December 17, 2021 - Introduced by Senators AGARD, CARPENTER, ERPNBACH, ROYS, L. TAYLOR, SMITH and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives RIEMER, BOWEN, CONLEY, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, B. MEYERS, BALDEH, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, HONG, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNOGGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

AN ACT to create 85.64 of the statutes; relating to: required inclusions in the long-range statewide transportation plan.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that the long-range statewide transportation plan developed by the Department of Transportation must include a vision for the following: 1) low-carbon public transit; 2) electrification of the transportation sector; 3) cost-effective charging infrastructure; 4) incentives to develop equitable, clean transportation options; and 5) transportation solutions for underserved areas of the state. The bill requires DOT to prepare and submit a report to the governor and the legislature detailing how it is incorporating this vision in its long-range statewide transportation plan.

Under current federal law, each state must have a comprehensive statewide multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range statewide transportation plan. The plan must provide for safe and efficient transportation systems that serve mobility needs and foster economic growth while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 85.64 of the statutes is created to read:

85.64 Required inclusions in long-range statewide transportation plans. Each long-range statewide transportation plan developed by the department as required under 23 USC 135 shall include a vision for all of the following:

(1) Low-carbon public transit.

(2) Electrification of the transportation sector.

(3) Cost-effective charging infrastructure.

(4) Incentives to develop equitable, clean transportation options throughout the state.

(5) Transportation solutions for underserved areas of the state, including rural communities, low-income communities, and communities where the majority of residents are members of a racial minority.

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) The department of transportation shall prepare a report detailing how it is incorporating the vision required under s. 85.64 in the department’s long-range statewide transportation plan. No later than December 31, 2022, the department of transportation shall submit its report to the governor and to the relevant standing committees of the legislature.

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