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Re: Frog Ferry Portland metro water ferry service study

Dear Ms. Bladholm,

I am writing to express the support of Daimler Trucks North America for your initiative to explore the feasibility of a passenger water ferry service from Vancouver through Portland and potentially further up the Willamette River.

Our headquarters have resided in Portland for over 50 years and we have seen tremendous growth in that time period. One of the challenges we face now is the traffic congestion for our 3000+ employees commuting to downtown Portland from surrounding communities. We recognize that there is little or no space for additional roads and currently invest in and promote alternative transportation options including public transport subsidy, car pool programs and bike commuting. Innovation has always been part of our nature and we see the Columbia and Willamette Rivers as having high potential for a sustainable, responsible commuting option for many in the Portland area, and especially for our employees since our offices and manufacturing facility are located near the Willamette River.

We have reviewed your proposal and believe it to be thorough in addressing the various aspects of a potential ferry service. We look forward to the results of your study and hope it may lead to a viable water ferry service serving the Portland Metro area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Markstaller

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