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Hello

I am emailing to support Frog Ferry services in the Portland metro area. Many years ago I visited Brisbane in Australia, where they have a ferry service on the Brisbane River connecting the city where they have shopping and restaurants located along both banks of the river. I have always wondered why Portland doesn't have a similar service. I love that Portland is the city of bridges, but would love it even more if we were the city of Frog Ferry! I believe that Portland is one of four cities in USA that do not have a ferry service on its river, which is amazing bearing in mind that we have such a large population living and working on both sides of the Willamette. It is time to change this gap in our transportation system.

Frog Ferry will be **reliable**: we do not have congestion on the Willamette, and with the proposed number of ferries by Friends of Frog Ferries this would remain true.

Frog Ferry will be **safe**: ferries will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions that we are currently pumping into the Portland metro area with all the cars on the highways and freeways that transport folks from Oregon City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Portland, etc, up to and including Vancouver: *along the exact same route as the Willamette river.*

Frog Ferry will be **cost effective**: the operating costs are lower than other forms of public transportation and private vehicles.

Frog Ferry will be **fun**: ferries provide an enjoyable trip for all ages who like to spot river wildlife, and socialize on the way to OMSI, or shopping or dinner and a movie.

Frog Ferry will **maximize valuable** time, by allowing time to read or work instead of driving and focusing on traffic.

Frog Ferry will be **relaxing**: ferries provide downtime after a busy day at work with time to relax and de-stress.

Frog Ferry will be **healthy**: ferries have natural air circulation which helps reduce airborne transmission of viruses.

Frog Ferry will be **uniting**: ferries will encourage us all to explore new towns along the ferry route ~ pop up to Vancouver, or down to Oregon City.

I am in favor of Frog Ferry receiving the grant money, so that we can start using the Willamette River, our natural resource, to the fullest, and putting Portland on the map!

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