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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2025

TO: King County Forecast Council

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RE: King County Revenue through June 2025

Actuals Compared to Budget Forecast - King County Revenue (through June 2025 unless noted)¹

Barrana	_	TD Forecast	VTD Actual	Actual -	Difference
Revenue	_	2024 Budget)	YTD Actual	Forecast	(percentage)
Current Expense Levy*	\$	223,480,000	\$ 224,956,659	\$ 1,476,659	0.7%
UAL/Roads Levy^	\$	54,230,000	\$ 53,917,254	\$ (312,746)	-0.6%
Parks Levy^	\$	90,130,000	\$ 89,476,051	\$ (653,949)	-0.7%
Veterans, Seniors, & HS Levy (1143)^	\$	45,780,000	\$ 46,213,671	\$ 433,671	0.9%
Conservation Futures Levy (3151)^	\$	28,450,000	\$ 28,144,087	\$ (305,913)	-1.1%
EMS Levy^	\$	63,660,000	\$ 66,513,195	\$ 2,853,195	4.5%
Transit Levy^	\$	18,120,000	\$ 18,019,951	\$ (100,049)	-0.6%
Marine Levy^	\$	3,810,000	\$ 3,788,359	\$ (21,641)	-0.6%
Best Starts for Kids Levy^	\$	81,920,000	\$ 81,395,488	\$ (524,512)	-0.6%
Crisis Care Centers Levy^	\$	64,760,000	\$ 64,297,394	\$ (462,606)	-0.7%
County Hospital Levy^	\$	45,560,000	\$ 45,267,666	\$ (292,334)	-0.6%
P&I on Delinquent Property Taxes	\$	13,290,000	\$ 11,208,096	\$ (2,081,904)	-15.7%
Sales Tax - Local Option (5/25)	\$	68,860,000	\$ 70,352,483	\$ 1,492,483	2.2%
Sales Tax-Criminal Justice (5/25)	\$	7,330,000	\$ 7,258,549	\$ (71,451)	-1.0%
Sales Tax-MIDD (5/25)	\$	36,340,000	\$ 36,334,534	\$ (5,466)	0.0%
Sales Tax - Transit (5/25)	\$	331,480,000	\$ 331,382,227	\$ (97,773)	0.0%
Sales Tax - Health Through Housing (5/25)	\$	27,470,000	\$ 28,005,162	\$ 535,162	1.9%
Sales Tax - Cultural Access Program (5/25)	\$	36,450,000	\$ 36,604,849	\$ 154,849	0.4%
Marijuana Excise Tax	\$	1,440,000	\$ 1,347,123	\$ (92,877)	-6.4%
MV Fuel Tax-Roads+	\$	5,670,000	\$ 5,191,356	\$ (478,644)	-8.4%
E-911 Excise Tax (5/25)	\$	10,590,000	\$ 11,002,541	\$ 412,541	3.9%
Hotel/Motel Tax (5/25)	\$	13,750,000	\$ 13,522,994	\$ (227,006)	-1.7%
Lodging Tax (HB 2015) (5/25)	\$	1,970,000	\$ 2,305,812	\$ 335,812	17.0%
Rental Car Tax (5/25)	\$	1,700,000	\$ 1,437,665	\$ (262,335)	-15.4%
REET 1 Revenue	\$	4,790,000	\$ 4,140,294	\$ (649,706)	-13.6%
Wastewater Revenues+	\$	274,240,000	\$ 272,686,876	\$ (1,553,124)	-0.6%
Solid Waste Net Disposal Charges+	\$	74,780,000	\$ 76,458,509	\$ 1,678,509	2.2%
Transit Fare+	\$	32,690,000	\$ 30,726,245	\$ (1,963,755)	-6.0%

 $^{^{\}rm l}$ 2025 actual values are preliminary and subject to adjustment.

All other taxes' 2025 budget based on OEFA March 2025 Forecast

^{* 2025} budget is 97.5% of levy ordinance

^{^ 2025} budget is 99% of levy ordinance

^{+ 2025} budget is from Agency budget documents.

2025 Actuals Compared to Budget Forecasts

Through the end of June 2025, property tax revenues combined for all levies are up from the forecast by \$2.2 million or 0.3 percent. This now includes the first half of the property tax collections for 2025 but not the second half. The year-to-date (yoy) differences in the actuals versus the March forecast for individual levies were positive for four levies and negative for the rest ranging between 4.5 and -1.1 percent with the EMS levy being above the forecast the most by \$2.85 million. The conservation futures levy came in with the largest negative percentage difference at -1.1 percent and Parks levy had the largest dollar decline at -\$653,949 below the March forecast. The first six months of collections of penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes came in -\$2.1 million or 15.7 percent below forecast.

Total taxable sales, categorized by industry sectors, were up slightly in the first five months of 2025 by 1 percent yoy. Year-to-date, about half the industry sectors were up from last year: information up 31.2 percent, finance and insurance up 8.7 percent, wholesale trade up 2.4 percent, retail trade up 0.8 percent, real estate, rental and leasing up 9.5 percent, professional, scientific, and technical services up 6.8 percent, health care and social assistance up 10.9 percent, arts, entertainment, and recreation services up 7 percent, accommodations and food services up 1.8 percent and public administration up 30.2 percent over last year. For the first five months of 2025, some big sectors in the local economy were down from last year like construction sales down 5.6 percent, manufacturing sales down 3.4 percent, transportation and warehousing down 7.7 percent, management of companies and enterprises down 33.3 percent, other services except public administration down 2.5 percent and educational services down 9.1 percent.

An appendix to this memo provides King County taxable retail sales by industry for the most recent month May 2025 compared to May 2024. This table indicates that in the month of May, total taxable sales were up year-over-year by 0.4 percent. Some industry sectors are up, and others are down in May compared to last year. The construction sector in May was down yoy by 3.6 percent. Wholesale was down 3.1 percent, manufacturing down 6 percent, transportation and warehousing down 13 percent, management of companies down 27 percent, educational services down 3 percent and health care down 0.9 percent and other services down 3.3 percent. Notable industries that grew in May 2025 include retail trade, which was up 1.8 percent, accommodation & food service was up 1.4 percent, finance and insurance up 7.5 percent, real estate and rental and leasing up 6.2 percent, professional, scientific and technical services up 1.6 percent, arts, entertainment and recreation up 4.7 percent and the information sector was up a whopping 27 percent thanks to the large payment by a local tech company. Note there was also a strong uptick in DOL monthly collections, coming in at \$76.4 million which represented a catch up for prior month's minimal sales tax collections.

The first five months of 2025 saw sales taxes above the March forecast by \$2 million, 0.4 percent, for all six sales tax levies. Half of the sales tax levies were up, and half were down. Sales tax distributions for the local option levy were up the most \$1.5 million, 2.2 percent, from the March forecast. This local sales tax levy recently benefited from the fact that the unincorporated area of King County performed better in taxable sales than countywide taxable sales. The transit levy was down the most at \$0.1 million, 0.03 percent, below the March forecast.

All other revenue streams deviated from forecast by more than one percent except for wastewater revenues which were down \$1.6 million or -0.6 percent. Other revenue streams which were down included the marijuana tax down 6.4 percent, MV fuel tax for roads down 8.4 percent, hotel/motel taxes down 1.7 percent, rental car tax down 15.4 percent, real estate excise taxes down 13.6 percent, and transit fares down 6 percent. A few revenue streams were above the March forecast including E-911 excise tax at 3.9 percent above, lodging tax up 17 percent, and solid waste disposal charges up 2.2 percent compared to the last forecast.

2025 Actuals Compared to OEFA July Forecasts

On July 21, 2025, the King County Forecast Council adopted a new July 2025 revenue forecast. This forecast modified the March 2025 forecast used for setting the 2025 budget. One important element of revision in the July 2025 revenue forecast was the forecast for King County taxable sales as it was reduced by more than 1 percent from the March forecast. This resulted in a lower forecast for sales tax levies. Projections of property tax levies for 2025 were not impacted by this July forecast. Penalties and interest on delinquent property taxes had been lowered since the March forecast and now actuals are coming in \$1 million or 8.7 percent below the July forecast.

Below is a table comparing the monthly 2025 OEFA July forecasts to the monthly actuals received so far in 2025 for those OEFA forecasts that were impacted by the July revisions from the March forecast.

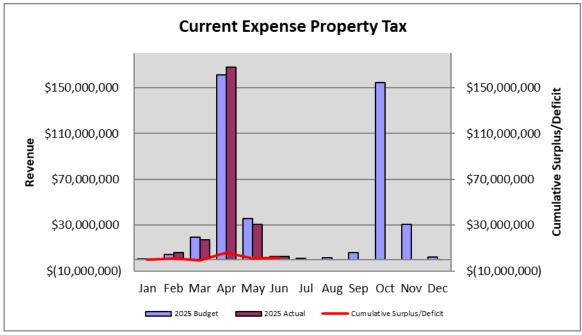
Since the July forecast for taxable sales was revised downward by more than 1% in 2025 from the March forecast, the difference in actual sales tax levies cumulatively for the first five months is up \$4.3 million, 0.85 percent, from the July forecast.

Since the July forecast, the marijuana, hotel, rental car and REET 1 forecasts were each revised downward from the March forecast. Now for the first five months of 2025 actuals compared to the latest July forecast is up for the marijuana excise tax by \$47,123, 3.6 percent, E-911 excise tax is up \$122,541 or 1.1 percent, hotel/motel taxes are up \$302,994 or 2.3 percent and the lodging tax is also up by \$205,812 or 9.8 percent. The rental car tax is down from the last forecast by \$42,335 or 2.9% and the REET 1 actuals compared to the new July forecast is also still down by -9.4 percent.

Actuals Compared to OEFA August Forecast - King County Revenue (through July 2025 unless noted)

(through July 2023 timess noted)							
			Actual -	Difference			
Revenue	(J	uly Forecast)		YTD Actual		Forecast	(percentage)
P&I on Delinquent Property Taxes	\$	12,270,000	\$	11,208,096	\$	(1,061,904)	-8.7%
Sales Tax - Local Option (5/25)	\$	69,060,000	\$	70,352,483	\$	1,292,483	1.9%
Sales Tax-Criminal Justice (5/25)	\$	7,210,000	\$	7,258,549	\$	48,549	0.7%
Sales Tax-MIDD (5/25)	\$	36,100,000	\$	36,334,534	\$	234,534	0.6%
Sales Tax - Transit (5/25)	\$	329,370,000	\$	331,382,227	\$	2,012,227	0.6%
Sales Tax - Health Through Housing (5/25)	\$	27,680,000	\$	28,005,162	\$	325,162	1.2%
Sales Tax - Cultural Access Program (5/25)	\$	36,220,000	\$	36,604,849	\$	384,849	1.1%
Marijuana Excise Tax	\$	1,300,000	\$	1,347,123	\$	47,123	3.6%
E-911 Excise Tax (5/25)	\$	10,880,000	\$	11,002,541	\$	122,541	1.1%
Hotel/Motel Tax (5/25)	\$	13,220,000	\$	13,522,994	\$	302,994	2.3%
Lodging Tax (HB 2015) (5/25)	\$	2,100,000	\$	2,305,812	\$	205,812	9.8%
Rental Car Tax (5/25)	\$	1,480,000	\$	1,437,665	\$	(42,335)	-2.9%
REET 1 Revenue	\$	4,570,000	\$	4,140,294	\$	(429,706)	-9.4%

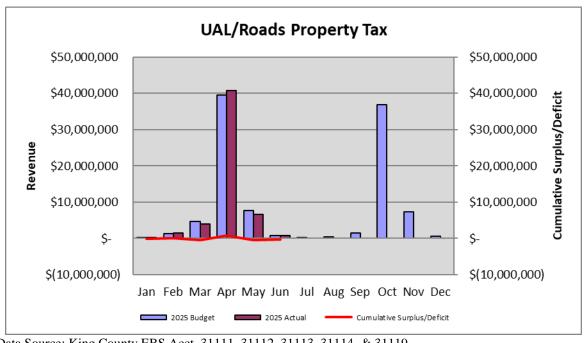
The graphs on the following pages indicate revenues from specific funds, including comparisons between monthly revenues as forecasted in March, shown by the blue bars, actual monthly revenues, indicated by the burgundy bars and the red line showing the cumulative difference between March forecasts and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



Data Source: King County EBS Acct 31111 & 31112

Current Expense Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

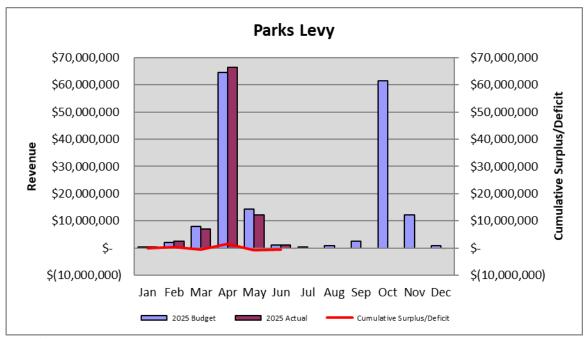
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Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 2.596.591	\$ 2.961.359	\$ 364.767	14.0%



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

UAL/Roads Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

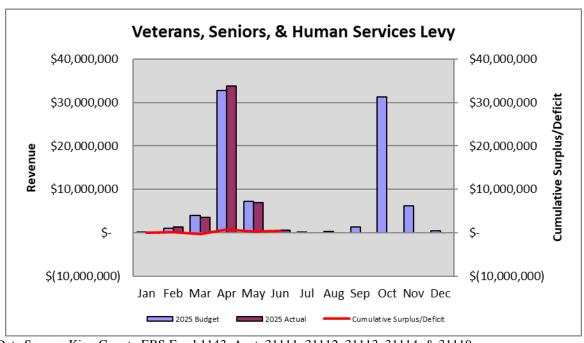
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 695,982	\$ 810,825	\$ 114,843	16.5%



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

Parks Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

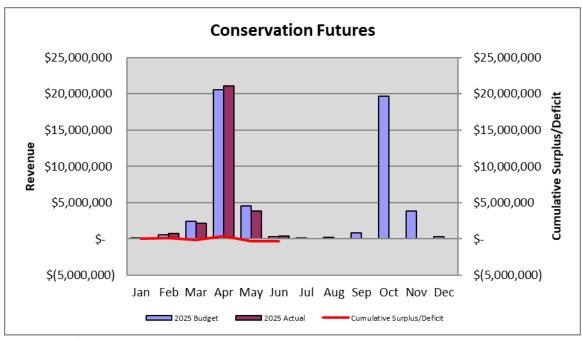
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Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,043,380	\$ 1,167,199	\$ 123,818	11.9%



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

VSHSL Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

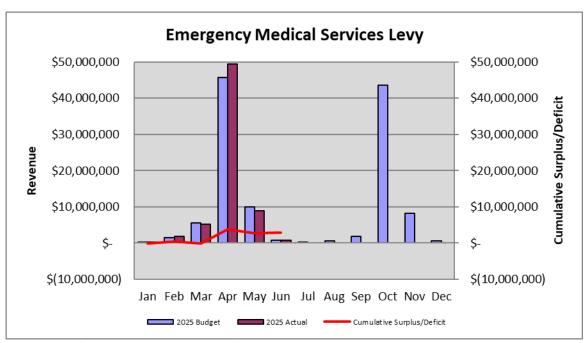
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 529,682	\$ 592,855	\$ 63,173	11.9%



Data Source: King County EBS, Acct. 31117

Conservation Futures Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

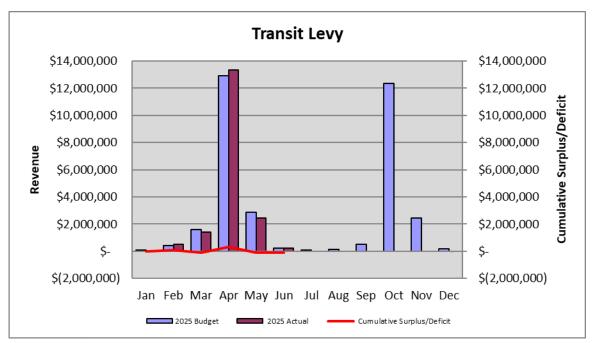
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 325,572	\$ 364,840	\$ 39,268	12.1%



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

EMS Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

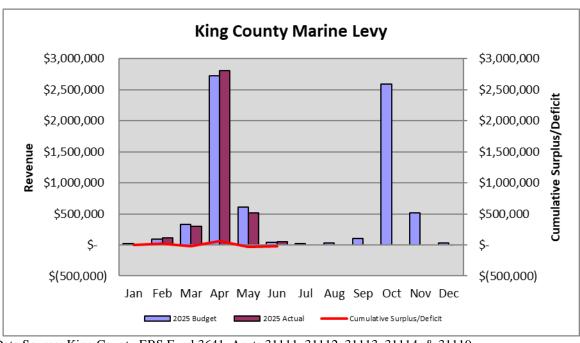
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 735,071	\$ 828,616	\$ 93,545	12.7%



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

Transit Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

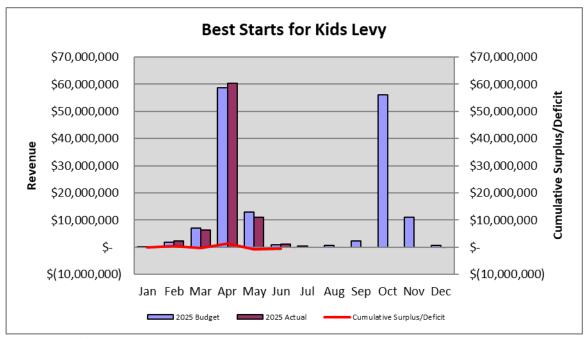
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Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 217,258	\$ 241,548	\$ 24,290	11.2%



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

King County Marine Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

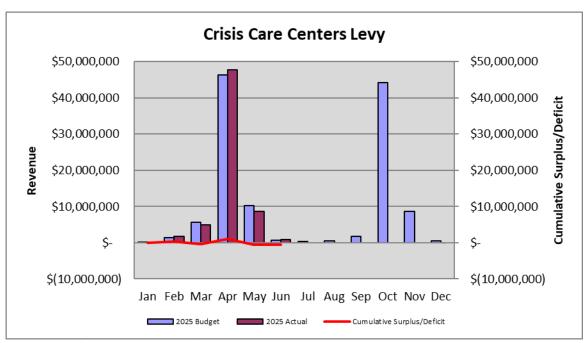
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 45,679	\$ 50,778	\$ 5,099	11.2%



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

Best Starts for Kids Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

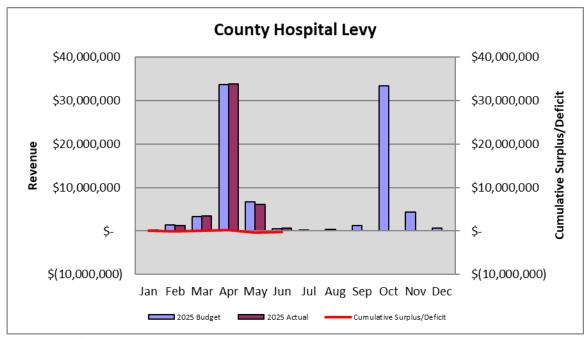
	Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
	\$ 946.440	\$ 1.062.776	\$ 116.336	12.3%



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

Crisis Care Centers Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

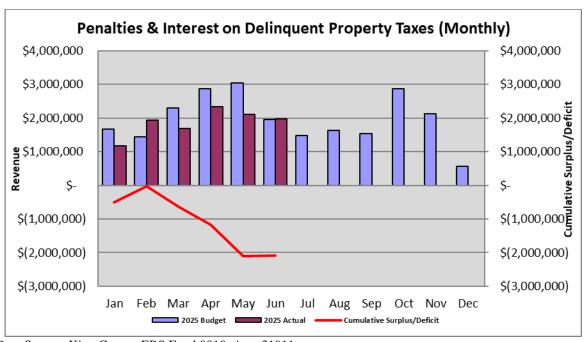
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 748,187	\$ 836,901	\$ 88,714	11.9%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 1700, Accts 31111, 31112, 31113, 31114, & 31119

County Hospital Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

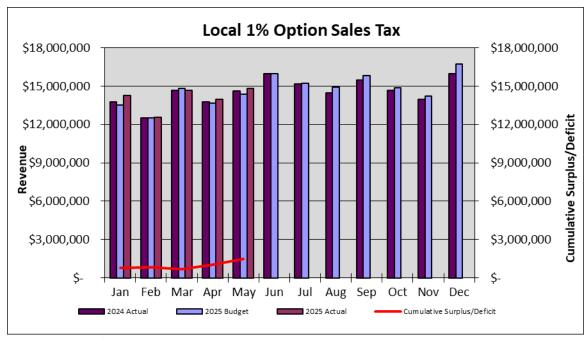
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 509,477	\$ 596,101	\$ 86,624	17.0%



Data Source: King County EBS Fund 0010, Acct 31911

Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Property Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

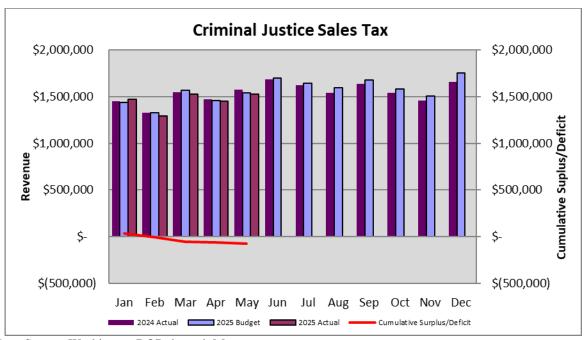
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,957,938	\$ 1,982,822	\$ 24,884	1.3%



Data Source: Washington State DOR through May

Local Option Sales Tax Comparison (May 2025)

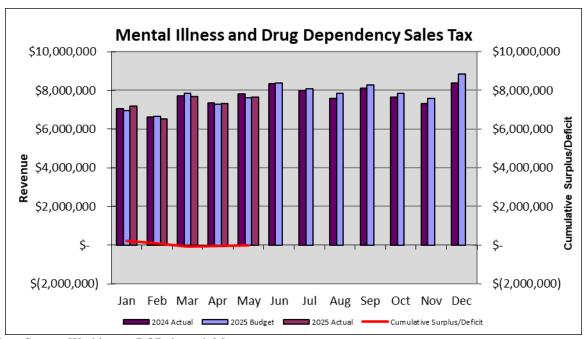
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 14,348,487	\$ 14,828,225	\$ 479,739	3.3%



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

CJ Sales Tax Comparison (May 2025)

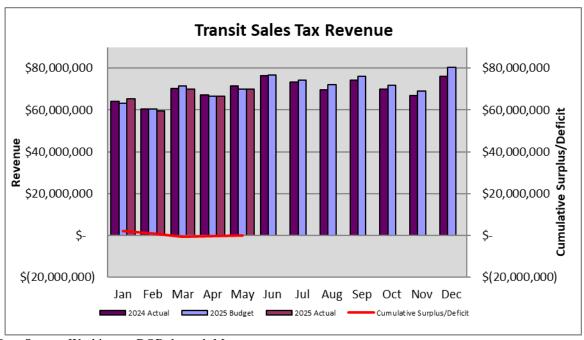
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,538,514	\$ 1,526,430	\$ (12,084)	-0.8%



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

MIDD Sales Tax Comparison (May 2025)

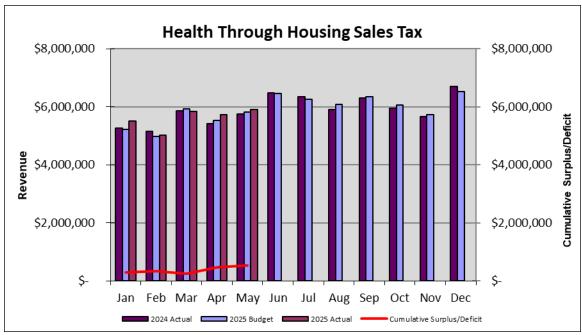
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 7,626,596	\$ 7,656,725	\$ 30,129	0.4%



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

Transit Sales Tax Comparison (May 2025)

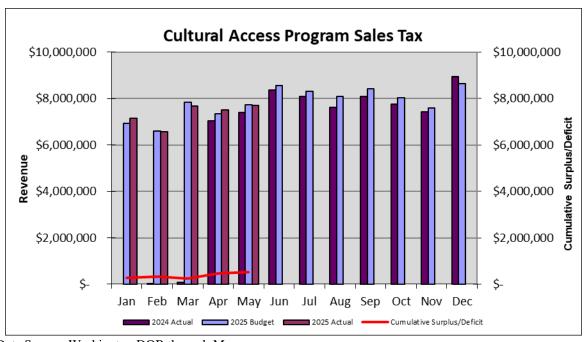
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference		
\$ 69,820,484	\$ 70,053,273	\$ 232,789	0.3%		



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

HTH Sales Tax Comparison (May 2025)

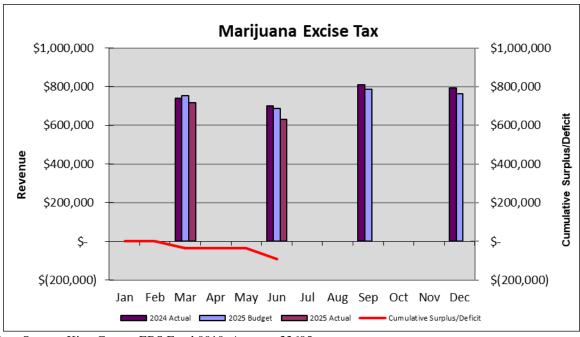
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 5,826,031	\$ 5,899,178	\$ 73,147	1.3%



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

CAP Sales Tax Comparison (May 2025)

Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 7,731,412	\$ 7,694,380	\$ (37,032)	-0.5%

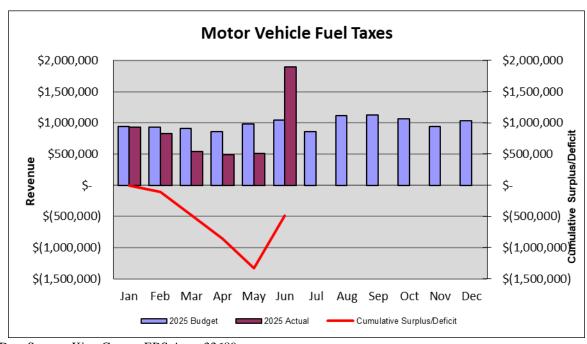


Data Source: King County EBS Fund 0010, Account 33605

Marijuana Excise Tax Comparison (June 2025)

Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 686,902	\$ 630,754	\$ (56,148)	-8.2%

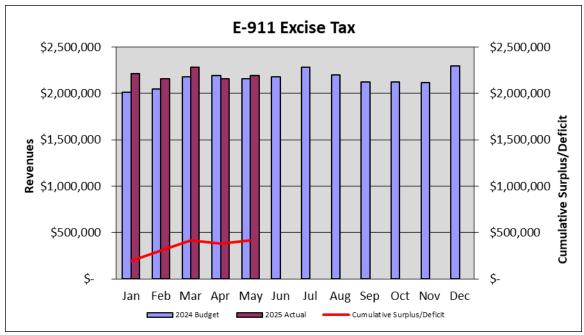
This data is received quarterly in March, June, September and December.



Data Source: King County EBS Acct. 33689

MV Fuel Taxes Comparison (June 2025)

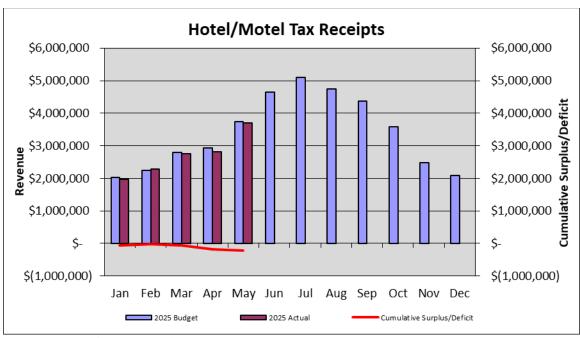
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,045,955	\$ 1,897,441	\$ 851,486	81.4%



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

E-911 Excise Tax Comparison (May 2025)

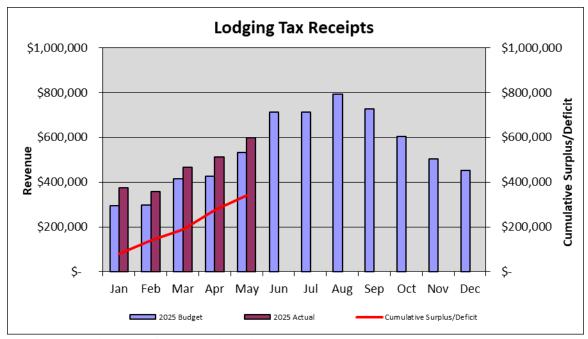
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference	
\$ 2,157,927	\$ 2,190,942	\$ 33,014	1.5%	



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

Hotel/Motel Tax Comparison (May 2025)

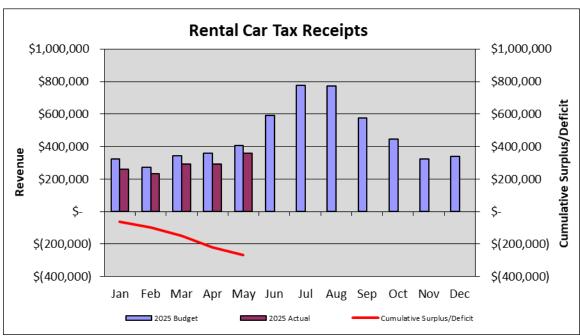
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Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 3,739,430	\$ 3,697,446	\$ (41,984)	-1.1%



Data Source: Seattle Convention Center through May

Lodging Tax Comparison (May 2025)

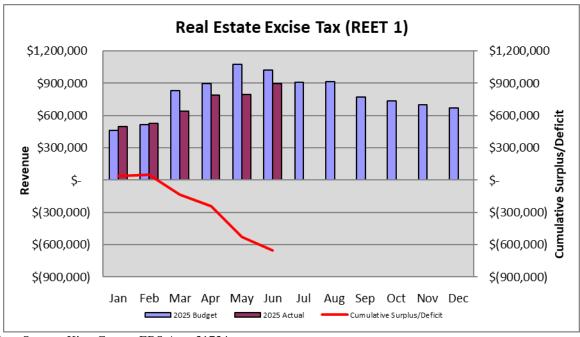
	Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 532,596 \$			\$ 64,937	12.2%



Data Source: Washington DOR through May

Rental Car Tax Comparison (May 2025)

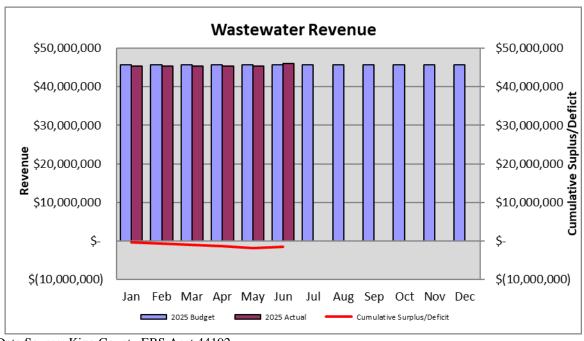
Forecast	Forecast Actual		Difference	
\$ 407,375	\$ 359,999	\$ (47,376)	-11.6%	



Data Source: King County EBS Acct 31734

Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 1) Comparison (June 2025)

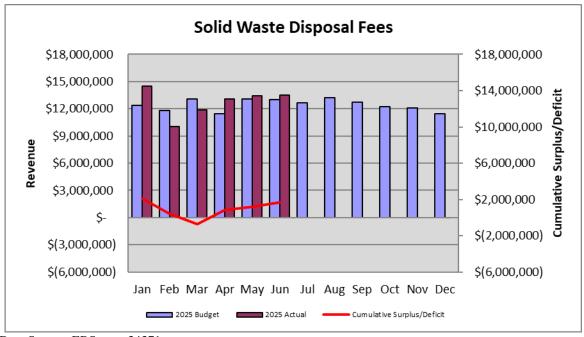
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 1,023,317	\$ 894,611	\$ (128,706)	-12.6%



Data Source: King County EBS Acct 44192

Wastewater Revenues Comparison (June 2025)

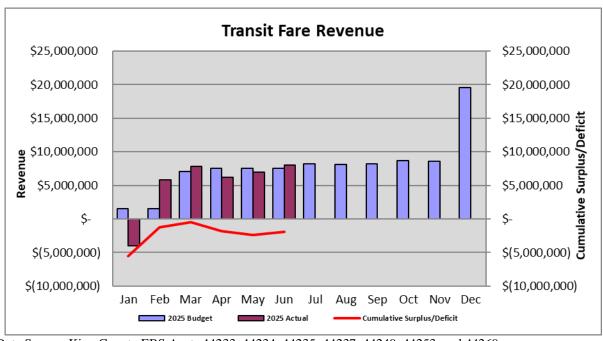
Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 45,706,210	\$ 45,976,509	\$ 270,300	0.6%



Data Source: EBS acct. 34371

Solid Waste Net Disposal Charges Comparison (June 2025)

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Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference
\$ 13,006,011	\$ 13,480,303	\$ 474,292	3.6%



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

Transit Fare Charges Comparison (June 2025)

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Forecast	Actual	Actual-Forecast	Difference		
\$ 7,575,062	\$ 8,022,475	\$ 447,413	5.9%		

Appendix King County Taxable Retail Sales by Industry (Current obligations: May 2024 – May 2025)

NAICS Category	2-digit NAICS	May-24	May-25	Percent change (2024-2025)
Agriculture	11	\$ 1,904,613	\$ 2,323,969	22.0%
Mining	21	573,534	615,873	7.4%
Utilities	22	8,382,557	6,420,919	-23.4%
Construction	23	1,621,541,891	1,562,725,838	-3.6%
Manufacturing	31-33	197,714,611	185,930,370	-6.0%
Wholesale	41-42	497,657,984	482,042,653	-3.1%
Retail Trade	44-45	2,520,682,466	2,565,627,330	1.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	137,402,772	119,363,468	-13.1%
Information	51	294,069,717	374,545,454	27.4%
Finance & Insurance	52	60,184,905	64,674,333	7.5%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	53	183,231,020	194,734,399	6.3%
Professional, Scientific, Technical Services	54	309,005,141	314,055,069	1.6%
Management, Education and Health Services	55-62	528,166,246	517,603,940	-2.0%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	71	84,100,652	88,069,916	4.7%
Accommodations, Food Services	72	858,815,163	870,627,023	1.4%
Other Services	81	178,329,801	172,461,423	-3.3%
Public Administration/DOL Monthly	92		81,519,966	-3.3% -11.8%
,	92	92,447,538	01,519,900	
Other		-	-	0.0%
Total All Industries		\$ 7,574,210,611	¢ 7602244044	0.4%
Total-All Industries		\$ 7,574,210,611	\$ 7,603,341,941	Percentage change
NAICS Category	3-digit NAICS	May-24	May-25	(2024-2025)
Construction		,	•	
Construction of Buildings	236	\$ 1,031,618,817	\$ 952,516,159	-7.7%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	237	126,524,356	130,405,138	3.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	238	463,398,718	479,804,541	3.5%
Retail				
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	441	536,700,781	534,111,866	-0.5%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	444	208,432,099	210,934,397	1.2%
Food and Beverage Stores	445	162,343,559	160,251,120	-1.3%
Furniture, Home Furnishings, Electronics, and Appliance Retailers	449	310,776,210	306,584,931	-1.3%
General Merchandise Retailers	455	272,822,637	280,333,727	2.8%
Health and Personal Care Retailers	456	93,956,357	84,084,979	-10.5%
Gasoline Stations and Fuel Dealers	457	50,339,242	49,292,769	-2.1%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	458	204,592,940	220,622,808	7.8%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, & Misc. Retailers	459	680,718,641	719,410,734	5.7%
Wholesale		, , .	-, -, -	
Wholesale: Durable Goods	423	373,121,298	366,073,198	-1.9%
Wholesale: Nondurable Goods	424	118,745,959	109,926,876	-7.4%
Wholesale: Electronic Markets	425	5,790,727	6,042,579	4.3%
Food Service and Accommodations		2,122,12	2,0 :=,0:0	
Accommodation	721	216,370,005	205,574,576	-5.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	722	642,445,157	665,052,447	3.5%
Note: NAICS values were updated & consolidated in 2022		0.2,,	000,002,111	0.070
NAICS Category	4-digit NAICS	May-24	May-25	Percentage change (2024-2025)
Sporting Goods, Hobby, and Musical Instrument Retailers	4591	\$ 94,825,692	\$ 98,666,398	4.1%
Book Retailers and News Dealers	4592	7,849,792	8,568,886	9.2%
Florists	4593	4,639,110	4,515,148	-2.7%
Office Supplies, Stationery, and Gift Retailers	4594	23,336,986	23,858,260	2.2%
Used Merchandise Retailers	4595	11,230,593	12,190,380	8.5%
Other Miscellaneous Retailers	4599	538,836,471	571,611,664	6.1%