

Jefferson County  
Board of Commissioners  
Agenda Request

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**From:** Monte Reinders, Public Works Director/County Engineer *MR*

**Agenda Date:** July 7, 2014

**Subject:** Letter of Appreciation  
Kathleen Davis, WSDOT Highways and Local Programs

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**Statement of Issue:** Letter of appreciation to WSDOT Highways and Local Programs Director Kathleen Davis for helping to secure \$942,705 worth of "toll credits" to fulfill the County's match requirement on a \$13.9 million Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) project designed to protect access on the Upper Hoh Road.

**Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's:** The County was awarded a \$13.9 million Federal Lands Access Program project in 2013 which will protect and rehabilitate infrastructure on the Upper Hoh Road. Federal Highways Western Federal Lands will administer and deliver the project. The County match requirement of \$942,705 could not have been achieved had it not been for the efforts of Highways and Local Programs to substitute "toll credits" for this match. This means the County will not have to invest any actual funds in order to move ahead with this important project. Federal Highways allows States to use, as a credit towards a project's local share, certain expenditures it has made with toll revenues. WSDOT has agreed to allow the County to use a portion of its "toll credits" for this project in recognition of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by State and Federal partners to support the County's efforts to maintain access on the Upper Hoh Road.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis:** None

**Recommendation:** Sign this letter and mail to Highways and Local Programs.

**Department Contact:** Monte Reinders, County Engineer 385-9242

**Reviewed By:**

*Philip Morley*  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

*7/2/14*  
Date



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Highways and Local Programs Division  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7390

Attn: Kathleen Davis, Director - Highways and Local Programs

Dear Ms. Davis:

Jefferson County would like to take this opportunity to thank the Washington State Department of Transportation, Highways and Local Programs Division for its ongoing support of our efforts to maintain access on the Upper Hoh Road serving the Olympic National Park's Hoh Rainforest. This was demonstrated most recently through H&LP's successful efforts to secure \$942,705 in "toll credits" to fulfill the County's local match requirement for the Federal Lands Access Program project. Without this match, Western Federal Lands would not have been able to proceed with \$13.9 million worth of federally funded infrastructure and rehabilitation projects on this road. H&LP staff has demonstrated time and time again a willingness to assist Jefferson County with the challenges it faces on its Park access roads. Whether it is securing federal funding to make repairs after a storm, or helping the County navigate complex federal environmental process, or participating in multiple stakeholder meetings designed to find better management solutions for the road, H&LP staff have been there to help Jefferson County. We greatly appreciate this spirit of partnership which allows us to keep these Park access roads open for the many visitors coming to our State and County.

Sincerely,

John Austin, Chair

David Sullivan, Member

Phil Johnson, Member

Cc: Jefferson County Public Works