



Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

February 17, 2022

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RE: Joint Letter of Support for the US Highway 101 East Corridor Improvement Project with On / Off Ramps and the Frontage Road from Sequim City Council, Board of Clallam County Commissioners and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Representative Chapman, Representative Tharinger & Senator Van De Wege:

On behalf of the City of Sequim, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe we would like to show our strong support for the US Highway 101 East Corridor Improvement Project with on / off ramps and the frontage road serving Palo Alto Road and Happy Valley Road. We believe that a frontage road would eliminate the unsafe intersections, maintain a smooth flow of traffic on Highway 101, and maximize entry and exit at a proper, safe, completed interchange.

The State awarded the preliminary engineering for the Simdars Road interchange to US Highway 101. It also included constructing a frontage road connecting Palo Alto and Happy Valley roads to the Simdars interchange and eliminating their direct connection to Highway 101. One of Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Proposals calls for traffic circles at the

intersections of Palo Alto Road and another at Happy Valley Road. The City, BOCC and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe are concerned about traffic volume, access to commerce on the Olympic Peninsula, creating secondary access, and the potential impact during peak tourism times like Lavender Festival weekend. Highway 101 is the only highway that serves the greater Olympic Peninsula area and direct flow of traffic is of utmost importance. It is critical that WSDOT properly analyze the impacts traffic circles would have on these items.

Sequim City Council, the BOCC and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe appreciate WSDOT's outreach to the local community as safety improvements are being considered. Please accept this letter of support for the US Highway 101 East Corridor Improvement Project with on / off ramps and the frontage road. It is our sincere hope that the completion of this project is given the highest, and first priority.

Respectfully,



Tom Ferrell
Mayor, on behalf of the Sequim City Council



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Mark Ozias
Board of Clallam County Commissioners, Clallam County District 1



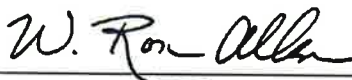
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Board of Clallam County Commissioners, Clallam County District 2



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Board of Clallam County Commissioners, Clallam County District 3



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Tribal Chairman / CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe