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RE: Thurston County – De-obligation of STP funding and Re-authorization

Thurston County Public Works received STP fund authorization for the Yelm Hwy & Meridian Rd Intersection (STPUS-5252(010)) and Maytown Rd – Littlerock Rd to SR 121 (STPR-C344(001)) projects in 2013 for the amounts of \$250,000 and \$173,000 respectively. Public Works is requesting that this funding be de-obligated and re-authorized to the Rich Rd SE Phase 2 – 87th Ave to 500' North of Normandy project which is programmed to obligate the currently allocated \$838,300 of STP in construction funding in 2017. The Rich Rd project STP funding timelines are summarized below:

- May 11, 2011 – Regional STP Award for full project - \$1,311,300
- September 29, 2011 - Preliminary Engineering Fund Authorization - \$173,000
- April 25, 2014 – Right of Way Authorization - \$300,000
- Early 2017 – Construction Authorization - \$838,300

The Rich Rd project is currently the highest priority road project to call for bids for Thurston County. If the request is approved the project would be fully funded and would be advertised for construction in early 2017. All design, environmental permitting and right of way acquisition has been completed. The cost estimate for the Rich Rd project has increased due to improvements required for a Burlington Norther Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad crossing in the project limits. These improvements include regrading and widening the crossing to accommodate the project's wider roadway section and relocating and replacing crossing signal equipment to meet federal standards. Public Works is required to pay BNSF \$300,000 to construct all of the crossing signal upgrades. In addition, the County must pay BNSF for an expanded easement adjacent across the tracks and perform some asphalt pavement improvements at the crossing.

The Yelm Hwy and Meridian Rd Intersection and Maytown Rd projects remain priorities for Thurston County and Public Works is continuing to work on the design. These projects are eligible to submit for other non-STP funding sources, which the County is pursuing. Thurston County will re-pay all federal funds billed to date on these projects.

Public Works appreciates your consideration of this request and is available to answers any questions or provide further information if required.

Sincerely,

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Interim Public Works Director

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