

WSR 25-07-099
EXPEDITED RULES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
[Filed March 18, 2025, 3:08 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: SR 99 Tunnel planned three percent toll rate increase (WAC 468-270-073).

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: This proposal implements the planned three percent toll rate increase for the SR 99 Tunnel that will take effect on July 1, 2025, as established in WAC 468-270-073 and as described in WAC 468-270-040 in October 2018.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: When toll rates were initially set on the SR 99 Tunnel in October 2018, the Washington state transportation commission (WSTC) established a plan for three percent toll rate increases to take effect every three years, subject to review and approval by WSTC. The purpose of these planned toll rate increases is to manage ongoing cost inflation and support financial sufficiency for the facility. As such, this rule provides transparency and further clarification for the public regarding toll rate amounts currently established in chapter 468-270 WAC for the SR 99 Tunnel.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 47.56.030, 47.56.850, and 47.56.862.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 47.56.830 and 47.56.862.

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.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: This rule making will change toll rates on the SR 99 Tunnel consistent with the intent of WAC 468-270-040 (3)(b), and as such expedited rule making is appropriate. The plan for a three percent toll rate increase for the SR 99 Tunnel on July 1, 2025, was established in WAC 468-270-073 and described in WAC 468-270-040 (3)(b), as adopted by WSTC in October 2018 with public notice and comments taken at that time.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Carl See, WSTC, P.O. Box 47308, Olympia, WA 98504-7308, phone 360-705-7070, fax 360-705-6802, BEGINNING April 2, 2025, 12:00 a.m., AND RECEIVED BY May 19, 2025, 11:59 p.m.

March 10, 2025
 Reema Griffith
 Executive Director

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-07-078, filed 3/22/22, effective 4/22/22)

WAC 468-270-073 What are the toll rates on the SR 99 Tunnel?

(1) Tables 7 through 11 show the applicable toll rates by vehicle axles, day and time of travel, and method of payment.

(2) Effective July 1, 2022, and every three years thereafter, subject to review and potential adjustment by the commission, toll rates shall be increased as described in WAC 468-270-040 (3)(b).

~~((TABLE 7a, Effective September 26, 2021
 SR 99 TUNNEL
 TWO-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES~~

((Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!TM Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!TM Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	\$1.15	\$3.15	\$1.40
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	\$1.45	\$3.45	\$1.70
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	\$1.75	\$3.75	\$2.00
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	\$1.45	\$3.45	\$1.70
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	\$2.60	\$4.60	\$2.85
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	\$1.45	\$3.45	\$1.70
11 p.m. to midnight	\$1.15	\$3.15	\$1.40
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!TM Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!TM Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	\$1.15	\$3.15	\$1.40

Notes: ¹The rate for electronic tolls has been rounded to the nearest five cents, as needed.
²For this type of payment method, the customer is charged the Good to Go!TM Pass toll rate plus a \$0.25 fee as provided in WAC 468-270-300.
³The weekend rates will be assessed on the days on which holidays are observed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.)

**TABLE 7((b)), Effective July 1, ((2022)) 2025
 SR 99 TUNNEL
 TWO-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES**

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!TM Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!TM Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	(((\$1.20)) \$1.25	(((\$3.20)) \$3.25	(((\$1.45)) \$1.50
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	(((\$1.50)) \$1.55	(((\$3.50)) \$3.55	(((\$1.75)) \$1.80
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	(((\$1.80)) \$1.85	(((\$3.80)) \$3.85	(((\$2.05)) \$2.10
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	(((\$1.50)) \$1.55	(((\$3.50)) \$3.55	(((\$1.75)) \$1.80
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	(((\$2.70)) \$2.80	(((\$4.70)) \$4.80	(((\$2.95)) \$3.05

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	(((\$1.50)) <u>\$1.55</u>)	(((\$3.50)) <u>\$3.55</u>)	(((\$1.75)) <u>\$1.80</u>)
11 p.m. to midnight	(((\$1.20)) <u>\$1.25</u>)	(((\$3.20)) <u>\$3.25</u>)	(((\$1.45)) <u>\$1.50</u>)
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	(((\$1.20)) <u>\$1.25</u>)	(((\$3.20)) <u>\$3.25</u>)	(((\$1.45)) <u>\$1.50</u>)

Notes: ¹The rate for electronic tolls 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.
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~~(TABLE 8a, Effective September 26, 2021
SR 99 TUNNEL
THREE-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES~~

((Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	\$1.75	\$4.75	\$2.00
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	\$2.20	\$5.20	\$2.45
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	\$2.65	\$5.65	\$2.90
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	\$2.20	\$5.20	\$2.45
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	\$3.90	\$6.90	\$4.15
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	\$2.20	\$5.20	\$2.45
11 p.m. to midnight	\$1.75	\$4.75	\$2.00
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	\$1.75	\$4.75	\$2.00

Notes: ¹The rate for electronic tolls 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.
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TABLE 8 (b), Effective July 1, ((2022)) 2025
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THREE-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	(((\$1.80)) <u>\$1.90</u>)	(((\$4.80)) <u>\$4.90</u>)	(((\$2.05)) <u>\$2.15</u>)
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	(((\$2.25)) <u>\$2.35</u>)	(((\$5.25)) <u>\$5.35</u>)	(((\$2.50)) <u>\$2.60</u>)
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	(((\$2.70)) <u>\$2.80</u>)	(((\$5.70)) <u>\$5.80</u>)	(((\$2.95)) <u>\$3.05</u>)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	(((\$2.25)) <u>\$2.35</u>)	(((\$5.25)) <u>\$5.35</u>)	(((\$2.50)) <u>\$2.60</u>)
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	(((\$4.05)) <u>\$4.20</u>)	(((\$7.05)) <u>\$7.20</u>)	(((\$4.30)) <u>\$4.45</u>)
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	(((\$2.25)) <u>\$2.35</u>)	(((\$5.25)) <u>\$5.35</u>)	(((\$2.50)) <u>\$2.60</u>)

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
11 p.m. to midnight	(((\$1.80)) <u>\$1.90</u>)	(((\$4.80)) <u>\$4.90</u>)	(((\$2.05)) <u>\$2.15</u>)
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	(((\$1.80)) <u>\$1.90</u>)	(((\$4.80)) <u>\$4.90</u>)	(((\$2.05)) <u>\$2.15</u>)

- Notes: ¹The rate for electronic tolls 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.
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~~(TABLE 9a, Effective September 26, 2021
SR 99 TUNNEL
FOUR-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES~~

(Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	\$2.30	\$6.30	\$2.55
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	\$2.90	\$6.90	\$3.15
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	\$3.50	\$7.50	\$3.75
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	\$2.90	\$6.90	\$3.15
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	\$5.20	\$9.20	\$5.45
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	\$2.90	\$6.90	\$3.15
11 p.m. to midnight	\$2.30	\$6.30	\$2.55
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	\$2.30	\$6.30	\$2.55

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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.
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TABLE 9 (b), Effective July 1, ((2022)) 2025
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FOUR-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	(((\$2.40)) <u>\$2.50</u>)	(((\$6.40)) <u>\$6.50</u>)	(((\$2.65)) <u>\$2.75</u>)
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	(((\$3.00)) <u>\$3.10</u>)	(((\$7.00)) <u>\$7.10</u>)	(((\$3.25)) <u>\$3.35</u>)
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	(((\$3.60)) <u>\$3.70</u>)	(((\$7.60)) <u>\$7.70</u>)	(((\$3.85)) <u>\$3.95</u>)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	(((\$3.00)) <u>\$3.10</u>)	(((\$7.00)) <u>\$7.10</u>)	(((\$3.25)) <u>\$3.35</u>)
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	(((\$5.40)) <u>\$5.60</u>)	(((\$9.40)) <u>\$9.60</u>)	(((\$5.65)) <u>\$5.85</u>)
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	(((\$3.00)) <u>\$3.10</u>)	(((\$7.00)) <u>\$7.10</u>)	(((\$3.25)) <u>\$3.35</u>)
11 p.m. to midnight	(((\$2.40)) <u>\$2.50</u>)	(((\$6.40)) <u>\$6.50</u>)	(((\$2.65)) <u>\$2.75</u>)

Saturdays and Sundays ³	Good To Go! TM Pass ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Good To Go! TM Pay By Plate ²
Midnight to Midnight	(((\$2.40)) <u>\$2.50</u>)	(((\$6.40)) <u>\$6.50</u>)	(((\$2.65)) <u>\$2.75</u>)

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((TABLE 10a, Effective September 26, 2021
 SR 99 TUNNEL
 FIVE-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES

((Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go! TM Pass ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Good To Go! TM Pay By Plate ²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	\$2.90	\$7.90	\$3.15
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	\$3.65	\$8.65	\$3.90
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	\$4.40	\$9.40	\$4.65
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	\$3.65	\$8.65	\$3.90
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	\$6.50	\$11.50	\$6.75
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	\$3.65	\$8.65	\$3.90
11 p.m. to midnight	\$2.90	\$7.90	\$3.15

Saturdays and Sundays ³	Good To Go! TM Pass ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Good To Go! TM Pay By Plate ²
Midnight to Midnight	\$2.90	\$7.90	\$3.15

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 FIVE-AXLE VEHICLE TOLL RATES

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go! TM Pass ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Good To Go! TM Pay By Plate ²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	(((\$3.00)) <u>\$3.15</u>)	(((\$8.00)) <u>\$8.15</u>)	(((\$3.25)) <u>\$3.40</u>)
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	(((\$3.75)) <u>\$3.90</u>)	(((\$8.75)) <u>\$8.90</u>)	(((\$4.00)) <u>\$4.15</u>)
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	(((\$4.50)) <u>\$4.65</u>)	(((\$9.50)) <u>\$9.65</u>)	(((\$4.75)) <u>\$4.90</u>)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	(((\$3.75)) <u>\$3.90</u>)	(((\$8.75)) <u>\$8.90</u>)	(((\$4.00)) <u>\$4.15</u>)
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	(((\$6.75)) <u>\$7.00</u>)	(((\$11.75)) <u>\$12.00</u>)	(((\$7.00)) <u>\$7.25</u>)
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	(((\$3.75)) <u>\$3.90</u>)	(((\$8.75)) <u>\$8.90</u>)	(((\$4.00)) <u>\$4.15</u>)
11 p.m. to midnight	(((\$3.00)) <u>\$3.15</u>)	(((\$8.00)) <u>\$8.15</u>)	(((\$3.25)) <u>\$3.40</u>)

Saturdays and Sundays ³	Good To Go! TM Pass ¹	Pay By Mail ¹	Good To Go! TM Pay By Plate ²
Midnight to Midnight	(((\$3.00)) <u>\$3.15</u>)	(((\$8.00)) <u>\$8.15</u>)	(((\$3.25)) <u>\$3.40</u>)

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~~((TABLE 11a, Effective September 26, 2021
 SR 99 TUNNEL
 SIX-AXLE OR MORE VEHICLE TOLL RATES~~

((Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	\$3.45	\$9.45	\$3.70
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	\$4.35	\$10.35	\$4.60
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	\$5.25	\$11.25	\$5.50
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	\$4.35	\$10.35	\$4.60
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	\$7.80	\$13.80	\$8.05
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	\$4.35	\$10.35	\$4.60
11 p.m. to midnight	\$3.45	\$9.45	\$3.70
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	\$3.45	\$9.45	\$3.70

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TABLE 11((b)), Effective July 1, ((2022)) 2025
 SR 99 TUNNEL
 SIX-AXLE OR MORE VEHICLE TOLL RATES

Mondays through Fridays	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to 6 a.m.	(((\$3.60)) \$3.75	(((\$9.60)) \$9.75	(((\$3.85)) \$4.00
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	(((\$4.50)) \$4.65	(((\$10.50)) \$10.65	(((\$4.75)) \$4.90
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	(((\$5.40)) \$5.55	(((\$11.40)) \$11.55	(((\$5.65)) \$5.80
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	(((\$4.50)) \$4.65	(((\$10.50)) \$10.65	(((\$4.75)) \$4.90
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	(((\$8.10)) \$8.40	(((\$14.10)) \$14.40	(((\$8.35)) \$8.65
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	(((\$4.50)) \$4.65	(((\$10.50)) \$10.65	(((\$4.75)) \$4.90
11 p.m. to midnight	(((\$3.60)) \$3.75	(((\$9.60)) \$9.75	(((\$3.85)) \$4.00
Saturdays and Sundays³	Good To Go!™ Pass¹	Pay By Mail¹	Good To Go!™ Pay By Plate²
Midnight to Midnight	(((\$3.60)) \$3.75	(((\$9.60)) \$9.75	(((\$3.85)) \$4.00

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Reviser's note: The typographical errors in the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency and appear in the Register pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.08.040.