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Deputy City Administrator Public Works Service Area Priya Dhanapal

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Dear Ms. Bladholm,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your leadership in promoting new transportation solutions for our region.

We understand that Frog Ferry is seeking funding from multiple sources and has shared updated financial materials with all Council offices. We are also aware that Frog Ferry has expressed interest in exploring the potential use of two docks owned or managed by Portland Parks and Recreation.

Based on current information and inter-bureau discussions, the City of Portland is open, in principle, to the potential use of two City-managed docks located at Cathedral Park and RiverPlace for future ferry operations with appropriate dock upgrades by the Frog Ferry to ensure ADA compliance and safety. Use would be contingent upon the successful award of external funding and completion of all necessary upgrades and required City processes by Frog Ferry.

This letter was prepared in coordination with the Mayor's office, City leadership, and all relevant City bureaus to ensure that it reflects shared understanding across the City.

Should Frog Ferry secure funding, the City may consider engaging in further exploratory discussions. Any such engagement would be subject to:

- Development and negotiation of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Review and approval of detailed design and operational proposals
- Completion of permitting, legal, regulatory, and environmental reviews
- Potential City Council actions, as appropriate

This letter is non-binding and does not confer approval, permission, financial obligation, or operational commitment by the City of Portland. Use of City-owned docks remains subject to applicable laws, policies, public access considerations, asset management requirements, alignment with long-term City plans and



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budgetary capacity, and Council direction. Any preliminary support expressed herein is revocable and expires if project funding is not secured within 12 months.

We value Frog Ferry's commitment to innovation and remain open to continued coordination as project details are further defined.

Sincerely,

Priya Dhanapal

Deputy City Administrator of Public Works
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