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February 2026 Transportation Revenue Forecast

State Transportation Revenue Overview

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Overall Transportation Forecast

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February 2026 Transportation Forecast Highlights

Compared to the previous Nov. 2025 forecast, **total transportation revenue is down**:

- **2025-27 biennium:** $8.7 billion – **down** $101 million, or -1.1%, compared to Nov.
- **2027-29 biennium:** $10.7 billion – **down** $86 million, or -0.8%, compared Nov.
- **2029-31 biennium:** $10.3 billion – **down** $166 million, or -1.6%, compared to Nov.
- **Total:** $29.7 billion – **down** $353 million, or -1.2%

This reduction is primarily driven by declines in revenues from:

- Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Collections
- Licenses, Permits, and Fees
- Climate Commitment Act

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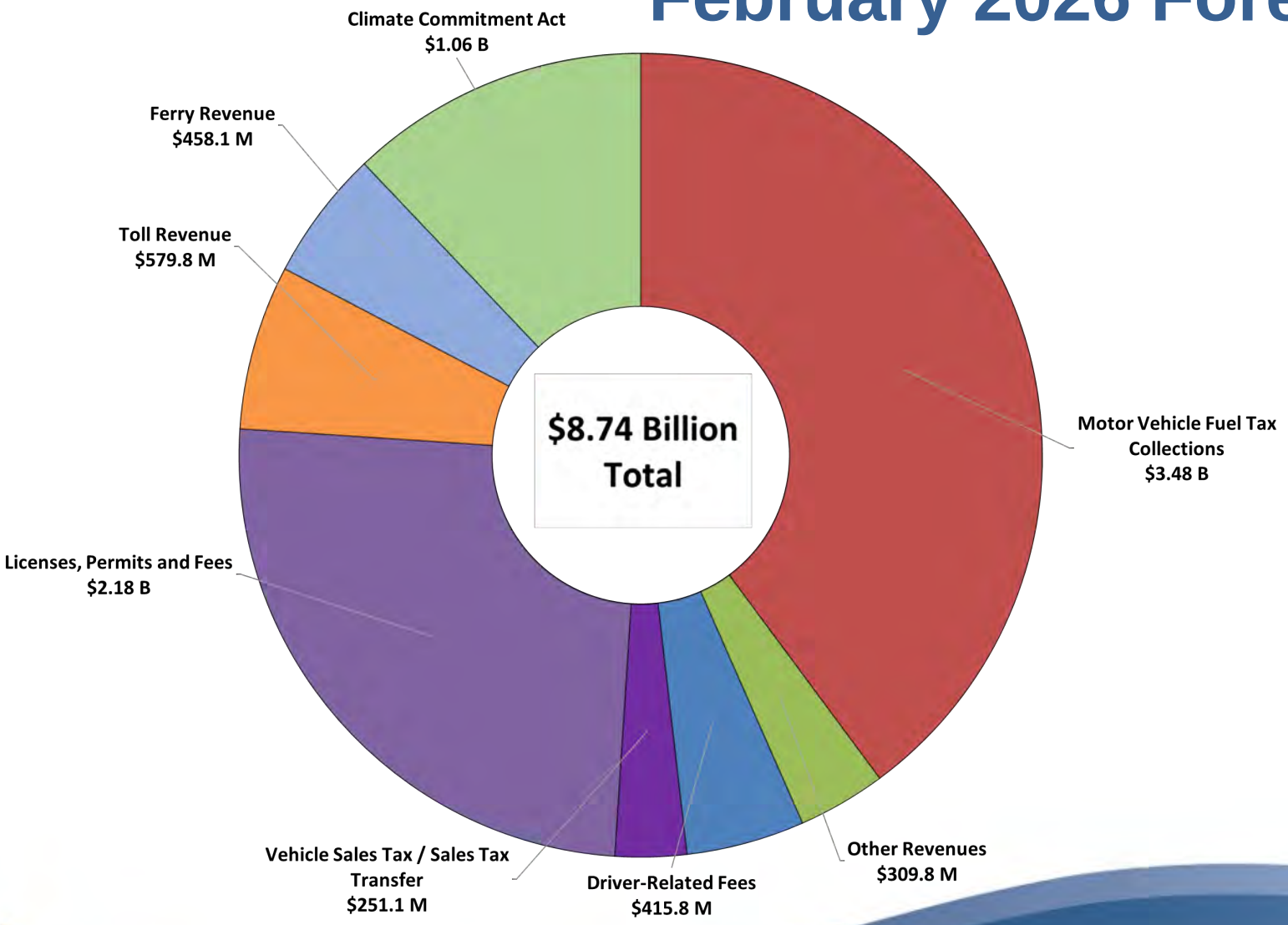
2025-27 Transportation Revenues by Source
February 2026 Forecast



Additional funding sources include:

- Federal funds
- Existing bond authority

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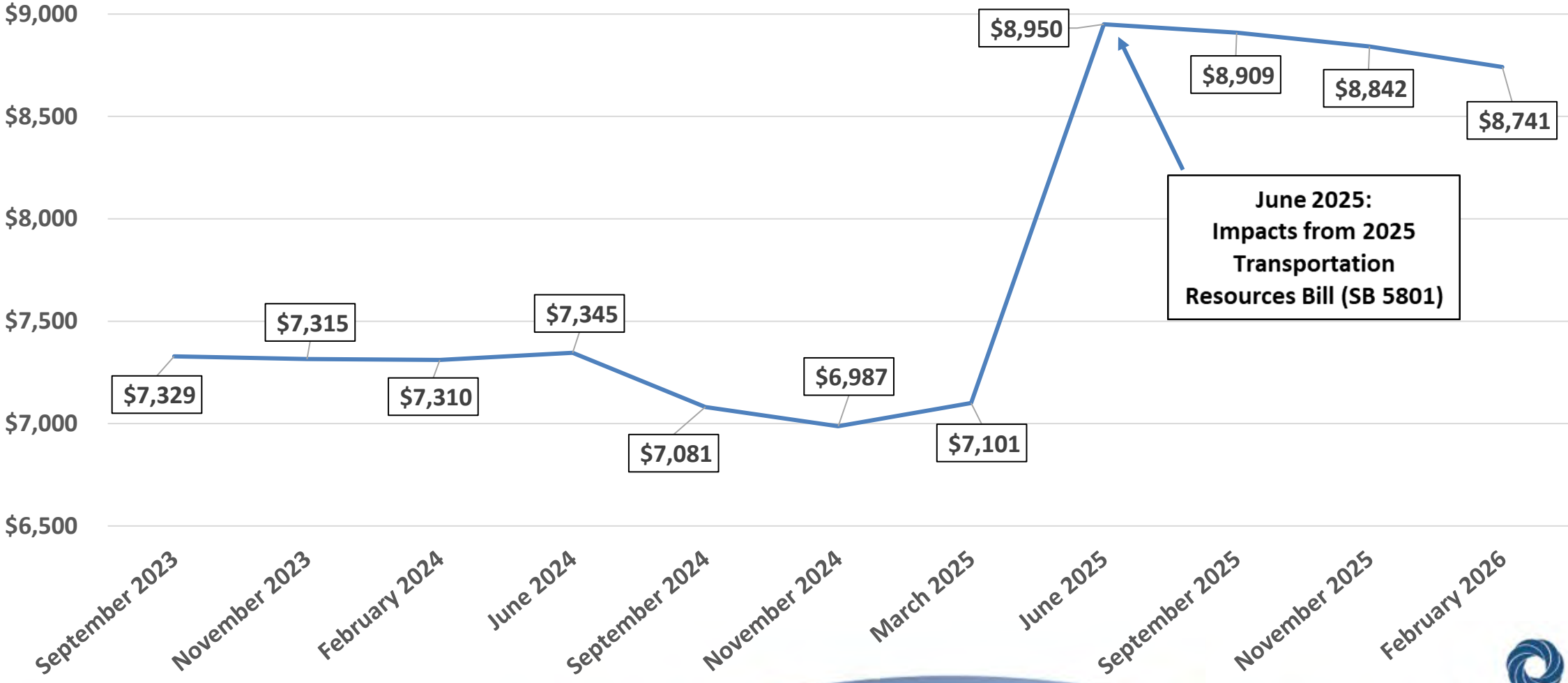
2025-27 Transportation Revenues*
February 2026 Forecast vs. Prior Forecasts



*in millions of dollars

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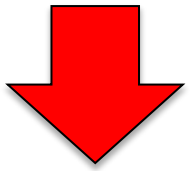
September 2025 Transportation Revenue Highlights
February 2026 vs. Nov. 2025 Forecasts

February 2026 forecasted revenues compared to prior forecast (November 2025)

Fuel Tax Revenue

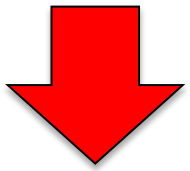


2025-27 Biennium: $3.5 billion, **down** $65.4 million or -1.8%

2027-29 Biennium: $3.6 billion, **down** $62.4 million or -1.7%

2029-31 Biennium: $3.7 billion, **down** $89.7 million or -2.4%

Vehicle Licenses, Permits and Fee Revenue



2025-27 Biennium: $2.2 billion, **down** $27.8 million or -1.3%

2027-29 Biennium: $2.4 billion, **down** $20.0 million or -0.8%

2029-31 Biennium: $2.6 billion, **down** $20.5 million or -0.8%

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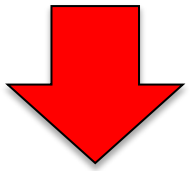
Climate Commitment Act (CCA)



2025-27 Biennium: $1.05 billion, **unchanged** from November

2027-29 Biennium: $860.2 million, **unchanged** from November

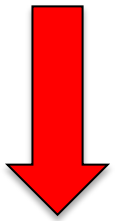
2029-31 Biennium: $696.7 million, **down** $57.1 million or -7.6%

Other changes between 2025-27 through 2029-31

Ferry Revenue: **up** $5.2 million (+0.4%)

Vehicle Sales Tax: **up** $1.5 million (+0.1%)

Aviation Revenue: **up** $0.1 million (+0.2%)



Driver-Related Fees: **down** $3.2 million (-0.3%)

Rental Car Tax: **down** $1.5 million (-0.3%)

Business/other Revenue: **down** $22.8 million (-2.9%)

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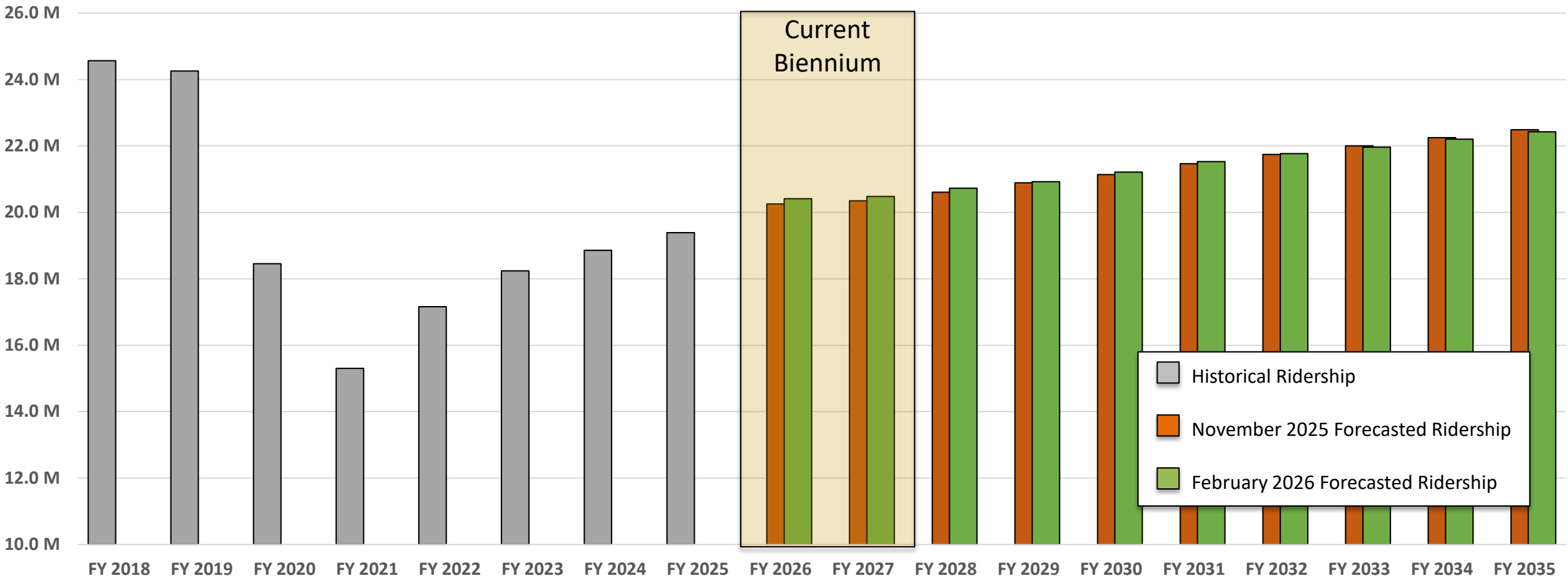
Ferries Forecast

Total Ferry Ridership Demand – February vs Nov.



2025-27 Biennium Total Ridership: 40.9 million riders (**up** 287,000 riders from November)

- This includes 21.6 million passenger riders and 19.3 million vehicle/driver riders

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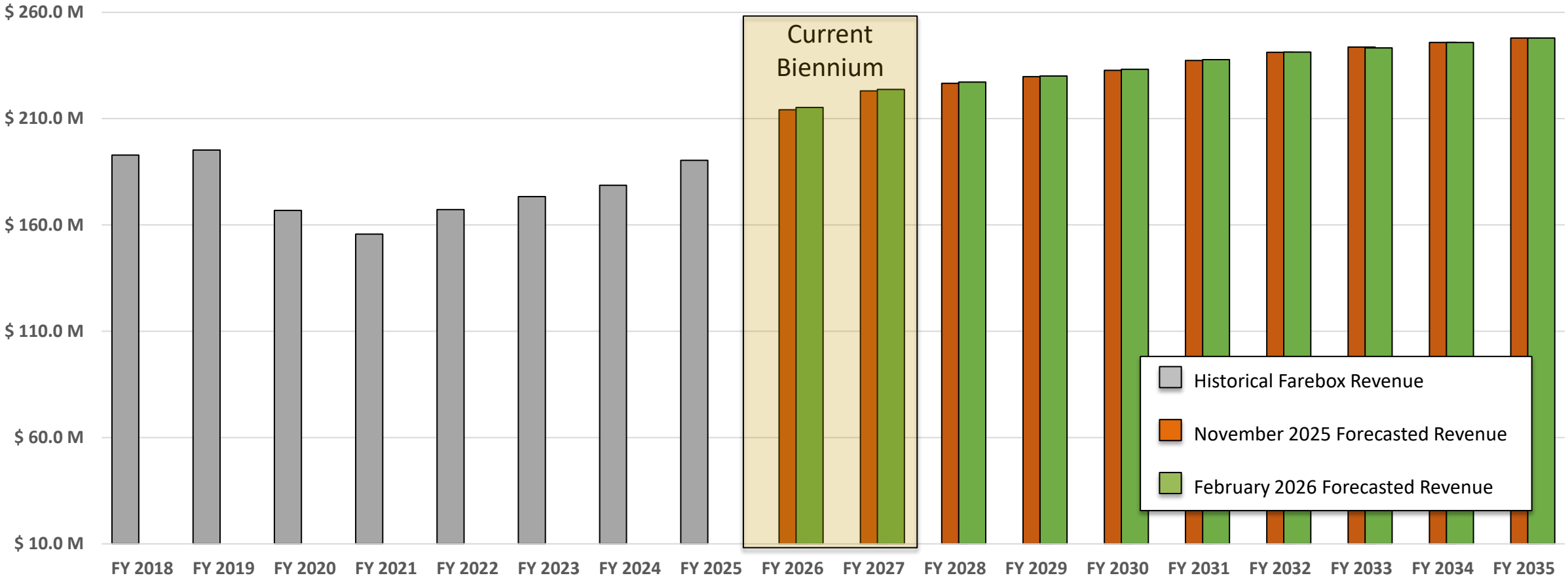
Total Ferry Farebox Revenue – February vs Nov.



2025-27 Biennium Total Farebox Revenue: $439.1 million (**up** $1.8 million from November)

- This includes $415.1 million from base ferry fares and $23.9 million from the capital/vessel surcharge

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February 2026 Ferries Forecast vs Fare Revenue Target

The 2025 Transportation Budget assumes **$408.8 million** to come from ferry fare revenue for ferry operations.

The February 2026 forecast projects **$415.1 million** in ferry fare revenues for the 2025-27 biennium.

- That is **$6.3 million** above the fare revenue target.

2026 Supplemental Fare Revenue Target	February 2026 Forecast	Difference
$ 408,765,000	$ 415,117,000	+ $ 6,352,000

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Tolling Forecast

February 2026 Tolling Forecast

Recent toll traffic and revenue monthly variances relative to the November forecast are minimal and not materially significant. Therefore, there are **no changes to report**.

Forecasted Adjusted Gross Toll Revenue (in millions)			
	2025-27 Biennium	**2027-29 Biennium**	**2029-31 Biennium**
Tacoma Narrows Bridge	$ 154.5	$ 157.5	$ 160.7
SR 520 Bridge	$ 187.9	$ 196.8	$ 207.5
SR 99 Tunnel	$ 69.6	$ 71.4	$ 73.4
SR 509 Expressway	$ 7.1	$ 21.3	$ 44.3
SR 167 Express Toll Lanes	$ 31.9	$ 50.3	$ 54.0
I-405 Express Toll Lanes	$ 72.0	$ 92.8	$ 99.9
Total	**$ 522.9**	**$ 590.1**	**$ 639.8**

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February 2026 General Fund Revenue Forecast Highlights

General Fund revenue sources include retail sales and use, property, business and occupation, real estate, public utility, tobacco taxes, and insurance premiums.

2025-27 biennium: $75.3 billion

2027-29 biennium: $80.4 billion

up $1.8 billion from November

2029-31 biennium: $86.6 billion

Note: The 2029-31 biennium was added as part of the February forecast. Revenue collections by the end of the 2025–27 biennium are now forecast to be $438 million higher than the revenue projection used when the 2025 budget was enacted in May 2025.

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