

Recommendation Summary

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Dollars in Thousands

	FY2 FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Current Biennium Total				
Total Carry Forward Level				
Percent Change from Current Biennium				
Carry Forward plus Workload Changes				
Percent Change from Current Biennium				
M2 8F Fuel Rate Adjustment			2,297	2,297
M2 BN Toll Adjudication Cost Increases			1,426	1,426
M2 MD Known Third Party Damages			1,440	1,440
M2 PT Thea Foss Damages			1,000	1,000
M2 UE ELG Building Lease Savings			(257)	(257)
M2 WE Ferries Capital Repair Costs			2,065	2,065
Total Maintenance Level			7,971	7,971
Percent Change from Current Biennium				
Subtotal - Performance Level Changes	0.0			
2013-15 Total Proposed Budget			7,971	7,971
Percent Change from Current Biennium				

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M2 8F Fuel Rate Adjustment

Various department programs use fuel purchased through the Transportation Equipment Fund (TEF) for motor vehicles and equipment. The September 2014 Fuel Price Forecast projects higher fuel costs in the remainder of the 2013-15 biennium. Additional appropriation authority of \$645,000 is requested for programs that use fuel to cover the associated increase in TEF equipment rental rates. An increase in the agency’s non-appropriated TEF spending authority of \$1,652,000 is also requested for the TEF program’s increased expenditures for fuel for the department and for fuel sold to other agencies. A separate decision package has been submitted to cover the 2015-17 biennium and beyond.

M2 BN Toll Adjudication Cost Increases

In 2010, the Legislature passed Chapter 249, Laws of 2010 (ESSB 6499) which created an adjudication program for toll enforcement. Since inception of the program, WSDOT has collected \$16.7 million in previously unpaid tolls and fees. During that same time, the program’s expenses have totaled approximately \$6.4 million. Changes to the program have resulted in an increase in the number of customers who request administrative hearings. Funding is requested to manage forecasted growth in the adjudication program for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (TNB) and the State Route (SR) 520 Bridge. The department estimates a need for an additional \$1.4 million in expenditure authority in the current biennium.

M2 MD Known Third Party Damages

When damage to department property is caused by a third party, and that individual has been identified, the department pursues collection of reimbursement from the known party for the cost of the repair.

The current 2013-15 budget for making such repairs is \$8.5 million. However, it is anticipated that the total costs in this category will exceed the budgeted amount by \$1.4 million. Because the repair costs are recovered, additional revenue will offset the additional spending. An appropriation increase is requested to repair damages by known third parties and for the costs to collect associated reimbursements.

M2 PT Thea Foss Damages

Funding is requested for the department’s share of mitigating natural resource damages from contamination of the Thea Foss Waterway. As one of many potentially responsible parties (PRP) for contamination of the waterway, the department is legally required to pay a portion of the damage assessment. The primary component of the mitigated settlement is funding a King County restoration project on the White River. The settlement includes several entities and the final amounts are expected to be known in first quarter of calendar year 2015. This request is a placeholder and an estimated amount.

M2 UE ELG Building Lease Savings

The department proposes an adjustment to appropriations to account for savings from the refinance of the Edna Lucille Goodrich (ELG) Building and subsequent reduced charges from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) for lease payments.

M2 WE Ferries Capital Repair Costs

This decision package requests additional appropriation authority to address unplanned capital costs for vessel and terminal repairs in the ferries construction program (Program W).