

WSDOT Ferries Division

Summary of Comments 2017/2018 Fare Proposal

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Presentation Outline:

- Summary of Commission Fare Proposal
- Public Outreach Meetings
- Summary of Comments Heard
- Options to Respond to Comments
- Next Steps

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Proposal Specifics

- Continue slight spreading of passenger and vehicle fares
- Oversize vehicles – fare increase less than vehicles under 22' to get back into proportional alignment based on length and height
- School group flat fee increase and application to home school customers
- Charge licensed two or three wheeled vehicles the motorcycle/stowage fare
- Charge bicycles towing any type of trailer the motorcycle/stowage fare

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Proposal Specifics (continued)

- Fire district fares – language update
- Commercial accounts – reinstate frequent discount
- Changes to prohibit Wave2Go commercial resale
- Small vehicle length determination – customer documentation at tollbooth
- General fare increase to meet legislature’s fare revenue target, October 2017 and October 2018

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Recent and Proposed Fare Increases

Fare Proposal in context of recent fare increases:

	Vehicle Fare Increase	Passenger Fare Increase
2013	3.0%	2.0%
2014*	2.5%	2.0%
2015	2.5%	1.0%
2016*	2.5%	1.0%
Proposed		
2017	2.9%	2.5%
2018	2.5%	2.1%

*Increase occurred in May

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Public Outreach Meetings

- July 6 – Bainbridge Island
- July 10 – Friday Harbor, San Juan Island
- July 11 – Freeland, Whidbey Island
- July 17 – Vashon Island
- July 17 – Additional Consultation
 - Cascade Bicycle Club
 - Washington Bikes
- July 26 – Adoption hearing, Seattle

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Summary of Comments

- Fare increase too high
 - Affordability issue
 - Should be tied to better service
 - Oversized vehicles should have the same increase as other vehicles
 - Residents should get a break on fares
- Objections to charging bikes with trailers the motorcycle/stowage fare
- Passengers and bikes should not have fare increases

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Summary of Comments (continued)

- Supportive of increases
- Public meetings should be in more locations
- WSF should have a low income fare
- Specific wording on bicycle/mopeds unlicensed or licensed

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Bicycle Trailer Options

- Charge motorcycle/stowage fare only to bikes towing kayaks or canoes
 - Easily identifiable from the tollbooth
 - Kayaks and canoes already are charged the motorcycle/stowage if they are walked aboard
- All other bicyclists towing trailers would pay applicable bicycle surcharge

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Bicycle Trailer Options (continued)



Source: bikesatwork.com



Source: <http://glench.com/make/kayak-trailer/>

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Bicycle Trailer – Options (continued)

Initial Proposal Language, WAC 468-300-010

Bicycles towing a trailer are to be charged the motorcycle/driver (stowage) rate in WAC 468-300-020. This rate includes the fare for the walk on passenger with the bicycle, and the trailer being towed by the bicycle.

Modified Language, WAC 468-300-010

Bicycles towing a kayak or canoe are to be charged the motorcycle/driver (stowage) rate in WAC 468-300-020. This rate includes the fare for the walk on passenger with the bicycle, and the kayak or canoe being towed by the bicycle. All other bicycles towing trailers are charged the applicable bicycle surcharge.

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License Wording – Options

Initial Proposal Language, WAC 468-300-010

For the purpose of WSF fare determination, the bicycle fare category shall include both bicycles and electric bicycles that do not require registration or license plates as defined by RCW 46.04.071 and 46.04.169.

Washington Bike Proposed Language, WAC 468-300-010

For the purpose of WSF fare determination, the bicycle fare category shall include both bicycles as defined in RCW 46.04.071 and electric bicycles as defined in RCW 46.04.169; as distinct from mopeds as defined in 46.04.304 and motorcycles as defined in RCW 46.04.330, bicycles and electric bicycles do not require registration or license plates.

Commission Staff Modified Language, WAC 468-300-010

For the purpose of WSF fare determination, the bicycle fare category shall include both bicycles as defined in RCW 46.04.071 and electric-assisted bicycles as defined in RCW 46.04.169.

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Passenger Fare Options

- Fare proposal based on legislative budget from March 2017 forecasts
 - Requirement for **\$381.25** million in FY 2017/2019 in operating revenue from fares
 - June forecasts are a little higher, original proposal now forecast to generate **\$381.73** million
- Opportunity for Commission to slightly reduce the proposed passenger fares and enhance the passenger/vehicle fare spread
 - The 2017 passenger fare rates would go up **2.1%**, not 2.5% as originally proposed – this still generates **\$381.45** million
 - This is in alignment with original FAC-T range of 2.1% - 2.5%

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Passenger Fare Options

Central Sound Fares, including Capital Surcharge:

	WSTC PROPOSAL	REVISED PROPOSAL
Current Passenger Fare	\$8.20	\$8.20
2017 Fare	\$8.40 (+2.5%)	\$8.35 (+2.1%)
2018 Fare	\$8.55 (+2.1%)	\$8.50 (+2.1%)

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Fare Proposals Considered

	March Revenue Forecast (Leg Budget)		WSTC Proposal		Revised Alternative	
<i>Vehicle fares</i>	2.5% in Oct '17 & Oct '18		2.9% in Oct '17 & 2.5% Oct '18		2.9% in Oct '17 & 2.5% Oct '18	
<i>Passenger fares</i>	2.5% in Oct '17 & Oct '18		2.5% in Oct '17 & 2.1% Oct '18		2.1% in Oct '17 & 2.1% Oct '18	
Standard Vehicle (14'-22') - without capital surcharge						
	Fare	Yr-Yr Chg	Fare	Yr-Yr Chg	Fare	Yr-Yr Chg
Current full fare	\$14.35	--	\$14.35	--	\$14.35	--
2017 Increase:	2.5%		2.9%		2.9%	
Apply pct increase	14.7088		14.7662		14.7662	
Round to nearest nickel	\$14.70	\$0.35	\$14.75	\$0.40	\$14.75	\$0.40
2018 Increase:	2.5%		2.5%		2.5%	
Apply pct increase	15.0675		15.1188		15.1188	
Round to nearest nickel	\$15.05	\$0.35	\$15.10	\$0.35	\$15.10	\$0.35
Total increase over current		\$0.70		\$0.75		\$0.75
Passenger - without capital surcharge						
	Fare	Change	Fare	Change	Fare	Change
Current full fare	\$7.95	--	\$7.95	--	\$7.95	--
2017 Increase:	2.5%		2.5%		2.1%	
Apply pct increase	8.1488		8.1488		8.1170	
Round to nearest nickel	\$8.15	\$0.20	\$8.15	\$0.20	\$8.10	\$0.15
2018 Increase:	2.5%		2.1%		2.1%	
Apply pct increase	8.3538		8.3212		8.2701	
Round to nearest nickel	\$8.35	\$0.20	\$8.30	\$0.15	\$8.25	\$0.15
Total increase over current		\$0.40		\$0.35		\$0.30

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Timeline and Next Steps

Milestone	Current Date
FAC-T Kick off	November 2016
WSTC Presentation	January 2017
Adopted Budget	April 2017
CR101 Filing	NLT 5/3/17
Fare Proposal to WSTC	May 16, 2017
CR102 Filing	June 16-21
Public Comment	June/July
Public Hearing	July 26th
CR103 Filing	NLT 8/31/17
Fares Take Effect	Oct 1, 2017

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Questions?

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