



especially since we cannot apply directly as a nonprofit. For those of you who have been tracking our FTA grant application (which the City of Portland sponsored for us),

1. Clarify our status as a public/private partnership. Do we have a public agency

we should learn whether we have been awarded funding by early March 2022.

leaders across our region to find the path forward. Which elected officials will step up to lead and champion and which agency will help us make progress? There is a broad continuum for what "support" looks like and we need individuals, companies, and agencies to help carry the torch.

On January 26th, we held a brainstorming session for business and public agency

7. Establish Regulatory/Permitting: superfund, leases for docks.

tech entrepreneurship. Dr. Zarate has extensive experience in the electrification of ships and land-based vehicles. In addition, she has extensive modeling, simulation, experimental, and hardware experience in the areas of control, characterization, and system level integration. We look forward to seeing how her research and development work in the green tech space may be applied to Frog Ferry operations. **Frog Ferry Needs Your Voice!** The Oregon Dept. of Transportation is asking for public comment about how to spend money from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Oregon Transportation Plan. You can learn more here at the <u>project video</u>. We ask our ferry supporters to provide written public testimony about how a ferry service can help improve our region's livability. Please go to <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Get-Involved/Pages/OTC-">https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Get-Involved/Pages/OTC-</a> <u>Comments.aspx</u> and tell them you want to see a ferry service be included in the budget as a new investment to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize congestion, build our region's resilience, and to help connect people with jobs and the river. Please

We wish we could have taken all of you with us to New Jersey for the annual ferry conference, attended by 200 ferry leaders from across the country. Amy, Heather, and Susan were avid students, listening to twenty different speakers and panels. Over the two days, there was quite a buzz around the new kids from Portland and "Frog." The conference kicked off with Cecilia Kushner, the EVP of New York City Economic Development Corporation talking about the benefits of the established ferry system in NYC and how public/private partnership can work effectively—\$300M investment in the ferry system from NYC with Hornblower serving as operator. They have built an operation of 38 boats over four years. The top two themes included: Electrification/decarbonization Reduced/zero emissions for the environment Reduced operational costs Improved uptime Improved operational safety Design innovation Sound and vibration remediation • Hydrofoil design (fast, zero emissions, sleek interior) • Electrification – quieter vessels/zero emissions Digital experience – seamless purchase and boarding with phone, contactless

locations and home port Provided briefing to Oregon's Congressional Delegation. Had second briefing in the Fall. Q2

## Community Benefits Plans)

- Submitted FTA Grant application Held FTA presentation re: grant application and categorical exclusion/NEPA
- Welcomed Paul Brodeur to the Frog Ferry Board Outlined Operations Plan scope of work as part of STIF grant Conducted Frog Ferry team building at NY Ferry Conference and in virtual
- Frog Ferry is on the move! With the generosity and support of Jim Mark at Melvin Mark, Frog Ferry has a new office downtown in Columbia Square. We are so grateful for space for our growing team to meet and collaborate. Now, all we need is to furnish it. We are looking for desks, chairs, a conference room table, relevant artwork, and
- small kitchen appliances. Please contact Amy Snyder at <a href="mailto:amys@frogferry.com">amys@frogferry.com</a>, and she will be happy to discuss, and possibly arrange for pick-up/transport. Thanks for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to Frog Ferry Headquarters
  - - **Donate**

- soon.

- Welcome 2022!

- ROG FERRY

- federal dollars coming through the FTA, DOE, IIJA, and many other sources. The funding is there, and we'll be holding our elected officials and public agencies accountable for whether or not they will help us pursue the funding available-
  - 2. Secure funding for Pilot Project from federal, state, and local sources, foundations, sponsors, and benefactors. 3. Prepare to apply for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Law funding (via ODOT) \$1.2B for Oregon this year. 4. Complete Operations Plan (part of the STIF). 5. Enhance the Customer/Digital Experience. 6. Further develop our brand: marketing, boat colors/design, swag, partnerships.

Looking Ahead to 2022: Key Goals

- Dr. Nyah Zarate, Ph.D. cofounder and

- provide your testimony by Oregon's Birthday on Monday, February 14th.

- Ferry Conference Highlights

- 2021 Highlights

Q1

marketing plan Held Kaizen session with 10 regulatory agencies (with Jacobs) Organized consultants in place for Pilot Project Plan (and five sub plans) Launched updated website on June 8th

the region

- Conducted Cathedral Park clean up Completed SOLVE clean up Welcomed Darren Golden to the team as our lead on Government Affairs Conducted sponsor strategy session and created sponsor deck with Sockeye.
- Conducted DC Ferry meetings Hosted River Run Event Visited Seattle and Bellingham for ferry fact-finding

Advocated to get into Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan for Welcomed Alice Myton to the team as our volunteer accountant/CFO Partnered with Sockeye to lead our brand platform development and strategic Acquired City Council votes to sponsor FTA Grant

Paul Brodeur is the Director of King County Ferry System for over 10 years

Washington State Ferry system. He has deep operational experience and will be able to share insight into working with FTA on funding and has been providing guidance to Frog Ferry Founder, Susan

and previously served with the

Bladholm, for four years.

- **Meet Our New Board Members** The board unanimously voted to induct Paul Brodeur as a new board member in December and Dr. Nyah Zarate as a new board member in January.

- CEO of Continuous Solutions, has established herself as a leader in high

Q3

Q4

- **New Office Space**

- Held press conference to announce our Pilot Project plans Awarded STIF Grant by ODOT Was denied PPP funding
  - Made outreach to initial sponsor prospects Developed partnership with Photon Marine in effort to get funding/plan for

Vancouver and Frog Ferry leaders held a strategy meeting over coffee in a supporter's garage. Pictured from left to right: Susan Bladholm, Frog Ferry; Capt. Peter Wilcox, Inside Passage Decarbonization Project; Commissioner Don Orange, Port of Vancouver; Amy Snyder, Frog Ferry;

Researched Pilot Project locations and established outreach for both dock

- Conducted 2 SOLVE clean ups in Portland Held charter meeting of our Customer Experience Committee

- Completed Pilot Project Plan (including Marketing, CX, Regulatory, Finance, and
- Attended NY Ferry Conference with Leadership Team Held Frog Ferry Virtual Open House collaboration with Deb Weekley to "create our culture"

- shoreside charging infrastructure with PGE Secured TriMet documentation for STIF Grant