

Tacoma Narrows Bridge Rate Setting

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Why are we here?

- The Transportation Commission has adopted rates for FY 2014 and FY 2015 shown here (WAC 468-270-070)
- The Citizen Advisory Committee meets annually to review tolling projections and costs to advise the Transportation Commission on whether additional rate setting actions are required

**Table 1, Effective July 1, 2013
Tacoma Narrows Bridge Toll Rates**

Vehicle Axles	Good to Go! TM Pass ¹	Cash ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Pay by Plate ²	Short Term Account ³
2	\$4.25	\$5.25	\$6.25	\$4.50	\$5.75
3	\$6.40	\$7.90	\$9.40	\$6.65	\$8.90
4	\$8.50	\$10.50	\$12.50	\$8.75	\$12.00
5	\$10.65	\$13.15	\$15.65	\$10.90	\$15.15
6	\$12.75	\$15.75	\$18.75	\$13.00	\$18.25

Notes:¹The rate has been rounded to the nearest five cents, as needed.

²For this type of payment method, the customer is charged the Good to Go!TM Pass toll rate plus a \$0.25 fee as provided in WAC [468-270-300](#).

³For this type of payment method, the customer is given a \$0.50 discount off the Pay By Mail toll rate as provided in WAC [468-270-300](#).

**Table 2, Effective July 1, 2014
Tacoma Narrows Bridge Toll Rates**

Vehicle Axles	Good to Go! TM Pass ¹	Cash ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Pay by Plate ²	Short Term Account ³
2	\$4.50	\$5.50	\$6.50	\$4.75	\$6.00
3	\$6.75	\$8.25	\$9.75	\$7.00	\$9.25
4	\$9.00	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$9.25	\$12.50
5	\$11.25	\$13.75	\$16.25	\$11.50	\$15.75
6	\$13.50	\$16.50	\$19.50	\$13.75	\$19.00

Notes:¹The rate has been rounded to the nearest five cents, as needed.

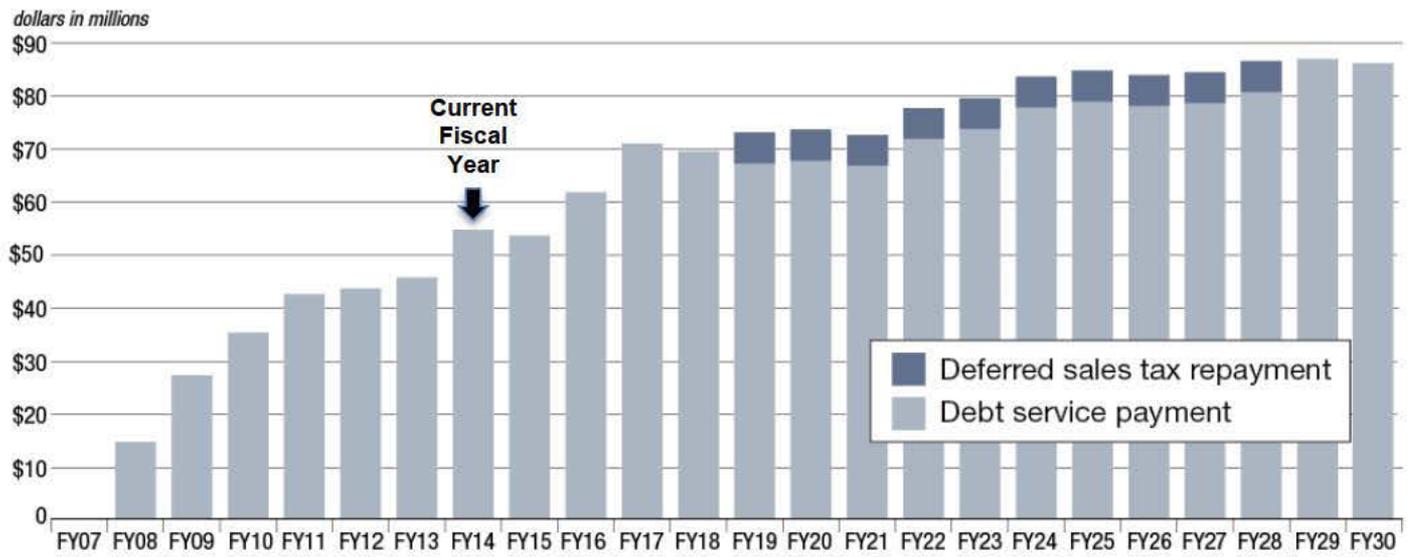
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What Rates Are Required?

- RCW 47.46.100 states the toll charges must be imposed in amount sufficient to:
 - Provide for annual operating and maintenance expenses, except as provided in RCW [47.56.245](#);
 - Make payments required under RCW [47.56.165](#) and [47.46.140](#), including insurance costs and the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued for any particular toll bridge or toll bridges; and
 - Repay the motor vehicle fund under RCW [47.46.110](#), [47.56.165](#), and [47.46.140](#).
- Transportation Commission policy states that the sufficient minimum balance shall not be less than 12.5 percent of annual Tacoma Narrows Bridge costs (equivalent to 45 days of working capital year round), measured on a retrospective three month rolling average fund balance
- In 2013, the Transportation Commission recommended that the criteria is met when the lowest projected monthly fund balance in a fiscal year (averaged over three months) exceeds the sufficient minimum balance

Current Debt Service Schedule



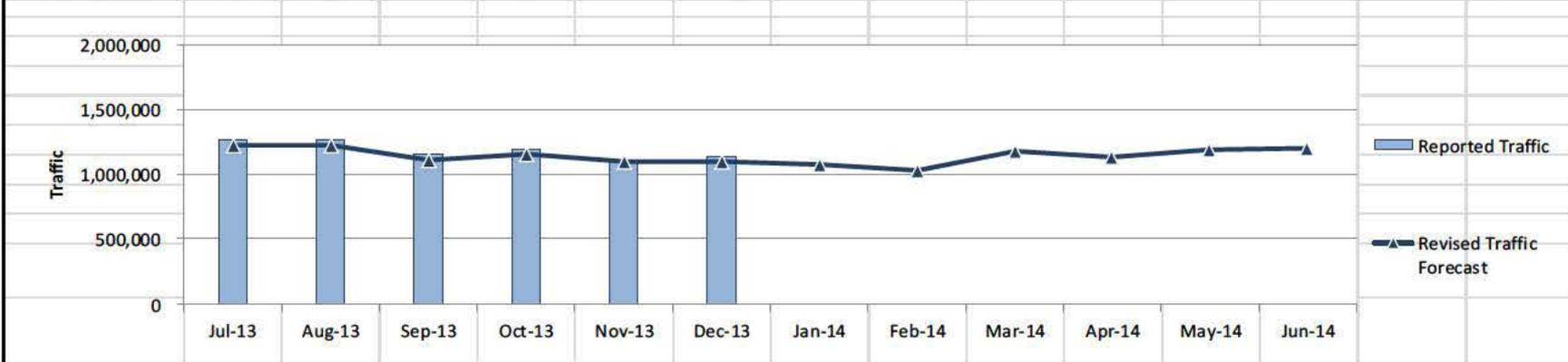
2002 plan toll rate		\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00		
Annual Toll Rate	Good To Go!	\$1.75	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$4.00	\$4.25	\$4.50
	Cash	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$5.50
	Pay By Mail	N/A	N/A	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$6.25	\$6.50

Does not include capitalized interest
 Source: WSDOT Budget and Financial Division

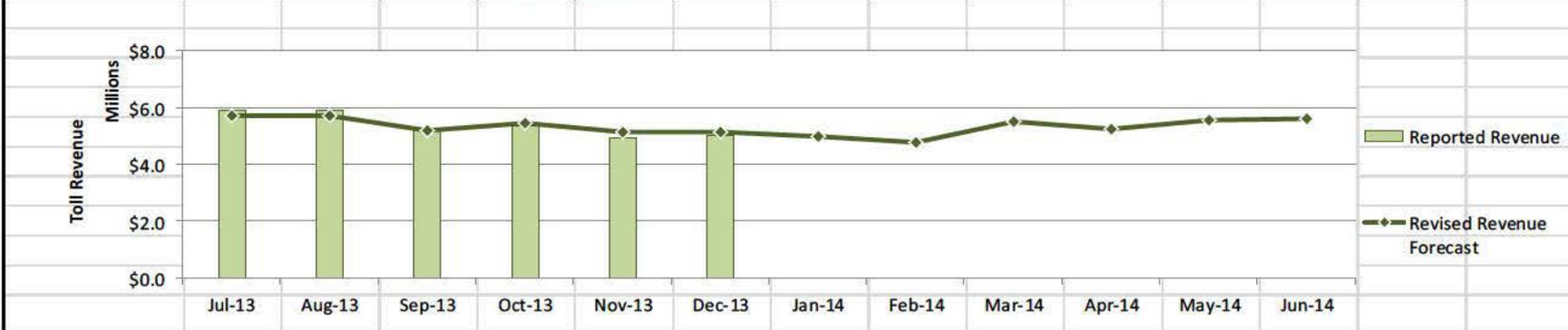
- Debt service payment schedule was set when project was originally financed in 2002
- Payments and toll rates were assumed to increase over time in the 2002 plan
- Repayment for deferred sales taxes to begin in December 2019 for ten years
- Capitalized interest paid in FY 2006 and 2007 is not shown

FY 2014 Q2 Projected and Reported Traffic and Revenue

TRAFFIC	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	YTD	Annual Total
Original Forecast	1,219,594	1,219,982	1,106,024	1,160,316	1,096,599	1,102,517	1,071,570	1,027,350	1,183,660	1,129,999	1,187,680	1,201,338	6,905,031	13,706,628
Revised Forecast	1,219,594	1,219,982	1,106,024	1,160,316	1,096,599	1,102,517	1,071,570	1,027,350	1,183,660	1,129,999	1,187,680	1,201,338	6,905,031	13,706,628
Reported Traffic	1,265,753	1,270,356	1,157,809	1,189,896	1,106,368	1,137,924	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,128,106	7,128,106
Variance from Original	46,159	50,374	51,785	29,580	9,769	35,407							223,075	223,075
Variance from Revised	46,159	50,374	51,785	29,580	9,769	35,407							223,075	223,075

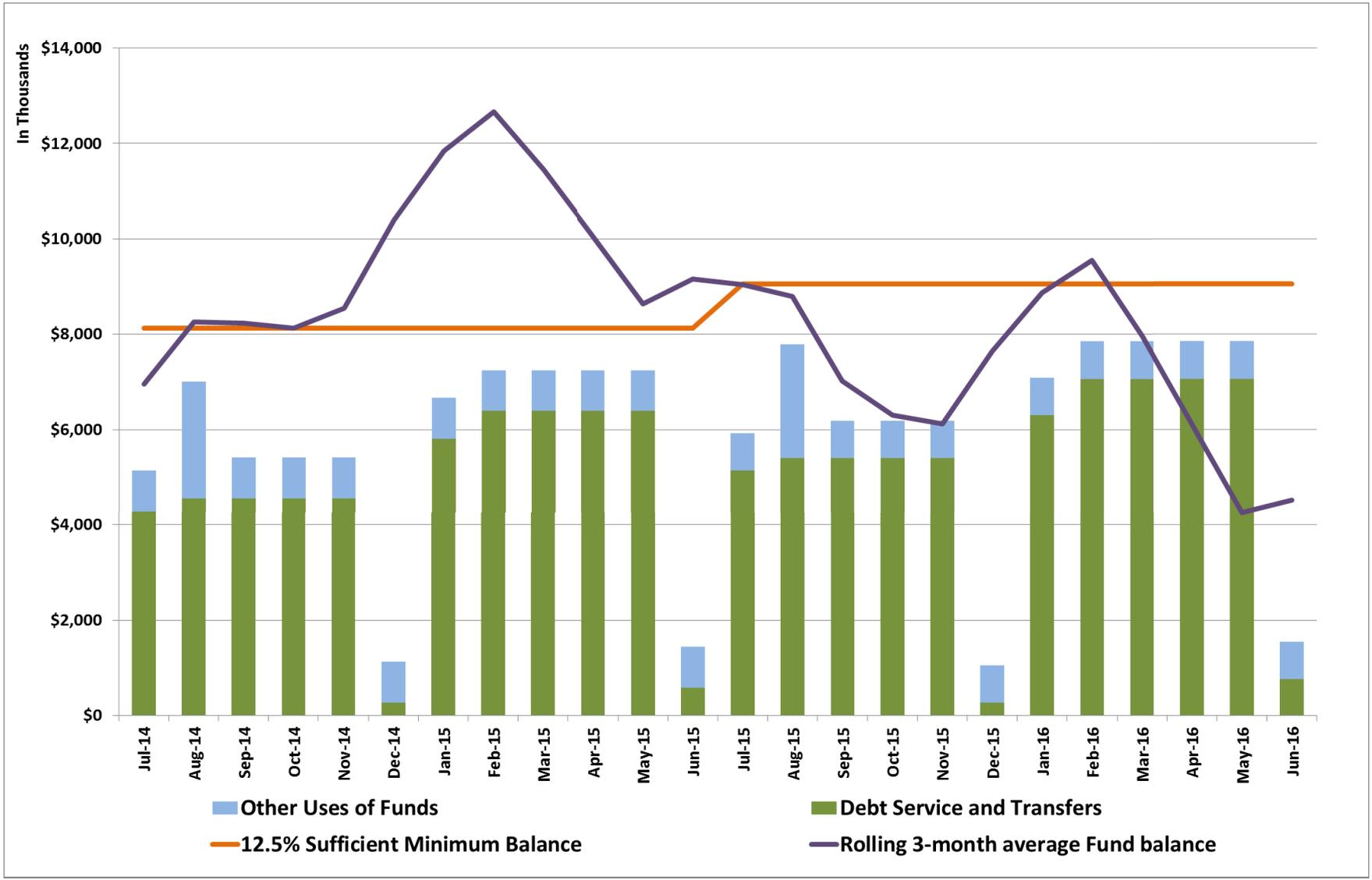


REVENUE	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	YTD	Annual Total
Original Forecast	\$5,706,032	\$5,727,106	\$5,194,762	\$5,433,390	\$5,120,522	\$5,137,786	\$4,990,034	\$4,783,003	\$5,510,782	\$5,260,819	\$5,554,511	\$5,609,252	\$32,319,598	\$64,028,000
Revised Forecast	\$5,706,032	\$5,727,106	\$5,194,762	\$5,442,638	\$5,129,237	\$5,146,531	\$4,998,527	\$4,791,144	\$5,520,162	\$5,269,773	\$5,563,965	\$5,618,799	\$32,346,306	\$64,108,676
Reported Revenue	\$5,912,885	\$5,903,521	\$5,196,745	\$5,359,305	\$4,949,524	\$5,051,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$32,373,706	\$32,373,706
Variance from Original	\$206,853	\$176,415	\$1,983	(\$74,085)	(\$170,998)	(\$86,060)							\$54,108	\$54,108
Variance from Revised	\$206,853	\$176,415	\$1,983	(\$83,333)	(\$179,713)	(\$94,805)							\$27,400	\$27,400



Sufficient Minimum Balance

Rolling 3-month average



Assumes a 25-cent increase in July 2014

Citizen Advisory Committee

Chair

- Alan Weaver

Recommendation

- Increase toll rates 25 cents across the board

Further study

- Joint Transportation Committee Tacoma Narrows Bridge Refinance Study

For questions or further information...

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