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Dear Friends of Frog Ferry,

Since 1974, 1000 Friends of Oregon's mission has been working with Oregonians to enhance our quality of life by building livable, healthy, and sustainable urban and rural communities, and protecting Oregon's working lands. 1000 Friends uses Oregon's land use and planning goals to help guide our advocacy within transportation. Within Oregon's land use and planning system, Goal 12 outlines how transportation planning "shall consider all modes of transportation including mass transit, air, water, pipeline, rail, highway, bicycle and pedestrian."

It is for this reason that 1000 Friends of Oregon is supportive of continuing to explore a ferry service in Portland, which Friends of Frog Ferry aims to do by bringing pedestrian ferry services to Vancouver, Washington and the Greater Portland Region along the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.

Oregonians, and in particular Portlanders, are well known for their love of all modes of sustainable multimodal transportation: biking, walking, public transportation, and even the occasional unicycle (flaming bagpipes or not) are all part of a Portlander's transportation preferences. Regardless of the mode of transportation, Portlanders enjoy knowing that they have a variety of sustainable transportation options to move around the city and as a river city, one new option worth exploring is a ferry service

Like many other stakeholders, 1000 Friends remains excited to see final analysis of the cost of the service, the possible demand from the community, and the environmental impacts of the service, but some of the preliminary results hint at possible fruition of this project. We encourage Friends of Frog Ferry and other transportation stakeholders to think about how we can collaborate to integrate a possible ferry service into the region's transportation system, transportation planning, and land use laws to build sustainable, livable, and healthy communities for the Portland Region. In addition, we encourage Friends of Frog Ferry to think of ways they can meet the needs of transit underserved communities as part 7 of Goal 12¹ calls for, particularly the transportation needs of Portland's Communities of Color, who's transportation needs are often least supported.

In conclusion, 1000 Friends of Oregon encourages and supports Friends of Frog Ferry as they continue exploring a ferry service in the Greater Portland Region. As an Organization, we stand ready to explore the necessary land use and planning questions and considerations collaboratively with Friends of Frog Ferry.

Sincerely,
1000 Friends of Oregon

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¹ <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OP/Documents/goal12.pdf>