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**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018, 5:52:34 PM PDT

**Subject:** Please consider funding for improved transportation infrastructure—our community needs it

Jennifer Arguinzoni,

I am writing to ask you to please consider funding for improved transportation infrastructure.

Use of public transportation is increasing statewide and is outpacing increases in both population and vehicle use, thus creating the need for additional financial support.

As you make funding decisions, please consider **\$350,000 for the 2018-2019 Feasibility and Operations Plan for a passenger ferry service.**

Robust research by transportation experts and community leaders is underway regarding the development of a passenger ferry. The work is considering vessel types, market potential, capital and operating costs, environmental impact and integration with existing public transit and pedestrian networks.

Choosing to further this work by funding a Feasibility and Operations plan will allow research to continue on dock construction, resources necessary to make this service available to commuters and tourists, sustainable economic developments and measurable transportation benefits.

Thank you for making time to consider passenger ferry program development—it promises tangible benefits to commuters traveling to and from the Portland Central Business District and the surrounding communities.

With appreciation,  
Kimberly Barta