- Standards.**

Any city or town may use any funds available for street or road construction, maintenance, or improvement for building, improving, and maintaining **bicycle** paths, lanes, roadways, and routes, and for improvements to make existing streets and roads more suitable and safe for **bicycle** traffic: PROVIDED, That any such paths, lanes, roadways, routes, or streets for which any such street or road funds are expended shall be suitable for **bicycle** transportation purposes and not solely for recreation purposes. **Bicycle** facilities constructed or modified after June 10, 1982, shall meet or exceed the standards of the state department of transportation.

[1982 c 55 § 1; 1974 ex.s. c 141 § 10.]

RCW 35.77.015

Provisions for bicycle paths, lanes, routes, roadways and improvements to be included in annual revision or extension of comprehensive street programs -- Exception.

The annual revision and extension of comprehensive street programs pursuant to RCW [35.77.010](#) shall include consideration of and, wherever reasonably practicable, provisions for bicycle routes: PROVIDED, That no provision need be made for any such route where the cost of establishing it would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use.

[1974 ex.s. c 141 § 11.]

ROADS AND BRIDGES--FUNDS--BUDGET

RCW 36.82.145

Bicycle paths, lanes, routes, etc., may be constructed, maintained or improved from county road fund -- Standards.

Any funds deposited in the county road fund may be used for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of **bicycle** paths, lanes, routes, and roadways, and for improvements to make existing streets and roads more suitable and safe for **bicycle** traffic. **Bicycle** facilities constructed or modified after June 10, 1982, shall meet or exceed the standards of the state department of transportation.

[1982 c 55 § 3; 1974 ex.s. c 141 § 8.]

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE -- SENATE AND HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

RCW 44.40.120

Periodic review of plans for bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian facilities.

The house and senate transportation committees shall periodically review the six-year comprehensive plans submitted by cities and counties for expenditures for **bicycle**, pedestrian, and equestrian facilities prepared pursuant to RCW [35.77.010](#) and [36.81.121](#).

[1977 ex.s. c 235 § 12; 1975 1st ex.s. c 268 § 2.]

MOTOR VEHICLES

RCW 46.04.071

Bicycle.

"**Bicycle**" means every device propelled solely by human power upon which a person or persons may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is sixteen inches or more in diameter, or three wheels, any one of which is more than twenty inches in diameter.

[1982 c 55 § 4; 1965 ex.s. c 155 § 86.]

DRIVERS' LICENSES -- IDENTICARDS

RCW 46.20.093

Bicycle safety.

The department of licensing shall incorporate a section on **bicycle** safety and sharing the road into its instructional publications for drivers and shall include questions in the written portion of the driver's license examination on **bicycle** safety and sharing the road with bicycles. [1998 c 165 § 4.]

RULES OF THE ROAD

RCW 46.61.235

Crosswalks.

(1) The operator of an approaching vehicle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian or **bicycle** to cross the roadway within an unmarked or marked crosswalk when the pedestrian or **bicycle** is upon or within one lane of the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning. For purposes of this section "half of the roadway" means all traffic lanes carrying traffic in one direction of travel, and includes the entire width of a one-way roadway.

(2) No pedestrian or **bicycle** shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk, run, or otherwise move into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to stop.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply under the conditions stated in RCW [46.61.240](#)(2).

(4) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian or **bicycle** to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

[2000 c 85 § 1; 1993 c 153 § 1; 1990 c 241 § 4; 1965 ex.s. c 155 § 34.]

RCW 46.61.261

Sidewalks, crosswalks -- Pedestrians, bicycles.

The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian or **bicycle** on a sidewalk. The rider of a **bicycle** shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian on a sidewalk or crosswalk.

[2000 c 85 § 2; 1975 c 62 § 41.]

RCW 46.61.770

Riding on roadways and bicycle paths.

(1) Every person operating a **bicycle** upon a roadway at a rate of speed less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and place shall ride as near to the right side of the right through lane as is safe except as may be appropriate while preparing to make or while making turning movements, or while overtaking and passing another **bicycle** or vehicle proceeding in the same direction. A person operating a **bicycle** upon a roadway or highway other than a limited-access highway, which roadway or highway carries traffic in one direction only and has two or more marked traffic lanes, may ride as near to the left side of the left through lane as is safe. A person operating a **bicycle** upon a roadway may use the shoulder of the roadway or any specially designated **bicycle** lane if such exists.

(2) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

[1982 c 55 § 7; 1974 ex.s. c 141 § 14; 1965 ex.s. c 155 § 83.]

RCW 46.61.755

Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles.

(1) Every person riding a **bicycle** upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except as to special regulations in RCW [46.61.750](#) through [46.61.780](#) and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

(2) Every person riding a **bicycle** upon a sidewalk or crosswalk must be granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to a pedestrian by this chapter.

[2000 c 85 § 3; 1965 ex.s. c 155 § 80.]

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

RCW 47.04.190

Bicycle transportation management program.

(1) The department of transportation is responsible for the initiation, coordination, and operation of a bicycle transportation management program.

(2) To assist in the operation of the bicycle transportation management program, a full-time staff position of state bicycle program manager is established within the department of transportation.

[1991 c 214 § 5.]

RCW 47.04.200

Bicycle program manager.

The state **bicycle** program manager shall:

- (1) Design programs that encourage the use of bicycling for transportation;
- (2) Coordinate **bicycle** safety related programs and **bicycle** tourism programs in all state agencies;
- (3) Assist the department of transportation and the cities and counties of the state in assigning priorities to, programming, and developing bicycle-related projects;
- (4) Serve as a clearinghouse for **bicycle** program information and resources;
- (5) Provide assistance in revising and updating **bicycle** material of the superintendent of public instruction and the state patrol;
- (6) Promote the use of **bicycle** helmets of a type certified to meet the requirements of standard Z-90.4 of the American National Standards Institute or such subsequent nationally recognized standard for **bicycle** helmet performance; and
- (7) Promote **bicycle** safety equipment.

[1991 c 214 § 6.]

RCW 47.06.100

Bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways plan.

The state-interest component of the state-wide multimodal transportation plan shall include a **bicycle** transportation and pedestrian walkways plan, which shall propose a state-wide strategy for addressing **bicycle** and pedestrian transportation, including the integration of **bicycle** and pedestrian pathways with other transportation modes; the coordination between local governments, regional agencies, and the state in the provision of such facilities; the role of such facilities in reducing traffic congestion; and an assessment of state-wide **bicycle** and pedestrian transportation needs. This plan shall satisfy the federal requirement for a long-range **bicycle** transportation and pedestrian walkways plan.

[1993 c 446 § 10.]

RCW 47.30.030

Facilities for nonmotorized traffic -- Expenditure of available funds.

Where an existing highway severs, or where the right of way of an existing highway accommodates a trail for pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists or where the separation of motor vehicle traffic from pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists will materially increase the motor vehicle safety, the provision of facilities for pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists which are a part of a comprehensive trail plan adopted by federal, state, or local governmental authority having jurisdiction over the trail is hereby authorized. The department of transportation, or the county or city having jurisdiction over the highway, road, or street, or facility is further authorized to expend reasonable amounts out of the funds made available to them, according to the provisions of RCW [46.68.090](#), as necessary for the planning, accommodation, establishment, and maintenance of such facilities.

[1999 c 269 § 10; 1979 ex.s. c 121 § 1; 1974 ex.s. c 141 § 12; 1972 ex.s. c 103 § 2.]

RCW 47.30.040

Establishing paths and trails -- Factors to be considered.

Before establishing paths and trails, the following factors shall be considered:

- (1) Public safety;
- (2) The cost of such paths and trails as compared to the need or probable use;
- (3) Inclusion of the trail in a plan for a comprehensive trail system adopted by a city or county in a state or federal trails plan.

[1972 ex.s. c 103 § 3.]

RCW 47.30.050

Expenditures for paths and trails -- Minimum amount.

(1) The amount expended by a city, town, or county as authorized by RCW [47.30.030](#) shall never in any one fiscal year be less than 0.42 percent of the total amount of funds received from the motor vehicle fund according to RCW [46.68.090](#). However, this section does not apply to a city or town in any year in which the 0.42 percent equals five hundred dollars or less, or to a county in any year in which the 0.42 percent equals three thousand dollars or less. Also, a city, town, or county in lieu of expending the funds each year may credit the funds to a financial reserve or special fund, to be held for not more than ten years, and to be expended for the purposes required or permitted by RCW [47.30.030](#).

(2) In each fiscal year the department of transportation shall expend, as a minimum, for the purposes mentioned in RCW [47.30.030](#) a sum equal to three-tenths of one percent of all funds, both state and federal, expended for the construction of state highways in such year, or in order to more efficiently program trail improvements the department may defer any part of such minimum trail or path expenditures for a fiscal year for a period not to exceed four years after the end of such fiscal year. Any fiscal year in which the department expends for trail or path purposes more than the minimum sum required by this subsection, the amount of such excess expenditure shall constitute a credit which may be carried forward and applied to the minimum trail and path expenditure requirements for any of the ensuing four fiscal years.

(3) The department of transportation, a city, or a county in computing the amount expended for trails or paths under their respective jurisdictions may include the cost of improvements consistent with a comprehensive plan or master plan for bicycle trails or paths adopted by a state or local governmental authority either prior to such construction or prior to January 1, 1980.

[1999 c 269 § 11; 1979 ex.s. c 121 § 2; 1972 ex.s. c 103 § 4.]

RCW 47.30.060

Expenditures deemed to be for highway purposes -- Powers and duties of department -- Restrictions on use of paths and trails.

For the purposes of this chapter, the establishment of paths and trails and the expenditure of funds as authorized by RCW [47.30.030](#), as now or hereafter amended, shall be deemed to be for highway, road, and street purposes. The department of transportation shall, when requested, and subject to reimbursement of costs, provide technical assistance and advice to cities, towns, and counties in carrying out the purposes of RCW [47.30.030](#), as now or hereafter amended. The department shall recommend construction standards for paths and trails. The department shall provide a uniform system of signing paths and trails which shall apply to paths and trails under the jurisdiction of the department and of cities, towns, and counties. The department and cities, towns, and counties may restrict the use of paths and trails under their respective jurisdictions to pedestrians, equestrians, and nonmotorized vehicles.

[1979 ex.s. c 121 § 3; 1972 ex.s. c 103 § 5.]

RCW 47.30.070

Bicycle, equestrian, pedestrian paths as public highways.

For purposes of 43 U.S.C. 912 and related provisions of federal law involving federally granted railroad rights of way, a **bicycle**, equestrian or pedestrian path shall be deemed to be a public highway under the laws of the state of Washington.

[1993 c 224 § 14.]