Like the price of gasoline, the cost of fuel for the ferries goes up and down with worldwide supply and demand. The WSF budget for fuel is determined based on fuel cost projections during the Legislative session. Among the strategies being considered to address differences between projected and actual fuel prices is a fuel surcharge.

When fuel prices grow higher than what was funded in the state budget, how do you think these unplanned increases in fuel costs should be paid for?

Respondents:

** Public – people from the new link sent to Reema yesterday.

- 41% By transferring additional gas tax state subsidies to ferries
- 19% By other means
- 21% By some combination
- 12% By adding a fuel surcharge of up to 20%
- 7% By increasing fares generally, but not tying the increases specifically to fuel price

Panel Members 78%

Non-panel 22%

Public <1%

(n=2,355)