

March 18, 2024

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 Jefferson Healthcare, I am writing 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. The rehabilitation of this intersection as a gateway feature and a full-scale roundabout able to accommodate large trucks, the ability to serve the increasing traffic, and provide safe access to pedestrians and bicyclists is important to our organization.

Jefferson Healthcare, the sole medical system for East Jefferson County and the largest employer, with over 920 staff, understands that access to our city is a key need to ensure a high functioning community. As we have started a \$120 million dollar hospital renovation project, we regularly have large semi-trucks and other equipment that regularly drives into town. The Gateway to Port Townsend intersection is the key entry point to our community, and we applaud the City's commitment to ensuring a safe and accessible solution. Additionally, given the health-related impacts of limiting car use, we are highly supportive of ensuring a built environment that considers pedestrians and bicyclists.

We appreciate the County, City, and WSDOT are working together to secure funds and make improvements to the key location where the state highway, city streets, and county roads converge.

Sincerely,



Mike Glenn, CEO
Jefferson Healthcare