

April 30, 2015

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
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Dear Governor Inslee,

Clark County's Board of County Councilors would like to express its support for making stormwater fee flexibility permanent as proposed in Senate Bill 5314.

The state's 2014 supplemental transportation budget temporarily implemented reforms giving counties additional flexibility to use stormwater fees paid by the Washington State Department of Transportation. For the past year, counties have had the ability to use fees paid by WSDOT to build stormwater control facilities or implement best management practices to reduce runoff. Counties have not been required to use the money specifically for state highway projects.

The 2014 supplemental transportation budget also reduced annual reporting requirements and eliminated a requirement for counties to develop an expenditure plan. These changes have allowed Clark County to use fee dollars in a more efficient manner and with less paperwork.

The Washington House and Senate saw the merits of SB 5314 making these improvements permanent and passed it overwhelmingly.

Thank you for your support and signature on SB 5314.

Sincerely,