



SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge Toll Rate Setting Update

WSTC Commission Meeting

May 11, 2021

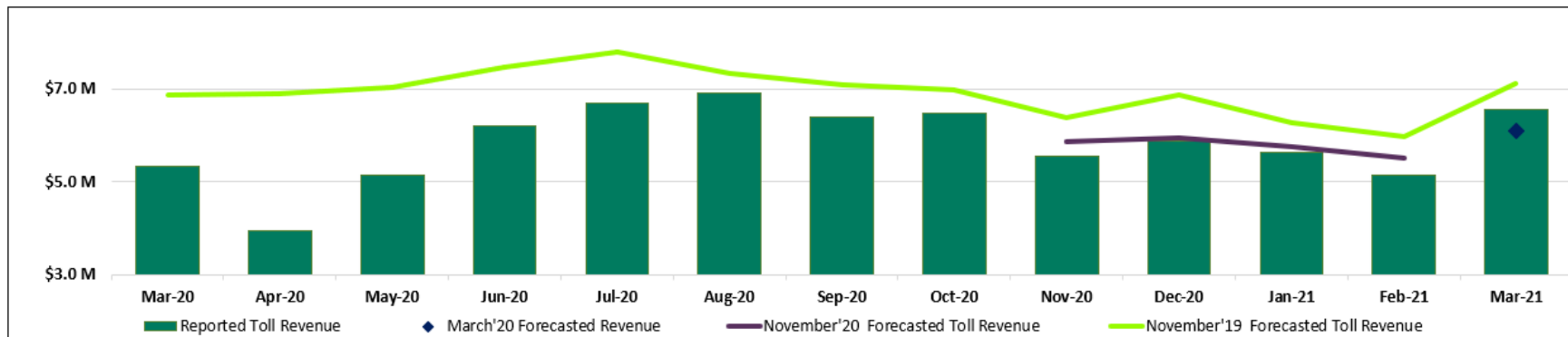
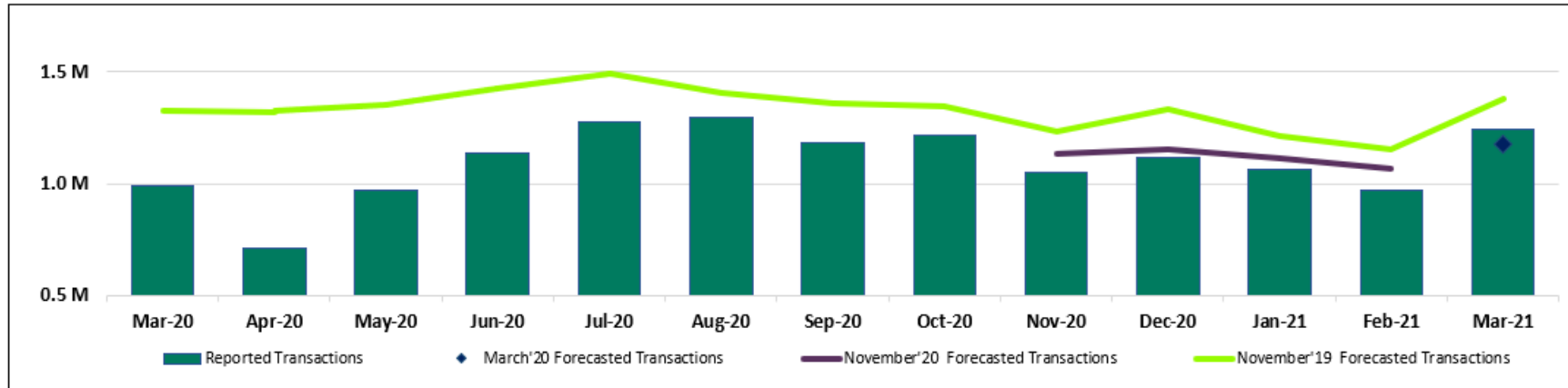
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TNB Traffic and Revenue Forecast vs. Actual

- Thirteen-month (March 2020 to March 2021) toll revenue was 16%, or \$14.2 million below the Pre-COVID forecast



TNB Rate-setting Context

- The 2018 Legislature clarified its intent to mitigate future rate increases by loaning funds to the TNB account, to be repaid along with deferred sales taxes once bonds are retired
 - Loans have been appropriated biennially in amounts recommended by WSTC
 - Legislation stipulated a single 25 cent rate increase effective as soon as FY 2022
- Traffic reductions due to pandemic increased the loan amount needed for the 2021-23 biennium
 - \$9.7 million expense for toll system replacement was also deferred from FY 2019-21 biennium to 2022-23 to reduce immediate financial impact of COVID on the TNB Account
- Despite these setbacks, the transportation budget provided relief sufficient to meet their 2018 intent to limit toll increases to 25 cents

TNB Loan & Subsidy for 2021-23 Biennium

- 2021-23 budget provides 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.


TNB Loan & Subsidy: 2021-2023 Biennium*

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23 Biennium
2020 TNB Loan Update	\$ 6,138,000	\$ 7, 114,000	\$ 13,252,000
2021 TNB Loan Update	\$ 25,546,000	\$ 13,327,000	\$ 38,873,000
2021-23 Budget	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000	\$46,000,000

*Estimates rounded to nearest thousand.

Current and Proposed TNB Toll Rates

- Proposed toll rate increase of 25 cents with effective date of October 1, 2021

	 Pass	Cash Tolls	Pay By Mail
Current Toll Rate	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Proposed Toll Rate	\$5.25	\$6.25	\$7.25

Notes:

- Good To Go! Pay By Plate transactions pay an additional 25¢ fee over Pass rate*
- Tolls for multi-axle vehicles are a multiple of the passenger car rates (up to six axles)*

Next Steps

- Complete assessment of TNB financial information in support of the proposed rate setting.
- Present assessment and proposed rate setting options to the Commission on May 18th for review and input.

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