

**Biography**  
**Clara H. Conner**  
**Western Federal Lands Highway Division Engineer**  
**Federal Highway Administration**

On January 7, 2007 Clara Conner became Division Engineer for Western Federal Lands Highway Division in Vancouver, WA. She is responsible for exercising executive direction over the activities within the division to effectively promote, implement and administer the total Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP) within the multi-State geographical area of the division office. Clara serves as the senior advisor to the Associate Administrator, FLH on policy, program and technical issues, particularly with regard to effect on Division-level FLHP management and on FHWA/Federal Land Management agency /State and County relationships.

From March of 2001 to January 2007 Clara served as Director Program Administration in the Central Federal Lands Highway Division Office. Clara managed a five-year program of projects collaboratively with four federal agencies including the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, and the Department of Defense. The five-year program included 150 projects totaling \$700-\$800 million. She managed the contracting, accounting, information technology and administrative services offices, providing these services to 200 employees. Clara led the One DOT team to relocate the 400 employees and onsite contractors within the DOT offices in Lakewood, CO in 2004.

Prior to the Director Program Administration Clara served as the Program Review Team Leader with Corporate Management, FHWA Washington, DC for 5 years where she organized and orchestrated, numerous management reviews and evaluations of a variety of FHWA program, policies, and processes.

Clara began her career with the Federal Highway Administration in 1983 in the Eastern Federal Lands Division where she served in various positions. She was one of the first Quality Coordinators in FHWA.

She has been the recipient of many awards during her career including DOT Secretary's Thanks a Million Award for FHWA's Stewardship/Oversight Task Force in 2001, DOT Secretary's Team Award in 2005, Superior Achievement Award, FTA Administrator's Award in 1996 for evaluating the impact of ISTEA's planning provisions on the staffs of FTA and FHWA field offices, metropolitan planning organizations, and transit operators, and Superior Achievement Award, FHWA Administrator's Award in 1989 for developing a program and resource management system (project scheduling system) to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal Lands Highway program delivery.

Clara Conner is a graduate of University of Virginia, with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.