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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 27, 2024
 TO: King County Forecast Council
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 RE: King County Revenue through May 2024

King County Revenue (through May 2024 unless noted)¹

Revenue	YTD Forecast (2024 Budget)	YTD Actual	Actual - Forecast	Difference (percentage)
Current Expense Levy*	\$ 215,620,000	\$ 216,517,680	\$ 897,680	0.4%
UAL/Roads Levy^	\$ 52,490,000	\$ 52,610,625	\$ 120,625	0.2%
Parks Levy^	\$ 83,750,000	\$ 83,475,498	\$ (274,502)	-0.3%
AFIS Levy^	\$ 12,590,000	\$ 12,564,527	\$ (25,473)	-0.2%
Veterans, Seniors, & HS Levy (1143)^	\$ 43,110,000	\$ 42,904,669	\$ (205,331)	-0.5%
Conservation Futures Levy (3151)^	\$ 26,860,000	\$ 26,521,893	\$ (338,107)	-1.3%
EMS Levy^	\$ 59,760,000	\$ 62,759,134	\$ 2,999,134	5.0%
Transit Levy^	\$ 17,490,000	\$ 17,450,586	\$ (39,414)	-0.2%
Marine Levy^	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 3,654,695	\$ 4,695	0.1%
Puget Sound Emergency Radio^	\$ 19,390,000	\$ 19,358,782	\$ (31,218)	-0.2%
Best Starts for Kids Levy^	\$ 77,520,000	\$ 77,343,371	\$ (176,629)	-0.2%
Crisis Care Centers Levy^	\$ 62,470,000	\$ 61,362,626	\$ (1,107,374)	-1.8%
P&I on Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 8,370,000	\$ 9,804,479	\$ 1,434,479	17.1%
Sales Tax - Local Option (4/24)	\$ 55,600,000	\$ 54,501,117	\$ (1,098,883)	-2.0%
Sales Tax-Criminal Justice (4/24)	\$ 5,830,000	\$ 5,721,507	\$ (108,493)	-1.9%
Sales Tax-MIDD (4/24)	\$ 28,990,000	\$ 28,465,904	\$ (524,096)	-1.8%
Sales Tax - Transit (4/24)	\$ 265,120,000	\$ 259,508,858	\$ (5,611,142)	-2.1%
Sales Tax - Health Through Housing (4/24)	\$ 21,680,000	\$ 21,703,656	\$ 23,656	0.1%
Sales Tax - Cultural Access Program (4/24)	\$ 7,430,000	\$ 7,030,065	\$ (399,935)	-5.4%
Marijuana Excise Tax	\$ 710,000	\$ 856,436	\$ 146,436	20.6%
MV Fuel Tax-Roads+	\$ 4,550,000	\$ 4,205,091	\$ (344,909)	-7.6%
E-911 Excise Tax (4/24)	\$ 9,070,000	\$ 8,350,467	\$ (719,533)	-7.9%
Hotel/Motel Tax (4/24)	\$ 10,900,000	\$ 9,863,707	\$ (1,036,293)	-9.5%
Lodging Tax (HB 2015) (4/24)	\$ 1,210,000	\$ 1,531,808	\$ 321,808	26.6%
REET 1 Revenue	\$ 3,110,000	\$ 3,462,193	\$ 352,193	11.3%
Wastewater Revenues+	\$ 213,920,000	\$ 213,333,176	\$ (586,824)	-0.3%
Solid Waste Net Disposal Charges+	\$ 70,080,000	\$ 67,400,007	\$ (2,679,993)	-3.8%
Transit Fare+	\$ 21,750,000	\$ 24,721,573	\$ 2,971,573	13.7%

¹ 2024 actual values are preliminary and subject to adjustment.

* 2024 budget is 97.5% of levy ordinance

^ 2024 budget is 99% of levy ordinance

+ 2024 budget is from Agency budget documents reflecting changes made in 2023 2nd omnibus.

All other taxes' 2024 budget based on OEFA March 2024 Forecast

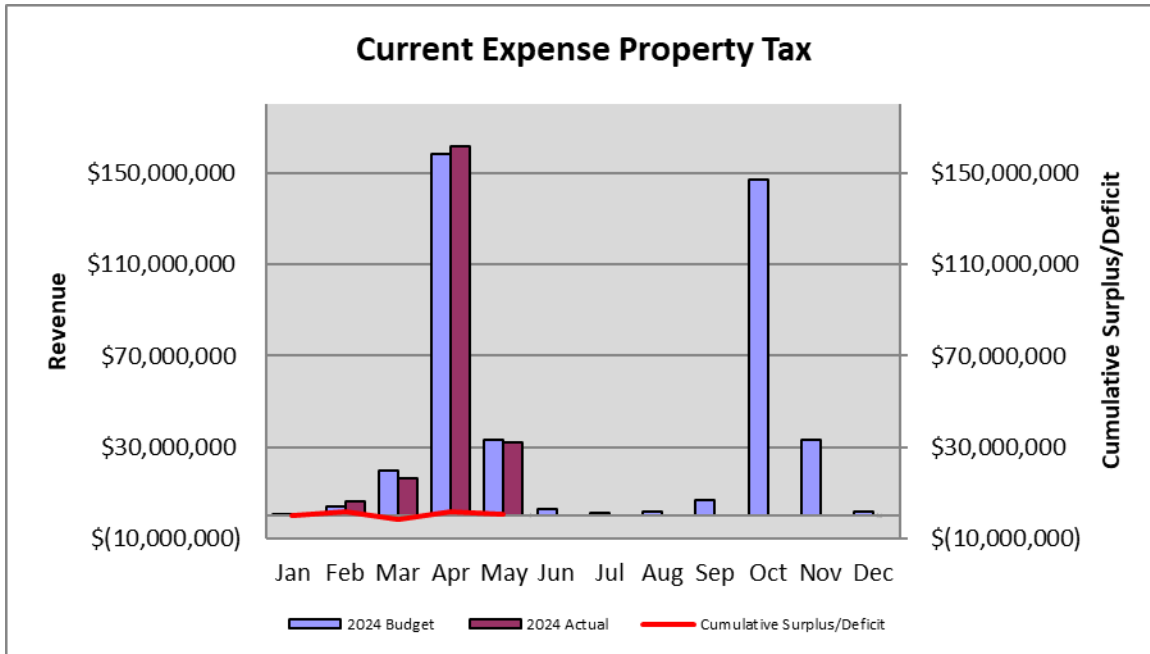
Through the end of May 2024, property tax revenues combined for all levies are above forecast by \$1.8 million or 0.27 percent. This includes the first half of the property tax collections for 2024. The year to date differences in the actuals versus the March forecast for individual levies is between -1.8 and 5 percent. However, two levies, Conservation futures and Crisis Care Center levies have seen actuals come in below forecast by more than 1% at -1.3 and -1.8 percent, respectively. The first five months of collections of penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes came in \$1.4 million or 17 percent above forecast.

Total taxable sales, categorized by industry sectors, were down in the first 4 months of 2024 by 1 percent yoy growth. Some industry sectors were up like management of companies up 82.9 percent, utilities up 47.7 percent, educational services up 42.6 percent, transportation and warehousing up 12.6 percent, health care and social assistance up 15.4 percent and arts, entertainment and recreation up 7.2 percent over last year. Some sectors for the first four months of 2024 were down from last year like wholesale trade sales down 1.3 percent (yoy), construction sales down 7.6 percent (yoy), finance and insurance down 8.1 percent and manufacturing sales down 7.5 percent (yoy). The first four months of 2024 saw sales taxes slightly below the forecast by \$7.3 million, 1.9 percent, for four out of the five sales tax levies. Sales tax distributions for transit were down the most at 2 percent of \$5.6 million. Three other sales tax levies, the local option, MIDD and criminal justice were each down about 2 percent or less from the March forecast through April. The sales taxes for Health through Housing were up a small amount by 0.1 percent, for the first four months of 2024. The Cultural Access Program sales tax had its first month of collection, which came in below projections (5.4 percent below).

Other revenue streams that deviated from forecast by more than one percent included the marijuana excise tax being up 20.6 percent cumulatively for the first quarter but this tax was not collected in May as King County receives distributions quarterly for this tax. Real estate excise taxes were currently tracking 11.3 percent above forecast, and lodging tax (HB 2015) was up 26.6 percent over projections in March for the first four months. Other forecasts were below forecast for the first four months by more than one percent: hotel/motel taxes (9.5 percent below), E-911 excise taxes (7.9 percent below), motor vehicle fuel taxes (7.6 percent below) and solid waste charges (3.8 percent below).

The graphs on the following pages indicate revenues from specific funds, including comparisons between monthly revenues as currently forecasted, shown by the blue bars, actual monthly revenues, indicated by the burgundy bars and the red line showing the cumulative difference between forecasts and actuals. The table below the graphs show the single month of April's forecast, actual and difference for each taxing district's levy.

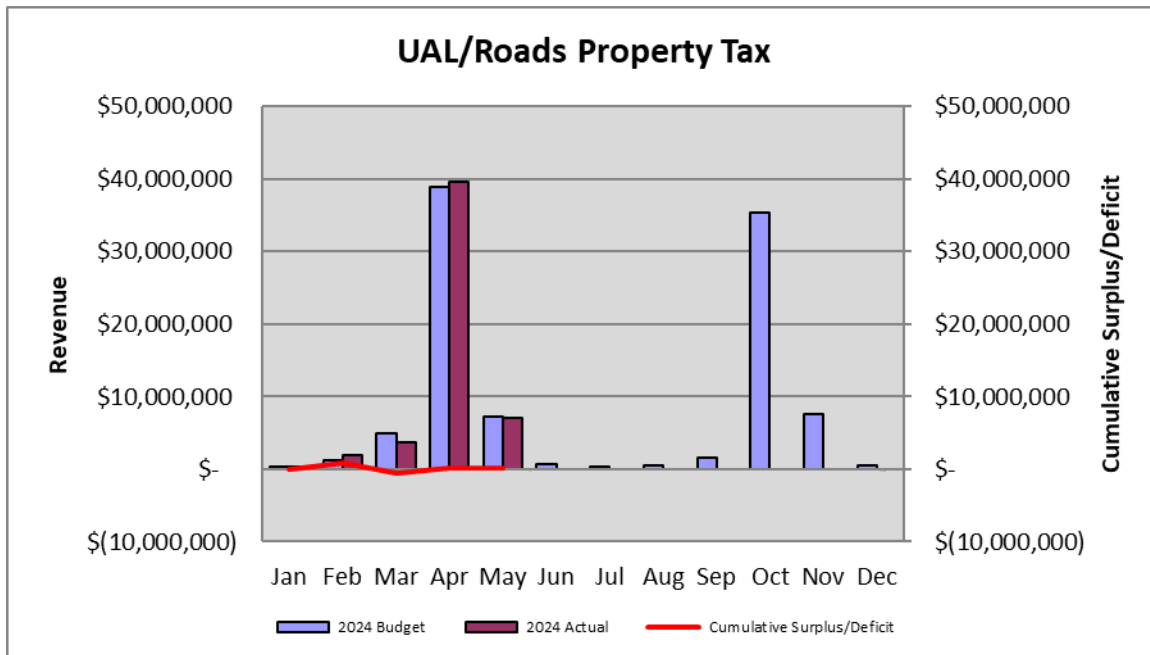
An appendix to this memo provides King County taxable retail sales by industry for April 2023 and April 2024. This table indicates that in the month of April, total taxable sales were down year over year by 2.6 percent. The areas of growth in taxable sales over a year ago included wholesale (up 25.6 percent), public administration & DOL monthly forecasts (up 9.8 percent), other services (up 10.5 percent), management, education and health services (up 7.9 percent), transportation & warehousing (up 7.3 percent), arts, entertainment & recreation (up 1.9 percent), and accommodations and food service (up 1 percent). Some industries taxable sales in April were down over last year like information (down 34.4 percent), construction (down 10.4 percent), and finance & insurance (down 9.9 percent).



Data Source: King County EBS Acct 31111 & 31112

Current Expense Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

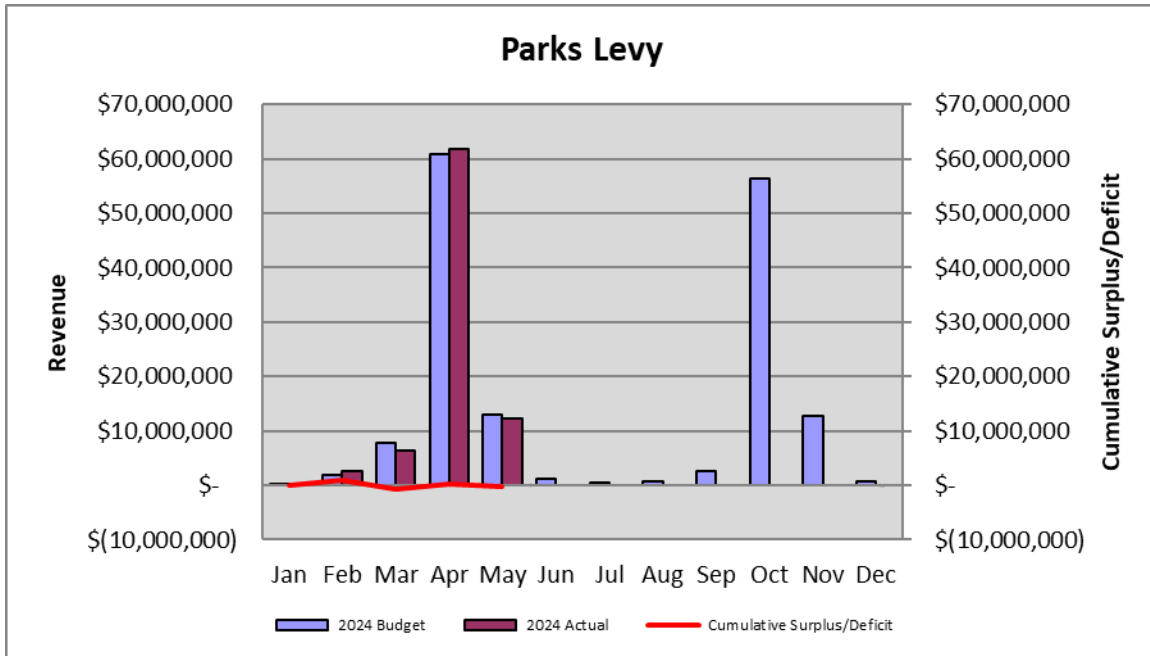
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 33,226,361	\$ 32,180,310	\$ (1,046,052)	-3.1%



Data Source: King County EBS Acct. 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

UAL/Roads Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

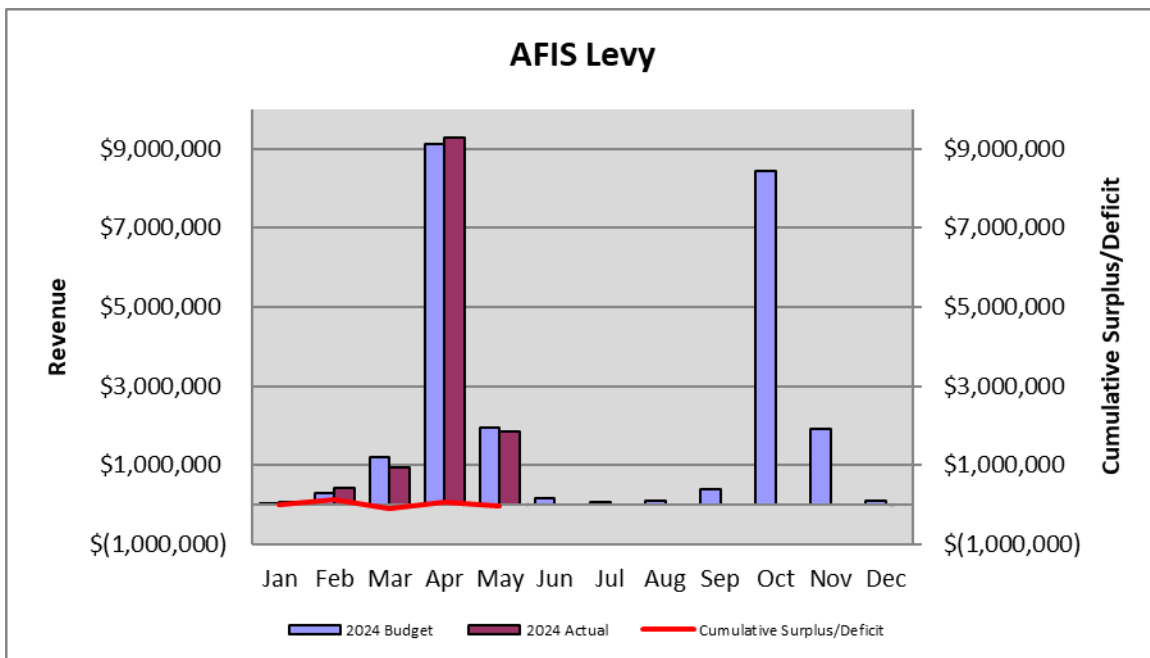
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 7,156,955	\$ 7,094,843	\$ (62,112)	-0.9%



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Parks Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

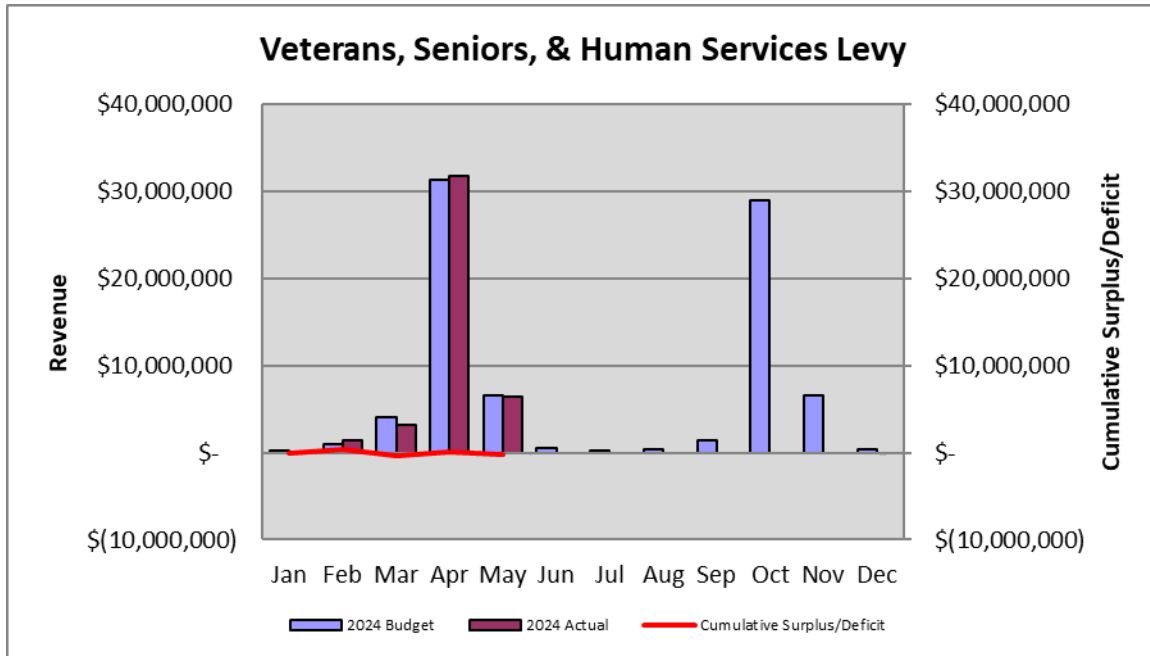
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 12,884,189	\$ 12,380,965	\$ (503,224)	-3.9%



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AFIS Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

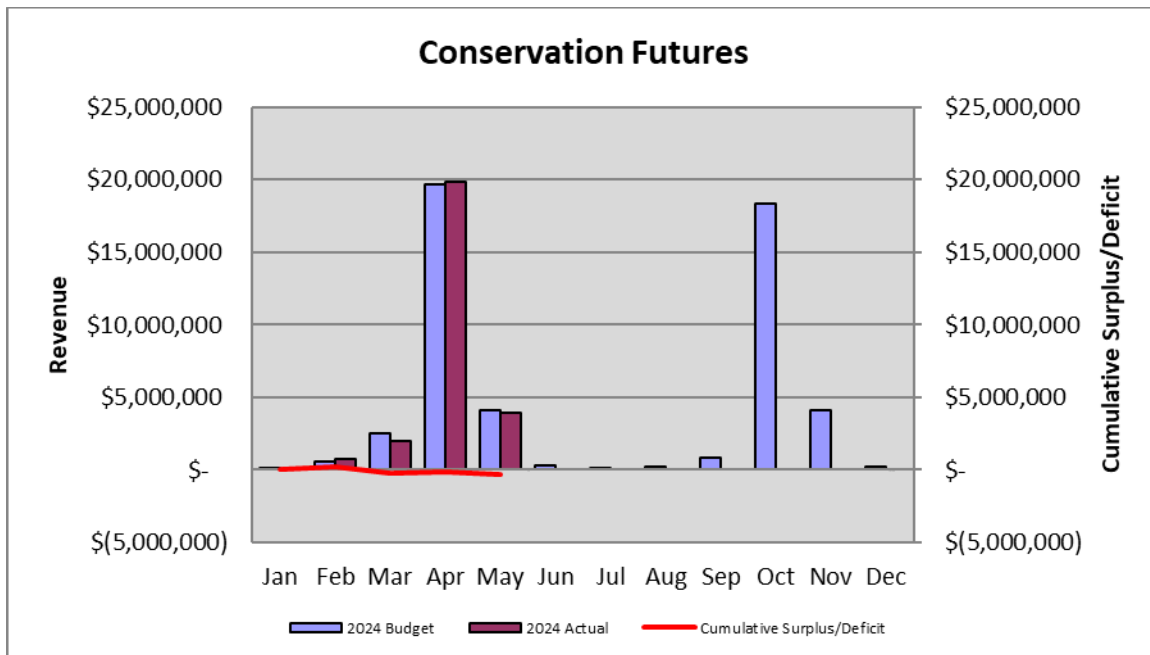
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,938,756	\$ 1,861,813	\$ (76,943)	-4.0%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 1143, Acct. 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

VSHSL Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

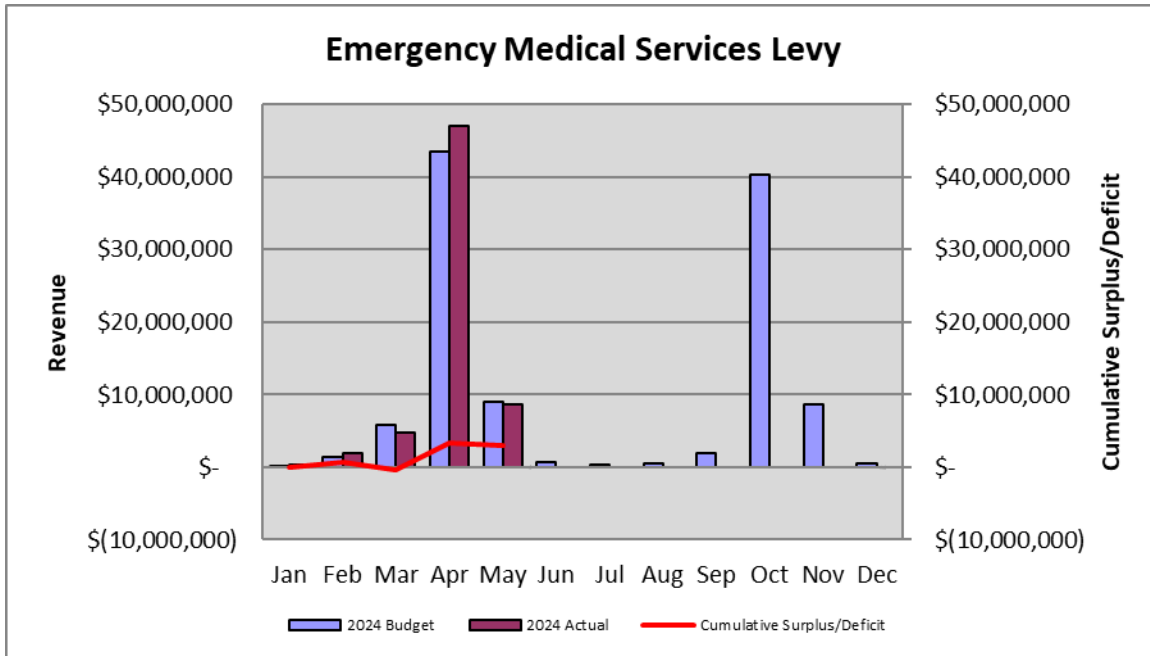
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 6,634,400	\$ 6,365,005	\$ (269,395)	-4.1%



Data Source: King County EBS, Acct. 31117

Conservation Futures Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

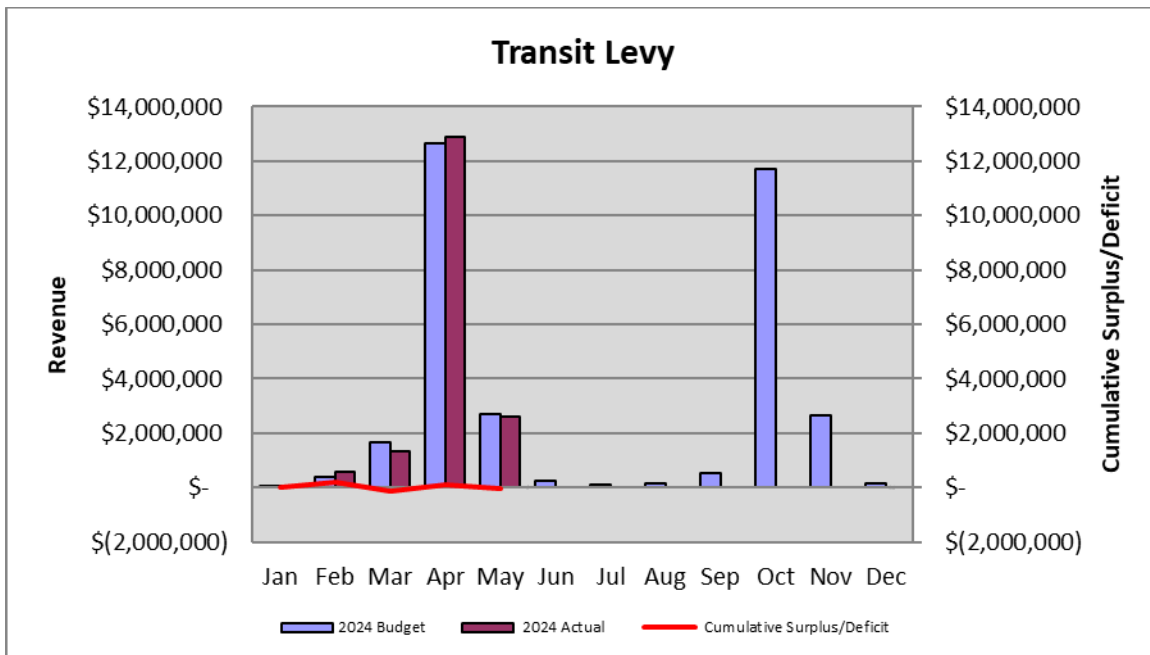
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 4,138,938	\$ 3,942,448	\$ (196,490)	-4.7%



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EMS Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

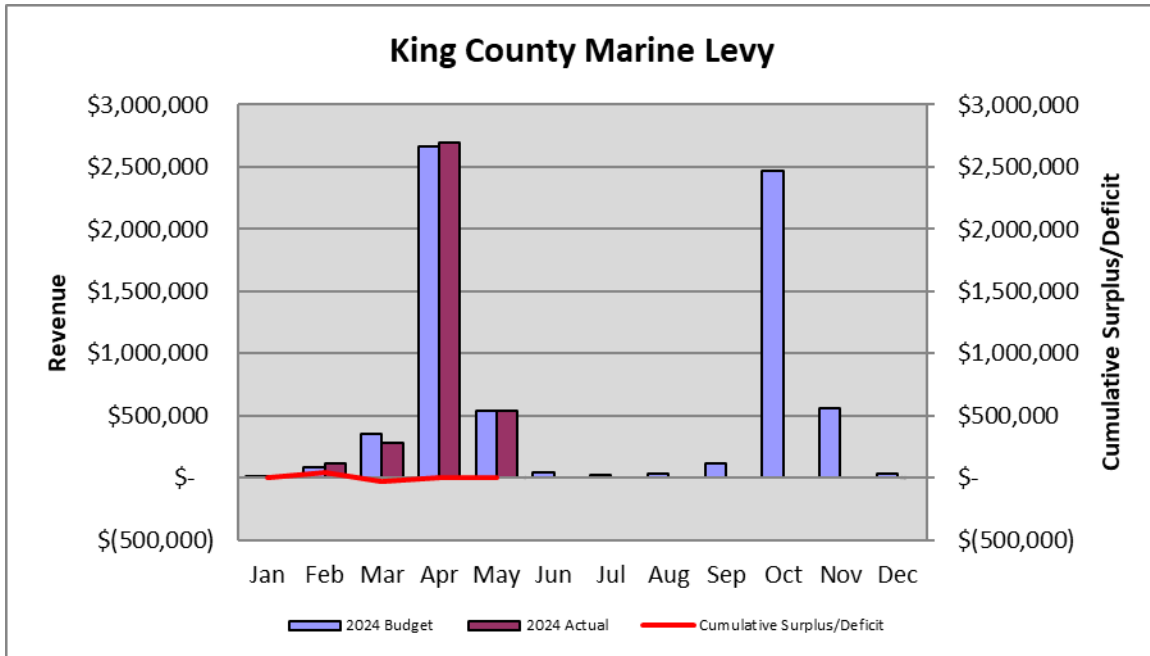
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 8,989,128	\$ 8,732,927	\$ (256,201)	2.9%



Data Source: King County EBS Acct. 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

Transit Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

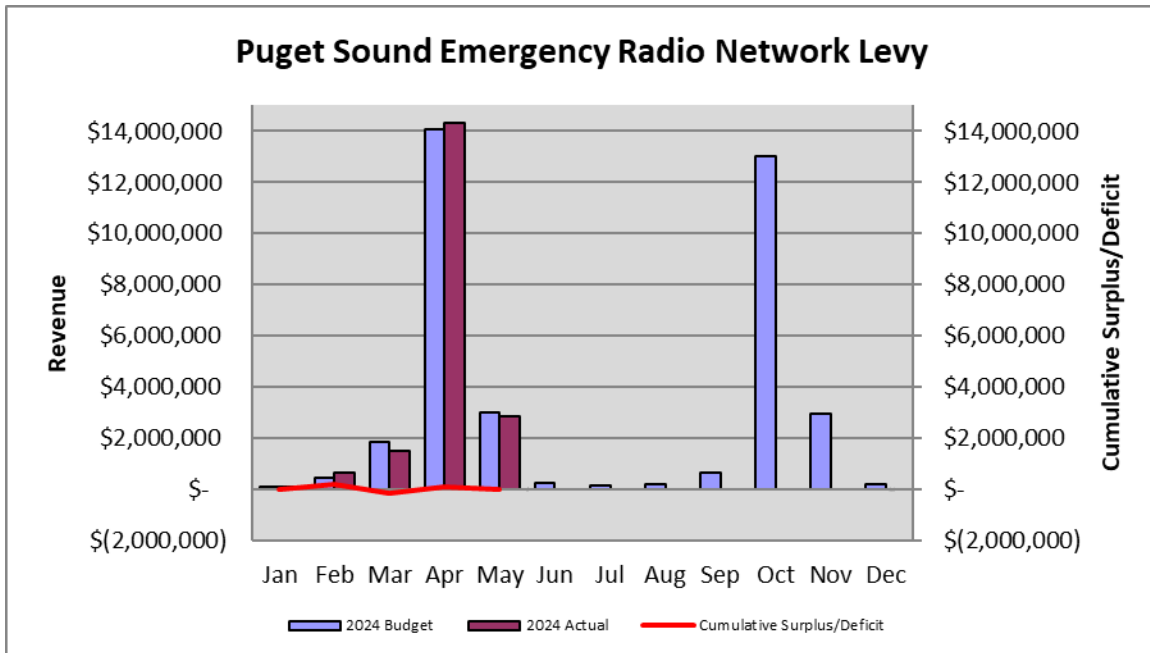
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 2,721,459	\$ 2,585,841	\$ (135,619)	-5.0%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 3641, Accts 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

King County Marine Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

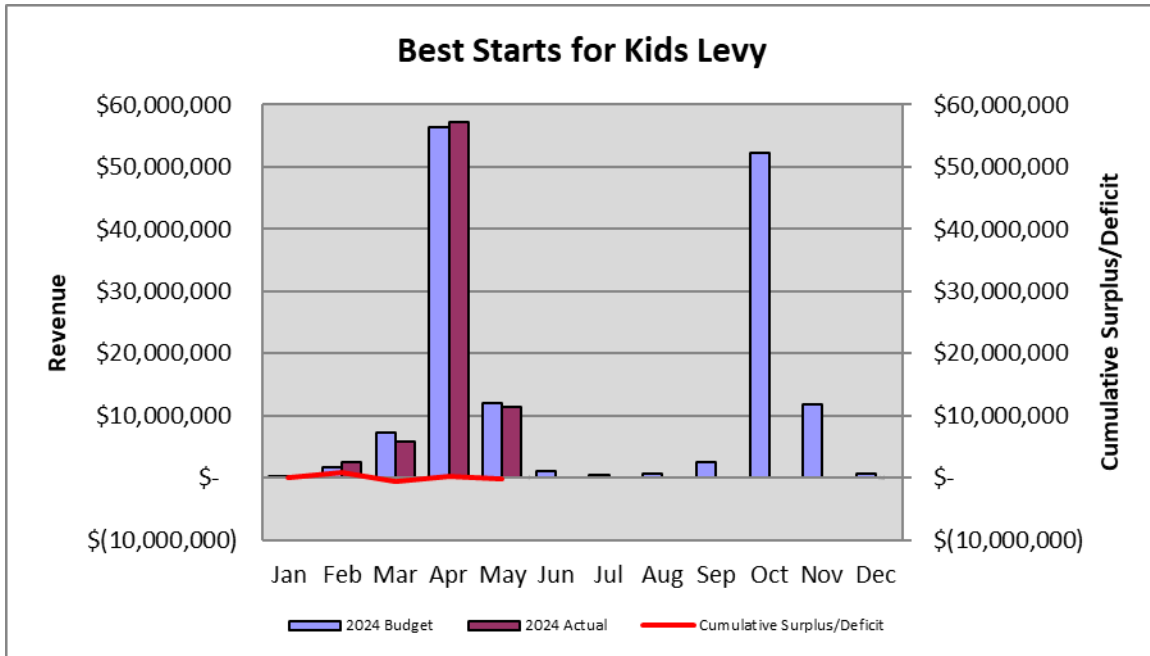
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 534,145	\$ 541,550	\$ 7,405	1.4%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 1511, Accts 31111, 31112, 31113, 31113, & 31119

Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

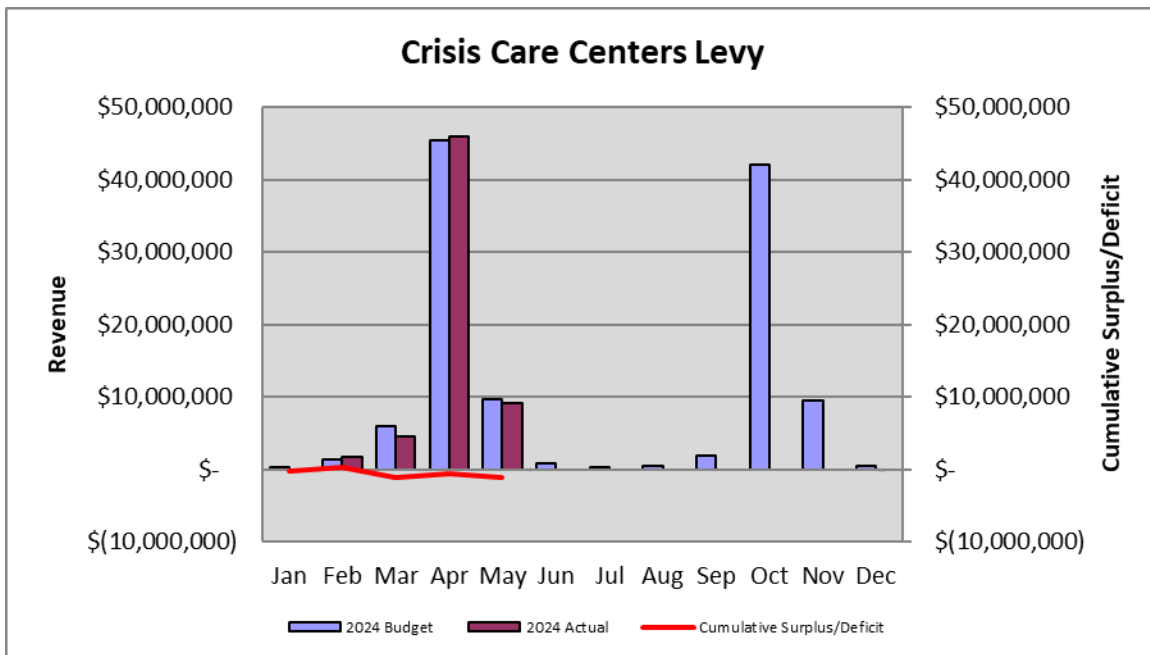
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 2,986,712	\$ 2,868,603	\$ (118,110)	-4.0%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 1480, Accts 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

Best Starts for Kids Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

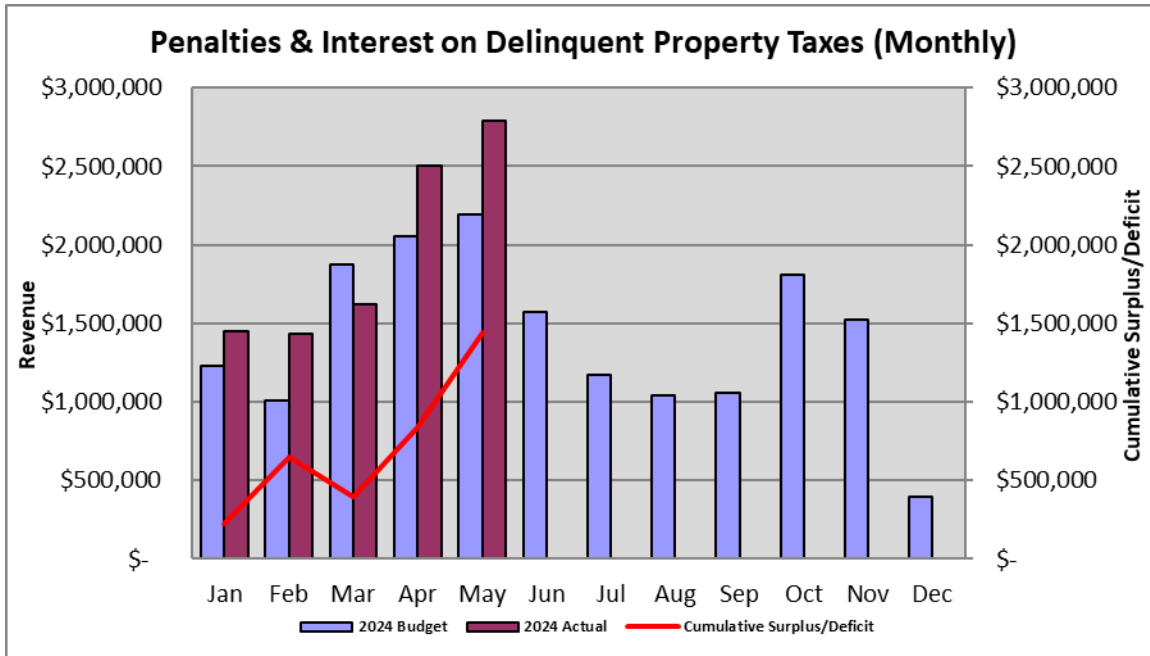
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 11,935,641	\$ 11,470,785	\$ (464,856)	-3.9%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 1480, Accts 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

Crisis Care Centers Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

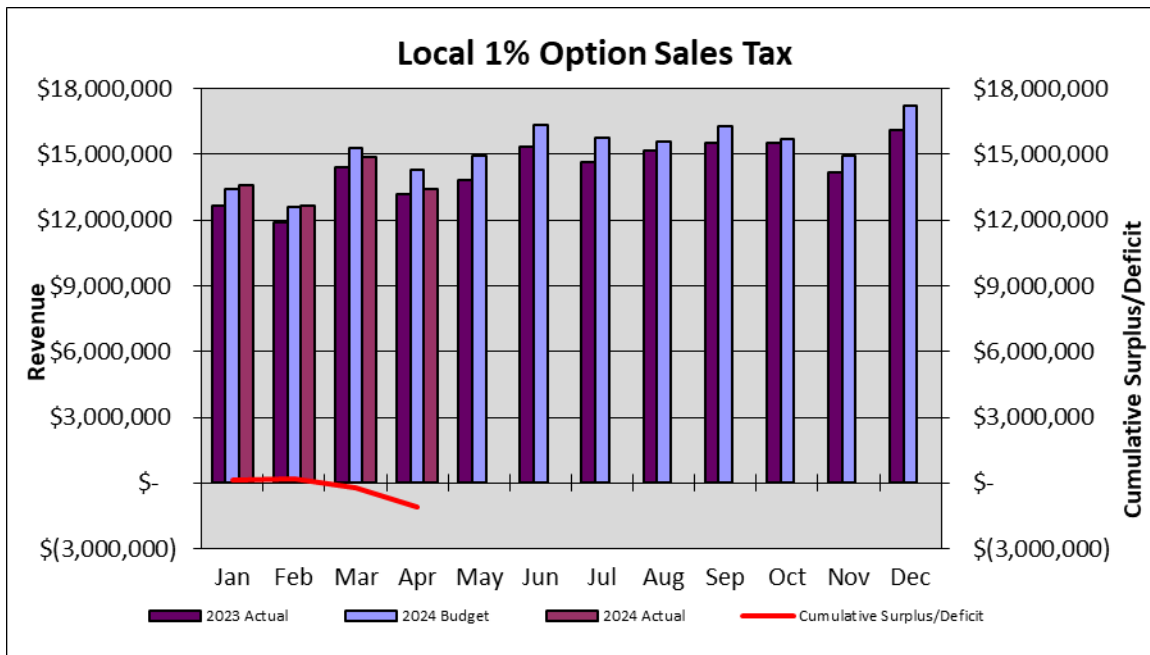
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 9,619,067	\$ 9,126,045	\$ (493,022)	-5.1%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 0010, Acct 31911

Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Property Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

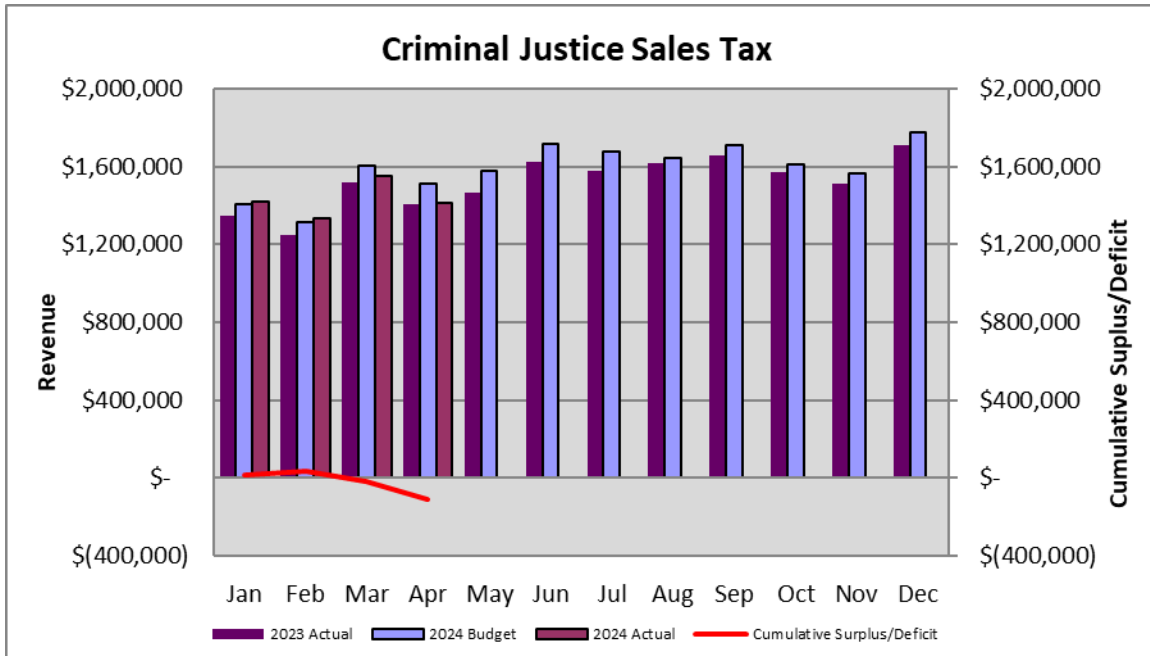
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 2,195,820	\$ 2,793,671	\$ 597,851	27.2%



Data Source: Washington State DOR through April

Local Option Sales Tax Comparison (April 2024)

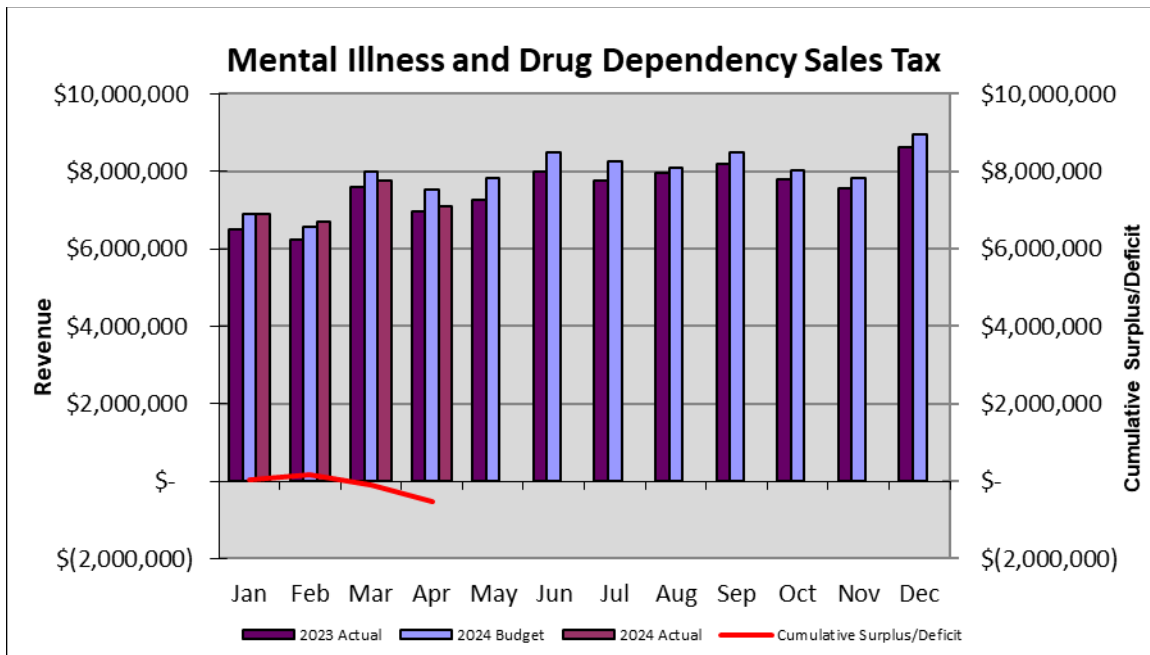
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 14,294,499	\$ 13,433,955	\$ (860,544)	-6.0%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

CJ Sales Tax Comparison (April 2024)

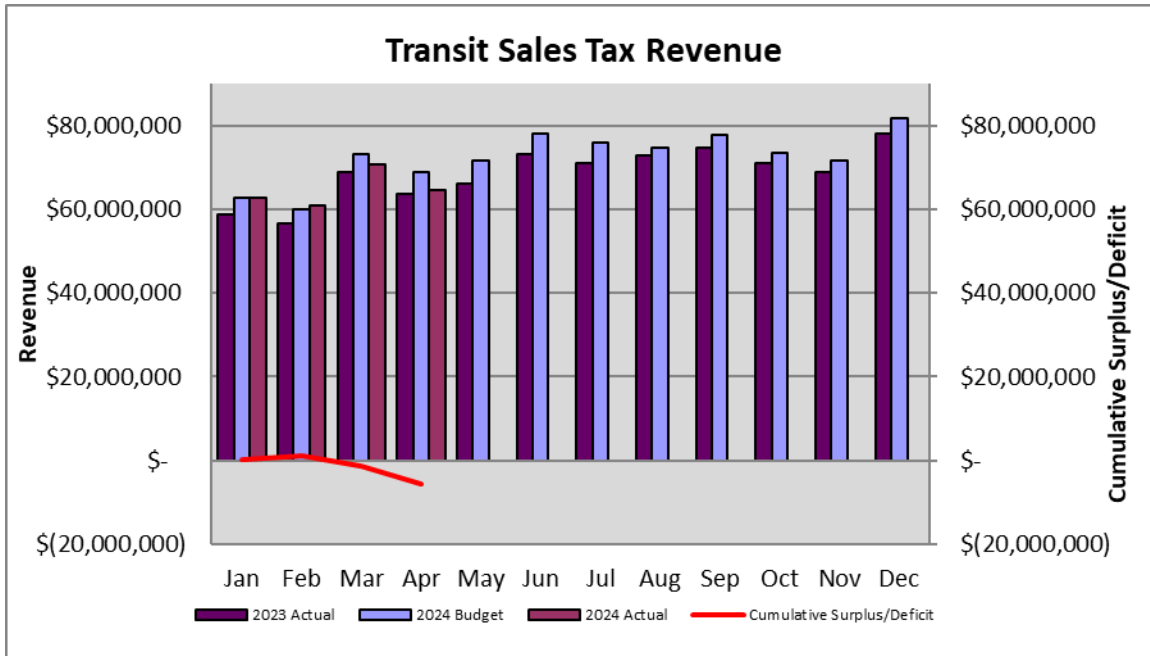
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,509,250	\$ 1,415,025	\$ (94,225)	-6.2%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

MIDD Sales Tax Comparison (April 2024)

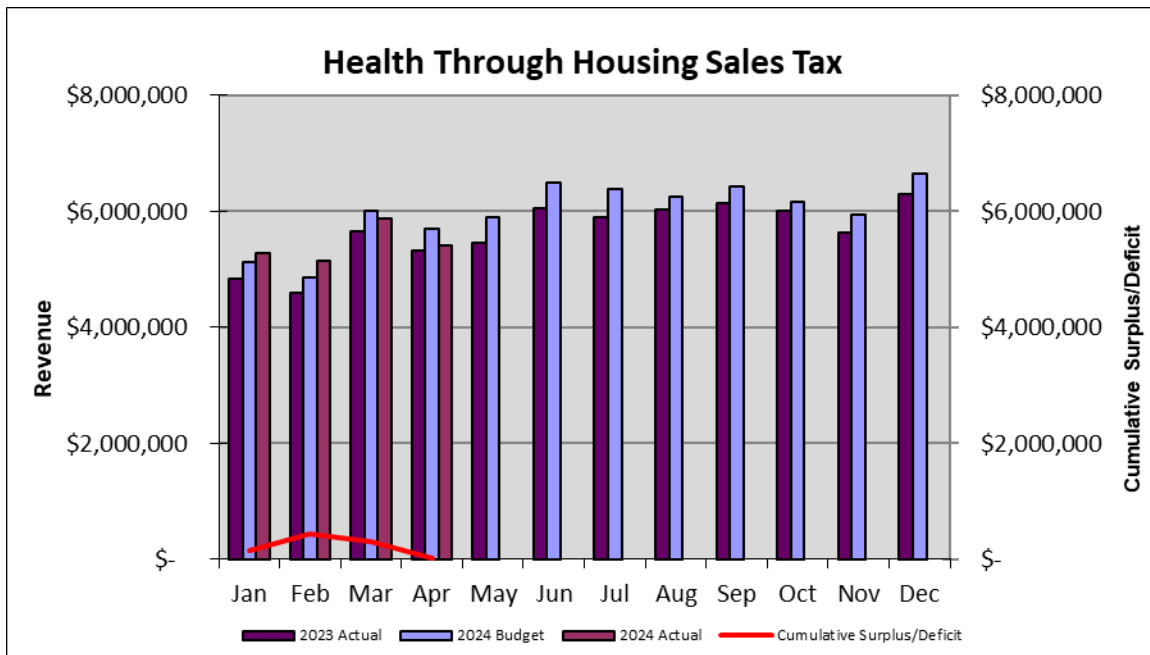
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 7,526,048	\$ 7,092,003	\$ (434,045)	-5.8%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

Transit Sales Tax Comparison (April 2024)

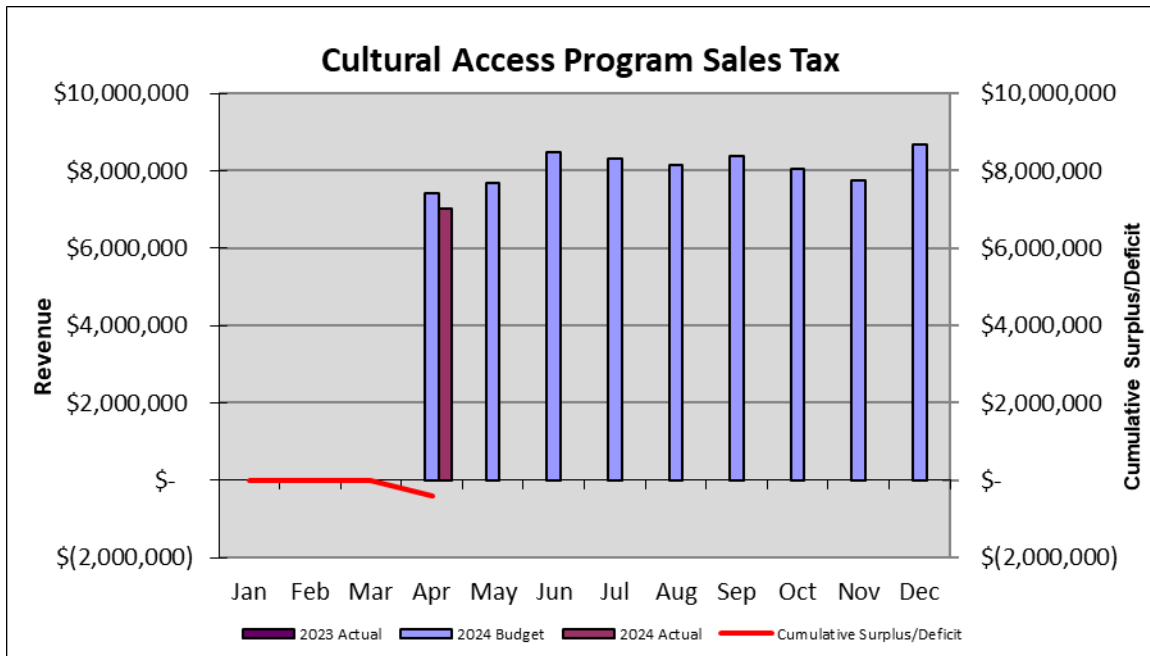
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 68,951,028	\$ 64,696,681	\$ (4,254,347)	-6.2%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

HTH Sales Tax Comparison (April 2024)

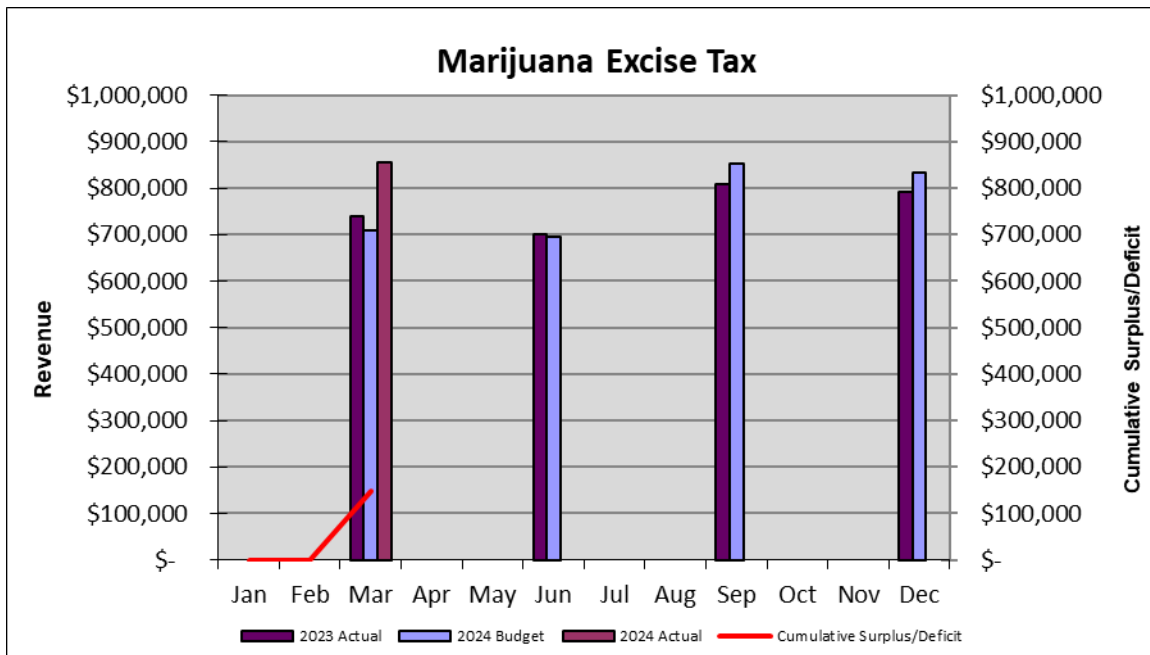
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 5,693,559	\$ 5,414,277	\$ (279,282)	-4.9%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

CAP Sales Tax Comparison (April 2024)

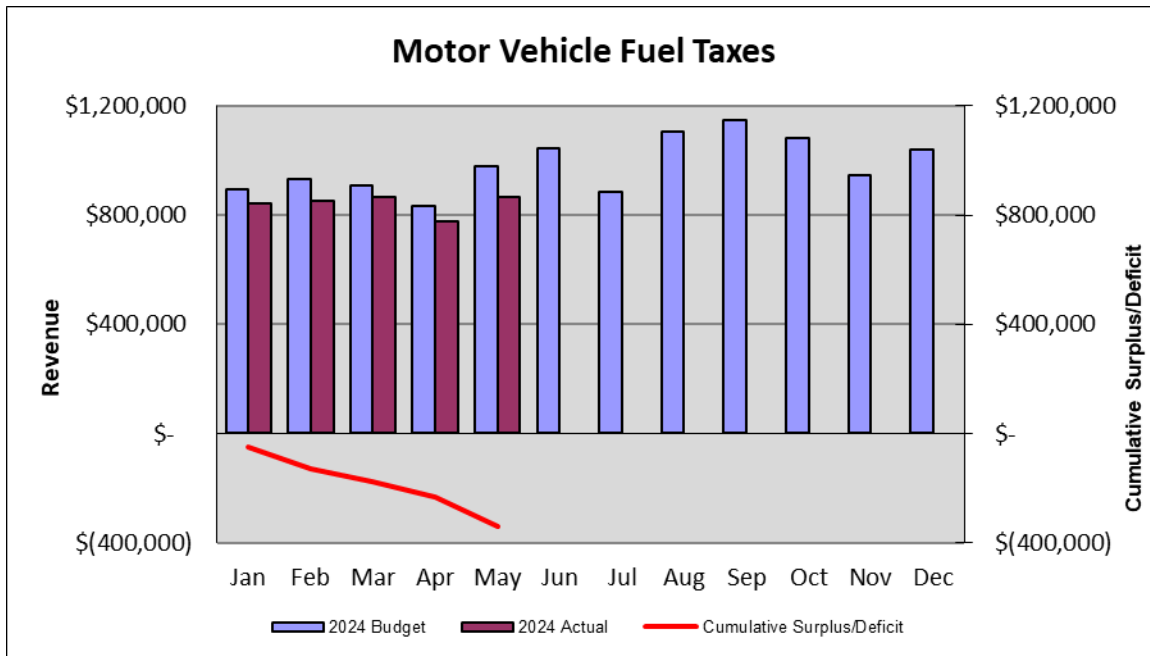
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 7,425,283	\$ 7,030,665	\$ (395,218)	-5.3%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 0010, Account 33605

Marijuana Excise Tax Comparison (May 2024)

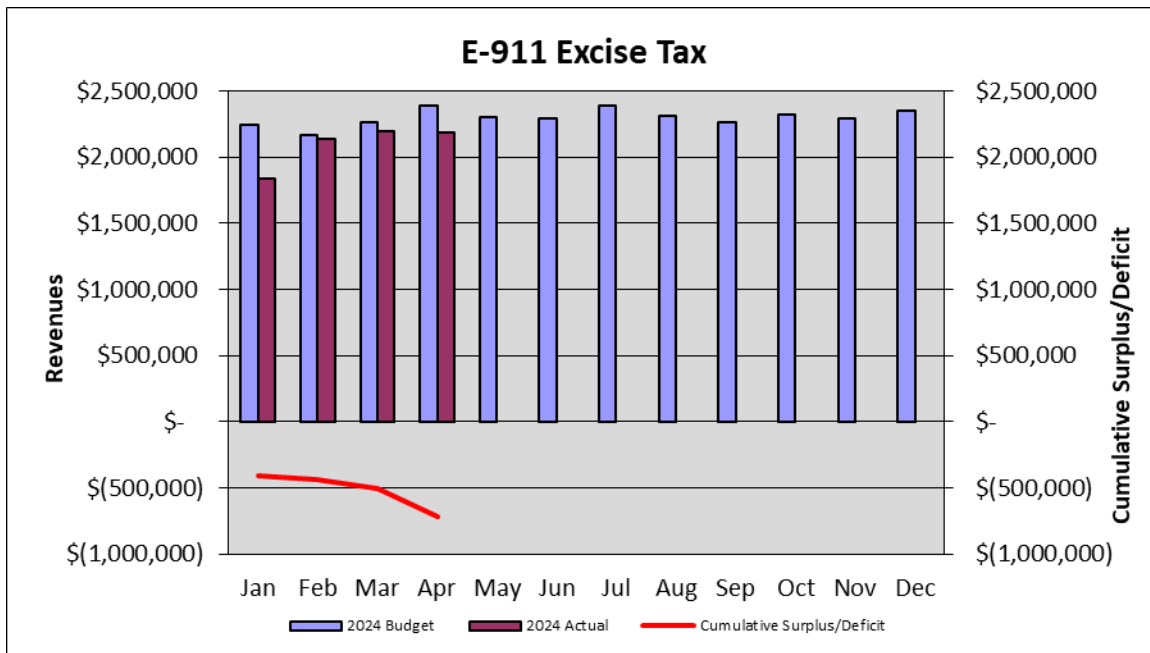
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0%



Data Source: King County EBS Acct. 33689

MV Fuel Taxes Comparison (May 2024)

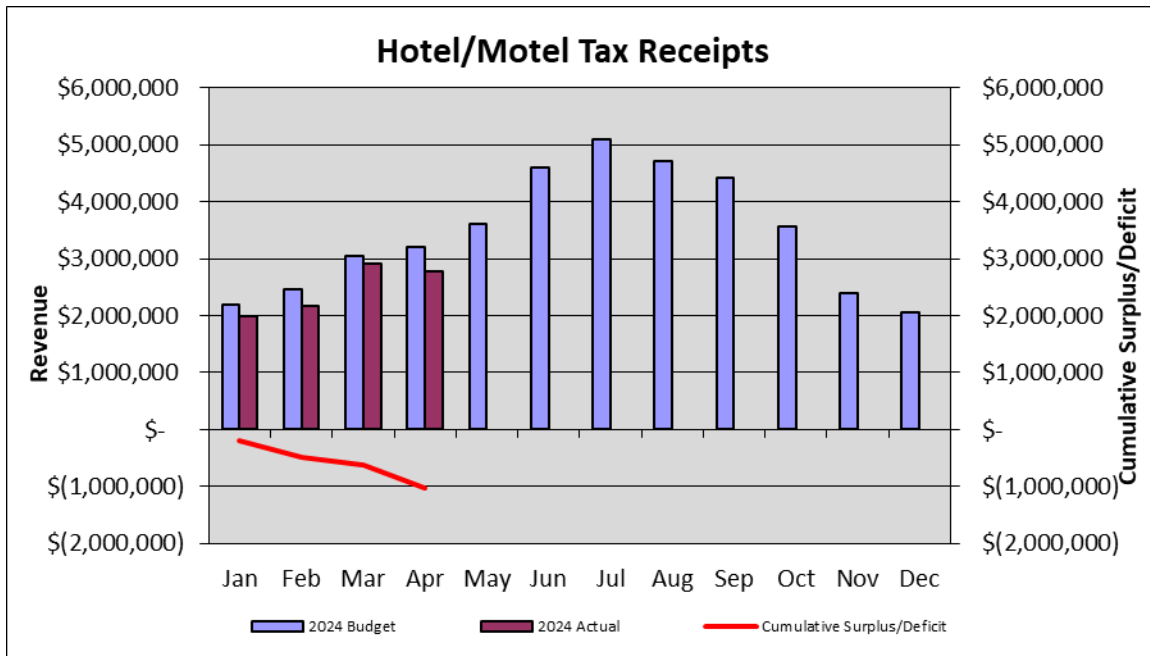
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 977,401	\$ 868,614	\$ (108,787)	-11.1%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

E-911 Excise Tax Comparison (April 2024)

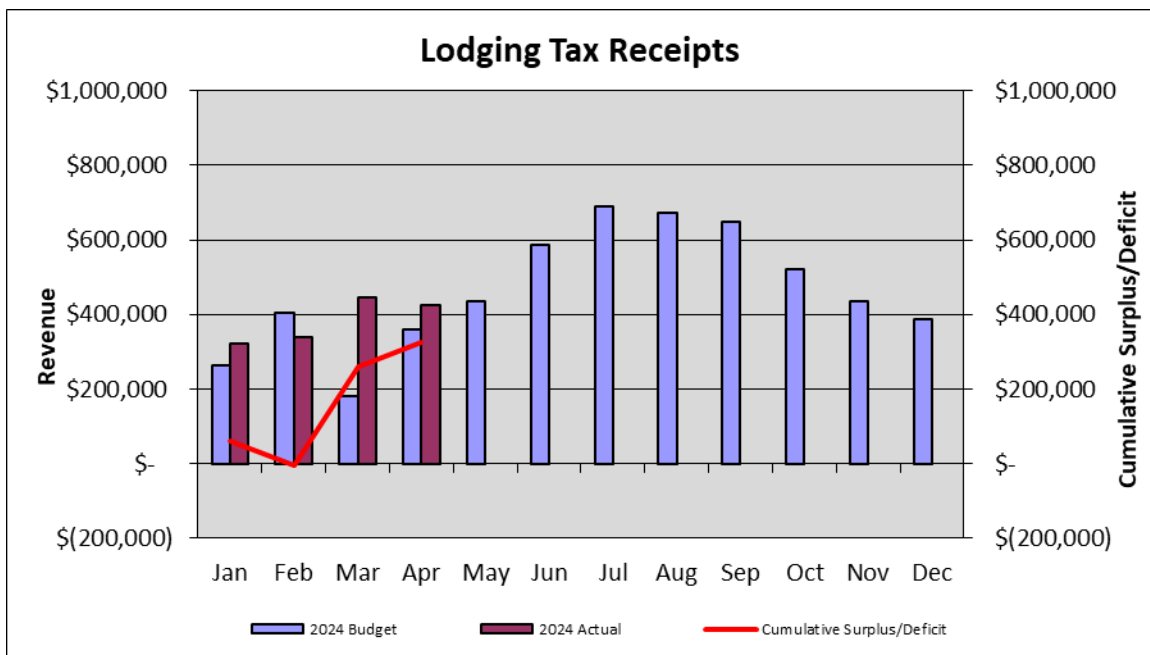
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 2,392,244	\$ 2,181,879	\$ (210,365)	-8.8%



Data Source: Washington DOR through April

Hotel/Motel Tax Comparison (April 2024)

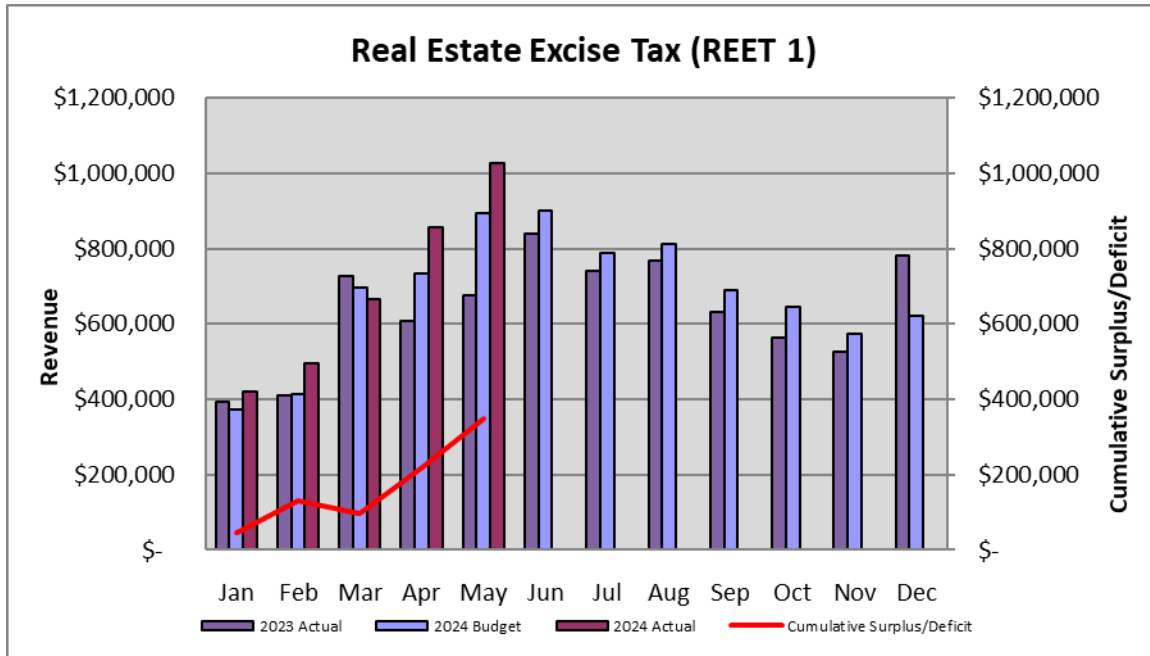
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 3,201,890	\$ 2,782,784	\$ (419,107)	-13.1%



Data Source: Seattle Convention Center through April

Lodging Tax Comparison (April 2024)

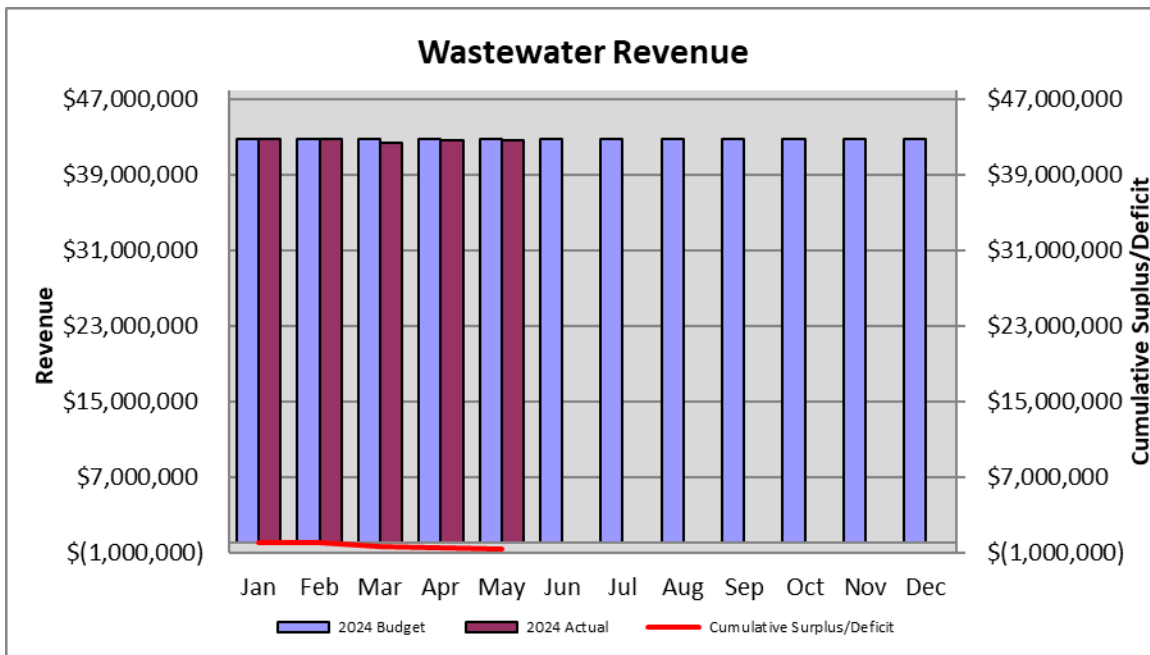
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 360,250	\$ 424,285	\$ 64,035	17.8%



Data Source: King County EBS Acct 31734

Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 1) Comparison (May 2024)

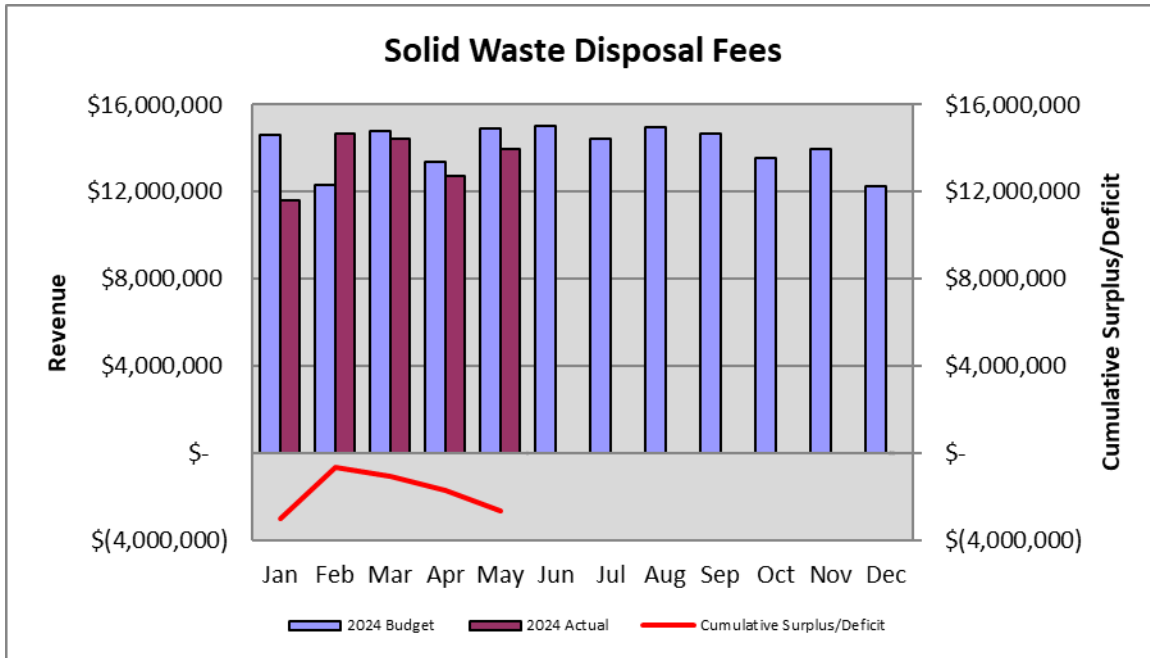
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 893,817	\$ 1,025,159	\$ 131,342	14.7%



Data Source: King County EBS Acct 44192

Wastewater Revenues Comparison (May 2024)

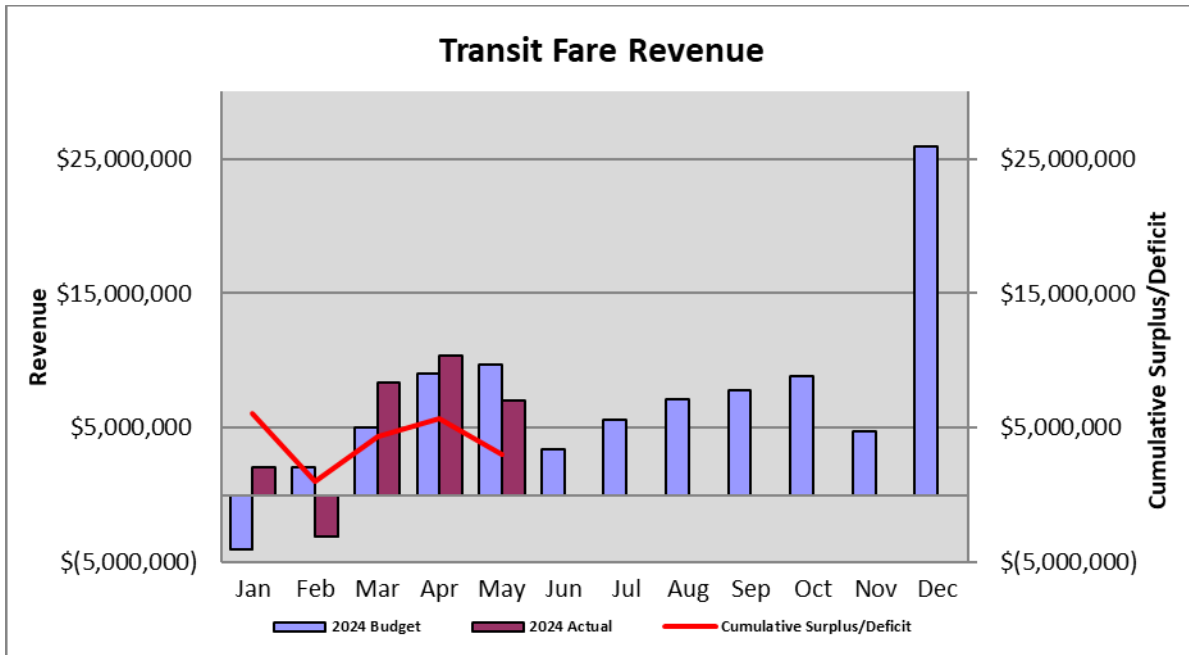
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 42,784,325	\$ 42,680,503	\$ (103,822)	-0.2%



Data Source: EBS acct. 34371

Solid Waste Net Disposal Charges Comparison (May 2024)

Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 14,933,754	\$ 13,988,300	\$ (945,454)	-6.3%



Data Source: King County EBS Accts 44233, 44234, 44235, 44237, 44249, 44253, and 44269

Transit Fare Charges Comparison (May 2024)

Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 9,724,685	\$ 7,014,388	\$ (2,710,296)	-27.9%

Appendix
King County Taxable Retail Sales by Industry
 (Current obligations: April 2023 – April 2024)

NAICS Category	2-digit NAICS	Apr-23	Apr-24	Percent change (2023-2024)
Agriculture	11	\$ 2,073,331	\$ 2,050,737	-1.1%
Mining	21	593,393	621,386	4.7%
Utilities	22	8,442,311	8,394,719	-0.6%
Construction	23	1,689,899,834	1,513,397,926	-10.4%
Manufacturing	31-33	175,733,526	180,383,875	2.6%
Wholesale	41-42	426,454,978	535,801,798	25.6%
Retail Trade	44-45	2,375,640,475	2,368,003,188	-0.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	105,144,552	112,805,182	7.3%
Information	51	487,865,412	320,107,719	-34.4%
Finance & Insurance	52	65,731,494	59,250,258	-9.9%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	53	159,636,559	161,054,286	0.9%
Professional, Scientific, Technical Services	54	326,084,397	301,933,848	-7.4%
Management, Education and Health Services	55-62	468,169,584	505,283,201	7.9%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	71	78,857,754	80,337,417	1.9%
Accommodations, Food Services	72	733,338,040	740,882,323	1.0%
Other Services	81	155,705,510	172,069,065	10.5%
Public Administration/DOL Monthly	92	78,061,432	85,696,733	9.8%
Other		-	-	
Total-All Industries		\$ 7,337,432,583	\$ 7,148,073,659	-2.6%
NAICS Category	3-digit NAICS	Apr-23	Apr-24	Percentage change (2023-2024)
Construction				
Construction of Buildings	236	\$ 1,171,349,547	\$ 1,002,794,450	-14.4%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	237	90,582,884	78,526,886	-13.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	238	427,967,403	432,076,589	1.0%
Retail				
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	441	509,709,708	503,220,743	-1.3%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	444	213,363,367	212,187,759	-0.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	445	134,578,688	136,401,800	1.4%
Furniture, Home Furnishings, Electronics, and Appliance Retailers	449	320,000,622	293,933,591	-8.1%
General Merchandise Retailers	455	248,175,654	263,289,628	6.1%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	456	108,388,788	90,664,020	-16.4%
Gasoline Stations and Fuel Dealers	457	46,910,801	47,388,272	1.0%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	458	179,383,306	183,874,123	2.5%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, & Misc. Retailers	459	615,129,541	637,043,252	3.6%
Wholesale				
Wholesale: Durable Goods	423	346,571,250	455,256,215	31.4%
Wholesale: Nondurable Goods	424	74,579,412	75,100,208	0.7%
Wholesale: Electronic Markets	425	5,304,315	5,445,375	2.7%
Food Service and Accommodations				
Accommodation	721	148,791,315	162,163,278	9.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	722	584,546,725	578,719,045	-1.0%
Note: NAICS values were updated & consolidated in 2022				
NAICS Category	4-digit NAICS	Apr-23	Apr-24	Percentage change (2023-2024)
Sporting Goods, Hobby, and Musical Instrument Retailers	4591	\$ 94,084,595	\$ 81,660,223	-13.2%
Book Retailers and News Dealers	4592	7,629,119	7,792,592	2.1%
Florists	4593	3,241,024	3,108,796	-4.1%
Office Supplies, Stationery, and Gift Retailers	4594	20,745,279	21,615,507	4.2%
Used Merchandise Retailers	4595	10,977,050	11,324,190	3.2%
Other Miscellaneous Retailers	4599	478,452,474	511,541,944	6.9%