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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Representative Susan McLain, Senator Chris Gorsek,

I urge you to include the Frog Ferry in this transportation package.

I'm a 70 year old native Portlander, cyclist, bus rider when absolutely necessary, and I have never felt so strongly about the need for efficient, engaging, affordable public transit

as I have the past couple of years when Frog Ferry presented its amazing plan for a ferry in Portland! We are one of the only port cities as far as I know, in the nation, that does not

have a ferry. The traffic in Portland has increased dramatically making it harder and harder to get around, on bike or in car. People do not, largely use Trimet as it's slow and costly.

For those of us who live on the North Portland Peninsula--Kenton, Portsmouth, St. Johns, University Park--it takes twice as long to get downtown on the bus/or Max train, sometimes an hour plus. There are gaps in serviced areas that necessitate walking several blocks to a transfer, or to one's destination. In short, it's a system that doesn't serve the urban, suburban area.

The Frog Ferry would provide us with an enjoyable means of inner-city travel and job commuting, emergency transport off the peninsula in a disaster, contribute to community revitalization, climate adaptation, community resilience, jobs, tourism, equitable access, waterfront activation, river stewardship, education, and economic development, Widening

the I-5 freeway by contrast would be a nightmare in North, NE neighborhoods, and the city at large, already struggling with poor air quality, and dirty diesel that we can't seem

to get rid of here in Oregon.

The Frog Ferry is the way forward. Let's be bold and decisive and realize this opportunity. We need to see some solutions!

Sincerely,

Laura Feldman
Portsmouth Neighborhood

