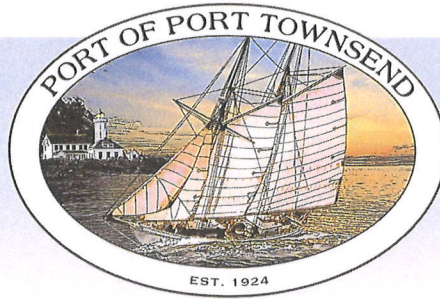


2701 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 1180
Port Townsend, WA 98368



360-385-0656
fax:360-385-3988
info@portofpt.com

www.portofpt.com

March 15, 2024

City of Port Townsend
250 Madison Street, Suite 2
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Jefferson County
1820 Jefferson 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 of Port Townsend, I write to support Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend in making improvements to the SR20/Mill Road intersection area. The SR20/SR19 Corridor Improvement Project is a high priority for the Port of Port Townsend as intersection failures between Chimacum and Port Townsend are increasingly impacting traffic flow, freight mobility, bike and pedestrian safety and travel times. The Port is home to hundreds of tenants and the vibrant marine trades which represent 20% of Jefferson County's economy. We need the SR20/SR19 corridor to work.

The highest priority intersection is the SR20/Mill Road intersection. The convergence of these streets as the entrance to Port Townsend is becoming increasingly challenging. Rehabilitation of this intersection as a full-scale roundabout able to accommodate large trucks, increasing traffic volume, and safe access to pedestrians and bicyclists is important. We really need to get this intersection done right.

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.

The port enjoys its close working relationship with the city and county and these projects are important to the port and its tenants.

Sincerely,


Eron Berg
Executive Director