

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

From: Frank Gifford, Public Works Director *FG*

Agenda Date: June 17, 2013

Subject: Letter of Recognition
Brian Moorehead, WSDOT Highways and Local Programs

Statement of Issue: Letter recognizing Brian Moorehead of WSDOT Olympic Region Highways and Local Programs for more than 15 years of outstanding customer service to Jefferson County.

Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's: Preservation and construction of Jefferson County's transportation infrastructure would not be possible without Federal and State funds. Highways and Local Programs employee Brian Moorehead has worked diligently to make sure that Jefferson County has access to these funds.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis: Jefferson County has received in excess of \$10 million in Federal funds in the last 15 years for transportation infrastructure repairs, construction, and preservation.

Recommendation: Sign five (5) originals of the letter and return all 5 to the Public Works office. Public Works will mail them.

Department Contact: Monte Reinders, County Engineer 385-9242

Reviewed By:

for
Erin Lundgren, Clerk of the Board
Philip Morley, County Administrator

06/12/13
Date



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Washington State Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Lynn Peterson, Secretary of Transportation
PO Box 47316
Olympia, WA. 98504-7316

Dear Ms. Peterson:

On behalf of the citizens of Jefferson County, we would like to recognize Brian Moorehead of WSDOT Highways and Local Programs for over 15 years of outstanding service to our county. Brian is a solution oriented individual who has worked diligently to ensure that Jefferson County benefits from the vital partnership with Federal Highways and WSDOT to construct and preserve transportation infrastructure. Brian values and understands the local agency perspective and works with us to find Federal and State solutions to our needs.

Among many accomplishments, Brian has worked with us time and time again to secure ER funding for repairs to the Upper Hoh Road and Quinault South Shore Road to provide continued access to Olympic National Park. He was instrumental in helping us acquire and utilize ARRA funds in 2009 on a tight timeframe to preserve a primary freight corridor. Brian supported us in our endeavors to use Federal funds to acquire and develop sections of the Olympic Discovery Trail and to acquire airspace leases on WSDOT right of way. When it came time to paint an 800-foot long steel bridge over the Queets River, Brian put us in touch with the right people at WSDOT to develop estimates and a successful funding package. And when new Federal spending targets were announced last year, Brian once again worked with us to fast track obligation of funds to meet deadlines.

Brian has a "can do" approach that exemplifies the service we have come to expect from Local Programs. We thank him and commend him for his service!

Sincerely,

John Austin, Chair

David Sullivan, Member

Phil Johnson, Member