



Washington State  
Transportation Commission

# 2017 Toll Report

*Report Overview*  
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# 2017 Toll Report Summary

## **Report identifies the following for each facility:**

- Summary of Commission's 2017 tolling plans
- Review of 2016 commission action
- Tolling-related recommendations by facility

## **Additional sections dedicated to the following:**

- Commission's preliminary decision on revising the TNB Sufficient Minimum Balance Policy
- Commission work and recommendations on Future Tolling Facilities and on Toll System Operations and Planning

# Tacoma Narrows Bridge & SR 520 Floating Bridge



## TNB & SR 520 Tolling Overview

- Toll revenues make bond payments and finance maintenance & operations.
- Variable tolls on SR 520 manage congestion.
- Planned Toll Rate Changes, July 1, 2017:
  - TNB: Rates under review.
  - SR 520: 5% increase (+\$0.20 peak hour) & \$1.25 overnight tolls begin (11pm-5am).

## TNB Recommendations

- Consider change to SMB Policy from 12.5% of annual costs to a flat \$10 million.
- Explore approaches to subsidizing debt service or significant periodic costs.

# I-405 Express Toll Lanes & SR 167 HOT Lanes Pilot



## I-405 ETL & SR 167 HOT Lanes Overview

- Allow non-HOV drivers to buy into HOV lanes.
- Dynamic tolling: Rates vary based on traffic volumes and speed.
- I-405 ETL rate (peak trips, peak direction):
  - 56% of trips at \$0.75
  - 3% of trips at \$10.00
- Considered consistency of hours of operations between facilities over the long-term.

## Recommendations

- Continue operation of SR 167 HOT Lanes.
- Invest surplus I-405 ETLs toll revenue to improve performance in single-lane section.



EXPRESS TOLL LANES	
NE 124th St	\$0.75
Jct 	\$1.00
Jct 	\$1.25
HOV 3+ FREE W/FLEX PASS	

# Toll System Operations & Planning

As the State Tolling Authority, current law requires the Commission to “review toll collection policies, toll operations policies, and toll revenue expenditures on the eligible toll facilities...” (RCW 47.56.850(1))



## Recommendations

- The Commission supports the distribution of back office system re-procurement costs to include the SR 99 Tunnel.
- The Legislature should direct development of a strategic tolling policy plan setting a path forward on tolling into the future.



# Thank you!

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