

July 31, 2018

TO: Office of Financial Management

FROM: Darrin Grondel, Director

SUBJECT: Fiscal Recommendation from the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council (RCW 43.59.155) and Bicyclist Safety Advisory Council (RCW 43.59.160)

The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council met monthly beginning in 2016 and Cooper Jones Bicyclist Safety Advisory Council met monthly beginning in 2017. Each group has closely studied issues of concern and have produced annual reports that contain nearly 20 recommendations to the Legislature and state agencies for actions to improve safety.

RCW 43.59.155, Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council (PSC) and RCW 43.59.160, Cooper Jones Bicyclists Safety Advisory Council (BSAC) require these councils to report any budgetary or fiscal recommendations to the Office of Financial Management and the Legislature by August 1.

The PSC and the BSAC recommend the Legislature provide funding to combine the councils to create the Active Transportation Safety Advisory Council (ATSAC).

ATSAC would replace the current PSC and the BSAC when their funding ends at the end of the current biennium. The councils recommend funds be provided to support continuation of the original work of the two councils and to expand the council's purpose to include the following:

- Monitor progress on implementation of the existing recommendations made in the two groups' previous annual reports.
- Seek opportunities to expand consideration of the principles of systematic safety in design of roadways, neighborhoods, and other construction
- Examine safety issues associated with other alternative transportation methods (e.g., skateboards and scooters, E-bikes, motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs, impacts of automated vehicles on alternative transportation.
- Work with public transit systems regarding alternative transportation safety.

The councils recommend an appropriation of \$150,000 for the 2019-2021 Biennium to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for operation of the ATSAC. The PSC received an appropriation of \$99,000 per biennium and the BSAC received an appropriation of \$100,000 per biennium, so this funding level represents a savings to the state. Combining the councils allows for savings in meeting costs, meeting facilitation, and travel costs (since some members sit on both councils).

Please contact Shelly Baldwin, WTSC's Legislative & Media Director, sbaldwin@wtsc.wa.gov, (360) 725-9889, with any questions regarding this request.

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