RCW 35.21.228  Rail fixed guideway public transportation system—
Safety program plan and security and emergency preparedness plan.  (1)
Each city or town that owns or operates a rail fixed guideway public
transportation system as defined in RCW 81.104.015 shall submit a
system safety program plan and a system security and emergency
preparedness plan for that guideway to the state department of
transportation by September 1, 1999, or at least one hundred eighty
calendar days before beginning operations or instituting significant
revisions to its plans. These plans must describe the city's
procedures for (a) reporting and investigating any reportable
incident, accident, or security breach and identifying and resolving
hazards or security vulnerabilities discovered during planning,
design, construction, testing, or operations, (b) developing and
submitting corrective action plans and annual safety and security
audit reports, (c) facilitating on-site safety and security reviews by
the state department of transportation and the federal transit
administration, and (d) addressing passenger and employee safety and
security. The plans must, at a minimum, conform to the standards
adopted by the state department of transportation as set forth in the
most current version of the Washington state rail safety oversight
program standard manual as it exists on March 25, 2016, or such
subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,
consistent with the purposes of this section. If required by the
department, the city or town shall revise its plans to incorporate the
department's review comments within sixty days after their receipt,
and resubmit its revised plans for review.

(2) Each city or town shall implement and comply with its system
safety program plan and system security and emergency preparedness
plan. The city or town shall perform internal safety and security
audits to evaluate its compliance with the plans, and submit its audit
schedule to the department of transportation pursuant to the
requirements in the most current version of the Washington state rail
safety oversight program standard manual as it exists on March 25,
2016, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the department by
rule, consistent with the purposes of this section. The city or town
shall prepare an annual report for its internal safety and security
audits undertaken in the prior year and submit it to the department no
later than February 15th. The department shall establish the
requirements for the annual report. The contents of the annual report
must include, at a minimum, the dates the audits were conducted, the
scope of the audit activity, the audit findings and recommendations,
the status of any corrective actions taken as a result of the audit
activity, and the results of each audit in terms of the adequacy and
effectiveness of the plans.

(3) Each city or town shall notify the department of
transportation, pursuant to the most current version of the Washington
state rail safety oversight program standard manual as it exists on
March 25, 2016, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the
department by rule, consistent with the purposes of this section, any
reportable incident, accident, security breach, hazard, or security
vulnerability. The department may adopt rules further defining any
reportable incident, accident, security breach, hazard, or security
vulnerability. The city or town shall investigate any reportable
incident, accident, security breach, hazard, or security vulnerability
and provide a written investigation report to the department as
described in the most current version of the Washington state rail
safety oversight program standard manual as it exists on March 25, 2016, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule, consistent with the purposes of this section.

(4) The system security and emergency preparedness plan required in subsection (1) of this section is exempt from public disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW. However, the system safety program plan as described in this section is not subject to this exemption. [2016 c 33 § 2; 2007 c 422 § 1; 2005 c 274 § 264; 1999 c 202 § 1.]

Effective date—2016 c 33: See note following RCW 81.104.115.

Effective date—1999 c 202: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [May 7, 1999]." [1999 c 202 § 10.]