

WSR 21-15-122

PROPOSED RULES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 21-07-116.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: For purposes of setting State Route (SR) 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge toll rates, fees, and policies, amending WAC 468-270-070 What are the toll rates on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge?

Hearing Location(s): On August 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., virtual, https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RWa6Kv9MSZGhsSWSf-0ovw. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Washington state transportation commission (WSTC) will hold this hearing virtually to promote social distancing and the safety of the citizens of Washington state. This is an online meeting that you can attend from any computer using internet access. Please register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RWa6Kv9MSZGhsSWSf-0ovw. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Participants can use their telephone or computer to attend and testify.

Date of Intended Adoption: Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Submit Written Comments to: WSTC, P.O. Box 47308, Olympia, WA 98504-7308, email transc@wstc.wa.gov, fax 360-705-6802, by August 16, 2021.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Bobbie Garver, phone 360-705-7070, fax 360-705-6802, TTY 711 connect to 360-705-7070, email transc@wstc.wa.gov, by August 16, 2021.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The purpose of this rule is to adjust toll rates for the SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge to meet financial requirements.

The anticipated effects of this proposal are that toll rates for the SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge will increase.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Pursuant to RCW 47.56.030 and 47.46.100, these rules establish toll rates for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Pursuant to RCW 47.46.100(3), WSTC shall set toll rates to be sufficient to meet maintenance and operations costs, insurance costs, make repayments to the motor vehicle fund, and make principal and interest payments on the debt. Pursuant to RCW 47.56.795, WSTC is also authorized to assess system-wide administrative fees as appropriate for toll collection processes. This increase is pursuant to RCW 47.46.190(4).

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 47.46.100, 47.56.030.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 47.46.100, 47.56.030, 47.46.190.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: WSTC, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Carl See, WSTC, 2404 Chandler Court S.W., Olympia, WA 98504, 360-705-7070; Implementation and Enforcement: Ed Barry, Washington State Department of Transportation, 2901 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-464-1217.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(vi), a cost-benefit analysis is not re-

quired, as this is setting or adjusting fees or rates pursuant to legislative requirements in RCW 47.46.100.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules set or adjust fees under the authority of RCW 19.02.075 or that set or adjust fees or rates pursuant to legislative standards, including fees set or adjusted under the authority of RCW 19.80.045.

July 21, 2021
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 Executive Director

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-17-163, 19-01-066 and 19-10-006, filed 8/21/18, 12/14/18 and 4/18/19, effective 8/1/19)

WAC 468-270-070 What are the toll rates on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge? The toll rates for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1, Effective ((July 1, 2015)) October 1, 2021
 Tacoma Narrows Bridge Toll Rates**

Vehicle Axles	Good to Go!™ Pass ¹	Cash ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Good To Go!™ Pay by Plate ²
2	(((\$5.00)) \$5.25	(((\$6.00)) \$6.25	(((\$7.00)) \$7.25	(((\$5.25)) \$5.50
3	(((\$7.50)) \$7.90	(((\$9.00)) \$9.40	(((\$10.50)) \$10.90	(((\$7.75)) \$8.15
4	(((\$10.00)) \$10.50	(((\$12.00)) \$12.50	(((\$14.00)) \$14.50	(((\$10.25)) \$10.75
5	(((\$12.50)) \$13.15	(((\$15.00)) \$15.65	(((\$17.50)) \$18.15	(((\$12.75)) \$13.40
6	(((\$15.00)) \$15.75	(((\$18.00)) \$18.75	(((\$21.00)) \$21.75	(((\$15.25)) \$16.00

Notes: ¹The rate has been rounded to the nearest five cents, as needed.
²For this type of payment method, the customer is charged the Good to Go!™ Pass toll rate plus a \$0.25 fee as provided in WAC 468-270-300.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 47.46.100, 47.56.030, 47.46.105, 47.56.795, and 47.56.850. WSR 18-17-163, 19-01-066 and 19-10-006, § 468-270-070, filed 8/21/18, 12/14/18 and 4/18/19, effective 8/1/19. Statutory Authority: Chapter 47.46 RCW and RCW 47.56.240. WSR 16-11-092, § 468-270-070, filed 5/18/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: Chapter 47.46 RCW and RCW 47.56.165. WSR 15-12-013, § 468-270-070, filed 5/21/15, effective 7/1/15; WSR 13-12-006, § 468-270-070, filed 5/23/13, effective 7/1/13; WSR 12-12-036, § 468-270-070, filed 5/30/12, effective 7/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.46.100 (1) and (2), 47.46.105(1), 47.56.030 (1)(b), 47.56.795(6), and 47.56.165(4). WSR 11-04-070, § 468-270-070, filed 1/28/11, effective 12/3/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.56.240. WSR 09-13-038, § 468-270-070, filed 6/10/09, effective 7/11/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.56.030,

47.46.100. WSR 08-12-054, § 468-270-070, filed 6/2/08, effective 7/3/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.56.403. WSR 08-06-032, § 468-270-070, filed 2/26/08, effective 4/7/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 47.56.030, 47.46.100. WSR 07-13-010, § 468-270-070, filed 6/8/07, effective 7/9/07.]