

THE NETHERLANDS. WESTERSCHELDETUNNEL. GENERAL REPORT 2009.

Network length

In the Netherlands we have only two tolled Motorways. One of them is our Westerscheldetunnel. The length of the Westerscheldetunnel and connecting roads is nearly 20 km. The other tolled motorway is the “Kiltunnel”, a tunnel of about 0,75 km, of which only the tunnel itself is tolled.

Investments

In 2009 preparations for doubling the connecting roads have started. The corresponding constructions will be ready in 2013.

In 2009 investments were made for a new tolling system, which is in use from March 15th 2010.

Financing

On May 18th the State of the Netherlands sold their 95,4% shares to the Province of Zeeland.

The yearly income is for almost 50% generated from a subsidy from the Province of Zeeland. The other 50% of the income comes from tolling.

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Traffic

In the year 2009 the traffic (all types together) increased with about 2,2% compared to 2008. This is 0,8% more than the forecast for 2009.

Tolls

The average tariff per kilometer for light vehicles (personal vehicles with or without trailers/caravans etc.) is about € 0,24; for heavy vehicles (longer than 12 meters and/or higher than 2,50 meters the tariff is about € 1,18 per kilometre.

In 2009 the average tariff on the tollplaza was 2,6% higher than in 2008. The average received toll increased with a growth of about 1,7%, mainly due to the rather big decrease of the number of heavy vehicles passages.

The inflation in 2009 amounted appr. 3,25 %.

The revenues from toll in 2009 were ca. € 26,4 million.

Safety

In 2009 fortunately no fatal accidents happened. In 2009 there were three minor accidents (a car fire, a broken car with which caused a fuel track and stolen car which was left behind at the beginning of the tunnel.

This number and the number of kilometres travelled in the Westerscheldetunnel and on connecting roads are too small to draw conclusions about safety.

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MAIN ASECAP KEY FIGURES

Country : The Netherlands	2009
Network length	20 km
2 x 2 lanes	-
2 x 3 lanes	-
2 x 4 lanes.....	-
No. of km in construction	-
Forecasts of opening motorways section	-
Annual toll revenue	€ 26.441.511
Permanent staff	58
Average daily traffic (LV)	13.244
Average daily traffic (HV)	1.816
Average daily traffic (LV+HV)	15.060
Total number of accidents	
No. of personal injury accidents	0
No. of dead	0
No. of toll plazas	1
No. of lanes	14
No. of teletoll equipped lanes	14
No. of teletoll subscribers	46.775
No. of rest areas (with stations services)	-
No. of rest areas	1
No. of restaurants	-
No. of hotels	-

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