

WSR 26-01-153

PROPOSED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 25-22-099.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 468-305-100 What toll payment methods are available on WSDOT toll facilities? Specific language to be changed is in WAC 468-305-100(2) Pay By Mail. WAC 468-305-300 How can I open a *Good To Go!*[™] toll account? Specific language to be changed is in WAC 468-305-300 (3)(b) Pay By Plate.

Hearing Location(s): On January 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., virtual hearing via Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/WAC-468-305-100-and-300-Jan-27-2026>. To join the virtual hearing, please use the web address shown for the hearing location or dial in by phone 1-206-531-0324,,627604294# for United States, Seattle. Find a local number at <https://dialin.teams.microsoft.com/039e7852-bef4-4986-949b-6b82f4e2095f?id=627604294>; phone conference ID 627 604 294#. For further details about joining a Microsoft Teams meeting, visit <https://aka.ms/JoinTeamsMeeting?omkt=en-US>.

Date of Intended Adoption: January 27, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: Joe Patterson, 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121, email joe.patterson@wsdot.wa.gov, beginning the date and time of this filing, by January 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) Americans with Disabilities Act office, phone toll-free 855-362-4ADA(4232), TTY 711, email wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov, by January 20, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: This rule making is necessary to remove outdated language in WAC 468-305-100 and 468-305-300 about toll payment methods that were previously unavailable on State Route (SR) 167. The effect will be accurate rule language related to photo toll payment methods. To immediately address this outdated language, WSDOT filed an emergency rule with the same WAC text on October 14, 2025, under WSR 25-21-075, effective October 20, 2025.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Photo tolling began on the SR 167 express toll lanes on October 20, 2025, allowing customers to use the Pay By Mail and Pay By Plate options for toll payments.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 46.63.160(5), 47.01.101(5), 47.56.030(1), and 47.56.795.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 47.56.880 Interstate 405 and state route number 167 corridors—Tolls authorized—Eligible toll facility—Toll rate schedule—Capacity improvements—Performance measures—Violation.

This RCW authorizes the imposition of tolls on SR 167 and further identifies the toll facility as express toll lanes. Express toll lanes are considered photo toll capable whereas the high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes are electronic pass only. The HOT lanes on SR 167 have been upgraded to include photo tolling capability and are converted to express toll lanes.

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

Agency Comments or Recommendations, if any, as to Statutory Language, Implementation, Enforcement, and Fiscal Matters: This rule making is necessary to strike one sentence each from WAC 468-305-100 and

468-305-300 to make the rule language accurate after photo tolling began on October 20, 2025.

Name of Proponent: WSDOT, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Joe Patterson, Toll Division, 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-677-0734; Implementation: Pani Saleh, Toll Division, 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121, 206-552-4211; and Enforcement: Ed Barry, Toll Division, 2901 3rd Avenue, 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. This is not required because WSDOT is not subject to RCW 34.05.328

(5)(a)(i) and has not made RCW 34.05.328 applicable to this rule.

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(4).

Explanation of exemptions: This rule making removes outdated language pertaining to availability of toll payment types. The rule does not affect small businesses or impose costs.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-20-102, 20-01-144, 20-07-042, 20-10-058, 20-13-092, 20-17-062, 20-21-022, 21-04-129, 21-07-121 and 21-11-042, filed 10/1/19, 12/17/19, 3/10/20, 4/30/20, 6/16/20, 8/12/20, 10/9/20, 2/2/21, 3/23/21 and 5/13/21, effective 7/1/21)

WAC 468-305-100 What toll payment methods are available on WSDOT toll facilities? The following toll payment methods are available on WSDOT toll facilities:

(1) **Good To Go!™ account:** This tolling option allows customers to open an account linked to their vehicles that gets charged when toll facilities are used. There are several payment methods available for accounts (as described in WAC 468-305-105).

(2) **Pay By Mail:** This tolling option allows the user to be billed by mail for toll transactions. Tolls paid using this tolling option are charged the Pay By Mail toll rate. (~~(This payment method is not yet available on the SR 167 HOT lanes.)~~)

(3) **Manual payment:** This tolling option is available only on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. It requires payment at a tollbooth using cash, credit card, or a debit card that can be processed as a credit card (does not require a PIN). This option requires the vehicle to stop at the tollbooth facility to pay. Tolls paid using this tolling option are charged the cash toll rate.

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WAC 468-305-300 How can I open a Good To Go!™ toll account? (1)

A customer can open a *Good To Go!*™ account online, in person, or over the phone. One or more vehicles can be connected or associated with an account. The *Good To Go!*™ terms and conditions contains a full explanation of the *Good To Go!*™ toll collection program.

(2) With a *Good To Go!*™ account, a customer can select from the following payment options:

(a) **Pay As You Go.** This account option allows the customer to be automatically charged at regular intervals after toll facilities are used. This option requires a valid debit or credit card to open.

(b) **Prepaid.** This account option allows the customer to prepay an amount to their account which will be charged as toll facilities are used. This option does not require a valid debit or credit card but requires a minimum prepaid amount to open. A valid debit or credit card or automated clearinghouse (ACH) can be used to automatically add funds to the account when the balance reaches a customer set minimum. Alternatively, a prepaid account can be replenished manually in person, online, or by phone.

(c) **Unregistered account.** This option allows a customer to open an account without any personal or vehicle information. The customer must use a *Good To Go!*™ Pass to be identified. Unregistered accounts must manually replenish and cannot use Auto Pay features.

(d) **Invoiced.** This account option is for restricted cases such as government agencies and other limited circumstances.

(e) **Rental vehicle.** This account option is for rental vehicle companies. Rental agencies can use these accounts to transfer liability to their customers within thirty days of billing, consistent with RCW 46.63.160(10).

(f) **Nonrevenue.** This account option is for entities such as public and private transit, law enforcement, fire departments, and other emergency vehicles that are exempt from tolls according to enacted law. It is the account owner's responsibility to maintain a registry with WSDOT of current fleet vehicles for exemption.

(3) With a *Good To Go!*™ account, a customer can select from the following options for vehicle identification:

(a) **Good To Go!™ Pass.** This vehicle identification option requires a *Good To Go!*™ Pass that is installed in a vehicle and is readable by the toll facility's electronic toll system. This vehicle identification method is the lowest cost option for the customer and WSDOT.

(b) **Pay By Plate.** This vehicle identification option allows a vehicle to be identified by its license plate registration through the photo toll system. A Pay By Plate fee is added to each toll. (~~This option is not available on facilities without photo tolling such as the SR 167 HOT lanes.~~) Each license plate can only be associated with one account, although one account can have multiple license plates or vehicles.