



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	

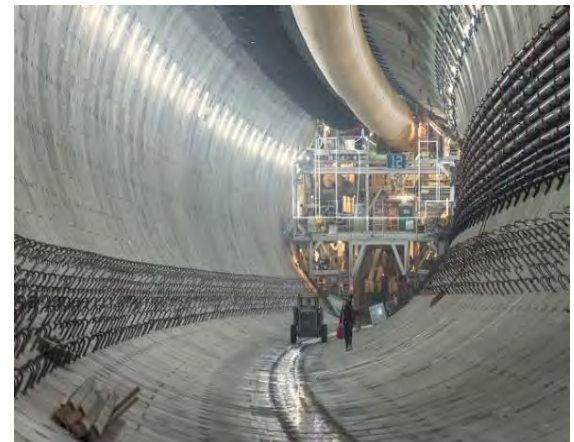
Toll System Operations & Planning

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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