

## **REPORT 2011**

### **N.V. WESTERSCHELDETUNNEL**

#### ***Network length***

The length of the Westerscheldetunnel and connecting roads is nearly 20 kilometres.

#### ***Investments***

In 2011 the road on the north side of the tunnel was doubled in width to a 2x2 motorway. In 2011 we started to double the road on the south side of the tunnel. Before summer 2012 the doubling of all our roads will be completed.

#### ***Financing***

The Province of Zeeland holds 100% of the shares of N.V. Westerscheldetunnel; 44% of the annual income is generated by a subsidy from the Province of Zeeland. The other 56% is income from toll charges.

Toll charges for the Westerscheldetunnel are only temporary: In 2033 the Westerscheldetunnel will be toll-free.

#### ***Traffic***

In 2011 traffic increased by 4.7% compared to 2010. In 2010 the growth was only 1.1% compared to 2009. For 2012 no growth is foreseen.

Teletoll subscribers are responsible for 67% of the traffic.

### **Tolls**

In 2011 a 'heavy user' discount was introduced. If a subscriber drove through the tunnel over 200 times the following trips would give that subscriber an extra discount of 12.5%.

In 2012 the 'heavy user' discount will be increased to a 20% discount after 150 trips.

In 2011 the average charge for light vehicles was € 0.245 per kilometre. The charge for teletoll subscribers was € 0.19 per kilometre.

The toll increase for light vehicles was 5.05%.

In 2011 the average charge for heavy vehicles was € 1.225 per kilometre. The charge for teletoll subscribers was € 0.95.

The increase in toll fares for heavy vehicles is 3.66%.

The charges are being increased by 2% in 2012. The charges for teletoll subscribers will remain at the same level.

### **Safety**

In 2011 there were fortunately no fatal accidents.

### **Long-term forecasts and tendencies**

In 2015 the Sluiskiltunnel will open which will offer the opportunity of travelling between Goes and Gent (B) without interruption. An increase in traffic is foreseen once the tunnel is open. The Sluiskiltunnel will not be subject to toll charges.

## MAIN ASECAP KEY FIGURES

N.V. Westerscheldetunnel	2011
Network length .....	20 km
2 x 2 lanes .....	
2 x 3 lanes .....	
2 x 4 lanes.....	
No. of km under construction	-
Forecasts for opening motorway sections	-
Annual toll revenue	€ 28,493.318
Permanent staff	59.0
Average daily traffic (LV)	14,025
Average daily traffic (HV)	1.915
Average daily traffic (LV+HV)	15,940
Total number of accidents	9
No. of accidents resulting in personal injury	3
No. of fatal accidents	-
Km travelled (10 <sup>6</sup> x km)	116.4 mln.
No. of toll plazas	1
No. of lanes	14
No. of lanes equipped with teletoll	14
No. of teletoll subscribers	49,824
No. of rest areas (with station services)	-
No. of rest areas	-
No. of restaurants	-
No. of hotels	-