



# 2021 Transportation Budgets Tolling & Ferry Appropriations Update

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# Enacted Budgets Update — SR 520 Bridge

- 2019-21 Biennium
  - Provided \$18.2 million in support operations and maintenance costs, necessary to meet SR 520 bridge financial requirements.
- 2021-23 Biennium
  - Provided an estimated \$50 million to fully fund SR 520 bridge operations and maintenance costs in the 2021-23 biennium with American Rescue Plan funds.

# Enacted Budgets Update — SR 99 Tunnel

- 2019-21 Biennium
  - Deferred \$9.992 million Motor Vehicle Account (MVA) loan due in FY 2021
  - Provided additional \$13 million MVA loan to full address shortfall
- 2021-23 Biennium
  - Provided \$6 million MVA loan to assist with meeting financial requirements.
- Loan Repayment
  - Legislature assumed repayment of new and deferred loans when traffic recovers from COVID-19 impacts, but did not define

# Enacted Budgets Update — SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge

- 2019-21 Biennium
  - Maintained existing \$12.5 million loan provided in 2019 for the 2019-21 biennium
- 2021-23 Biennium
  - Total support of \$46 million for the 2021-23 biennium
    - Loan of \$30.3 million for repayment in FY 30-31
    - Subsidy of \$15.7 million from American Rescue Plan funds
- Funding aligns with assumption for 25 cent rate base fare increase in FY 2022

# Washington State Ferries (WSF) 2021-23 Budget Overview

- The Legislature
  - Establishes state ferry system expenditure levels
  - Determines where revenues will come from
- The 2021-23 Current Law Budget
  - Assumes a 2.5% across-the-board fare increase in both FY 2022 and FY 2023 to generate \$391 million:
    - \$377 million – operating revenue
    - \$14 million – capital surcharge revenue



# Washington State Ferries (WSF) 2021-23 Budget Overview

- \$9.2 million in additional operating revenue needed to be generated with a general fare increase for the 2021-23 biennium

## *March Forecast Base Fare Revenue for Operations compared to 2.5% increase in Oct/Oct*

|              | BASELINE – No Fare Increase |            | March Alt 1 - 2.5% INCREASE |            | DIFFERENCE         |                  |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
|              | Revenue                     | Ridership  | Revenue                     | Ridership  | Revenue            | Ridership        |
| 2021         | \$142,725,000               | 14,651,000 | \$142,725,000               | 14,651,000 |                    |                  |
| 2022         | \$171,842,000               | 19,363,000 | \$174,358,000               | 19,305,000 | \$2,516,000        | (58,000)         |
| 2023         | \$195,628,000               | 22,804,000 | \$202,269,000               | 22,605,000 | \$6,641,000        | (199,000)        |
| <b>Total</b> |                             |            |                             |            | <b>\$9,157,000</b> | <b>(257,000)</b> |

Source: Washington Transportation Forecast Revenue Council March 2021 Forecast.