

March 18, 2024

Jefferson County
1820 Jefferson Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

The City of Port Townsend
250 Madison Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

RE: Support for SR20/Mill Road intersection improvements

Dear Jefferson County and City of Port Townsend:

On behalf of the Port Townsend City Council, I write to support Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend in making improvements to the SR20/Mill Road intersection area. The convergence of these streets as the Gateway to Port Townsend is becoming increasingly challenging. Rehabilitation of this intersection as a gateway feature and a full-scale roundabout able to accommodate large trucks, serve the increasing traffic, and provide safe access to pedestrians and bicyclists is important to our organization and our community.

This intersection is the gateway to the City of Port Townsend via SR20 and the old territorial road, Discovery Road. Residents and visitors access key destinations through this intersection, such as historic Downtown and Uptown, Fort Worden State Park, the Port Townsend/Coupeville ferry terminal, a number of schools, the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, and the many neighborhoods of the city. This intersection also serves our most vulnerable residents and a large number of people who work in Port Townsend but live in the surrounding area. This gateway sets the stage as the first place people see and experience as they enter and are welcomed into community.

As a priority for the City, we appreciate Jefferson County and WSDOT's partnership in working together with us to secure funds and make needed improvements to the key location where the state highway, city streets, and county roads converge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David J. Faber".

Mayor David J. Faber

