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Dear Ms Elissa Gertler

RE: Support of a passenger ferry system on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers

Portland transit system includes autos, buses, light rail, street cars, bikes, and walking. One option that many similar cities worldwide embrace, and that nature provides as a viable conduit, is utilizing water ways as a transportation choice. Portland is a 'River City' and uniquely located at the confluence of two majestic rivers within the Portland Metropolitan area. According, with forecasted population growth, the timing is now right to embrace nature's conduit of life and establish a viable passenger ferry system.

In addition to a viable transportation option, a river passenger ferry system would also enhance the tourism / recreation options and create a social-economic connection of communities – especially between Portland and Vancouver.

I strongly support Metro's consideration in advancing a plan and execution of a Portland / Vancouver river passenger ferry system as a viable transportation option and more.

Best regards,

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