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Dear Elissa,

As past Planning & Development Manager for Multnomah County, a Coast Guard license Master Mariner with Homeland Security training and credentials, and Founding Director of the Inside Passage Decarbonization Project, I want to express my strongest support and endorsement of the Frog Ferry regional foot (passenger only) ferry concept.

The Metro region has truly been foolish to go so long without utilizing its navigable waterways to not only alleviate transportation congestion through an unutilized, perfectly located and already public ROW, but to dramatically increase the desirability, livability, sustainability and safety of the region in the process.

Look at what other leading green cities are doing, SF and NYC in particular, with each massively expanding their existing ferry networks using cost effective and now becoming ubiquitous hydrogen propulsion that actually cleans their waterways as they cruise through them. Right now our closest neighbor, Washington State is continuing to expand their remarkable ferry network while retrofitting their largest ferries to hybrid electric and continuing biofuel propulsion. And, we must not forget that the certainty of a future subduction earthquake with the critical need for redundancy for our vulnerable bridge network, only amplifies the logic of this concept.

It is time - past time - that Portland Metro region get onboard with the cleanest, greenest and least expensive public transit and public livability option, regional foot ferries.

Thank you,

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