

## **IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Authorize application to the Federal Transit Administration for a grant in the amount of \$3,321,723 for the Passenger Ferry Grant Program; Pilot Project (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize an application to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Passenger Ferry grant program in the amount of \$3,321,723. The grant funds will be matched by non-City funds including private donations, in-kind staff support from the non-profit Friends of Frog Ferry and cash contributions from the State of Oregon's Statewide Transit Improvement Fund (STIF).

Should the grant application be successful, the parties will return to City Council with a proposed scope, schedule and budget as well as accompanying contracts for launching a two-year pilot passenger ferry program on the Willamette River in FY 2023.

The application for FTA funds comes after the successful completion of the feasibility study, a capital and operations funding plan, a demand model report, a review of access docks and vessels and more than four years of public involvement and agency coordination.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The total project cost including planning, mobilization, capital acquisition and operating costs are expected to be \$9.7 million (low confidence) over two years. This includes \$3.3 million from the FTA grant (if awarded), \$3 million from state grants, \$2.2 million from corporate or private donations and \$1.2 million from farebox and other sales.

The City has agreed to sponsor the application on behalf of the non-profit Friends of Frog Ferry, however, there are no City of Portland funds included in the pilot project or in the development of the grant application.

As is typical with FTA funded projects, the pilot will continue to run as long as funds are available, and the project may terminate early. The City of Portland will not take on additional costs for shortfalls, and a future memorandum of understanding may be developed if the grant is awarded.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

There are significant community benefits associated with the launch of passenger ferry program that is supported by the funding requested as part of the grant. As such, Friends

of Frog Ferry has performed significant public outreach and engagement over the past four years and has gathered more than 90 letters of support from a broad range of community groups, agencies and supporting businesses.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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