



Clackamas Co. Board of Commissioners  
2051 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Re: Canby Ferry Feasibility Study  
December 11, 2018

Dear County Commissioners:

As president of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition, I am writing to provide you with information on the value of continued operation of the Canby Ferry. It is priceless. The Canby Ferry is a Heritage Asset integral to the interpretation of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area story and visitor experience. The Willamette Falls Heritage Area is already designated as Oregon's State Heritage Area and we just received approval from the National Park Service for our National Heritage Area Feasibility Study. It is 56 River Miles of Heritage that the Canby Ferry is a vital component of, both as a Heritage Asset promoted in our study and marketing plan, and as a necessary connector for the tourists who will be visiting our area in record numbers when we are declared a National Heritage Area. The ferry is key in helping us promote heritage, recreation, water and agri-tourism in our region.

Our board is made up of representatives from your County Commission, Clackamas County Tourism, the cities of Oregon City, West Linn, Lake Oswego, and Canby, the Grand Ronde Tribe, PGE, Metro, heritage groups, business owners and private citizens. We are unanimous in our support of keeping the Canby Ferry operating. It is a vital component of our region's tourism plan. The Canby Ferry is a critical piece of our unique National Heritage Area story. Removing the ferry and replacing it with a bridge undermines our heritage/tourism marketing efforts and destroys an amazing navigational thread in our 56 river miles of Oregon History.

It is our sincere hope the Canby Ferry continues to operate and welcome visitors for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Jon Gustafson  
President  
Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition

Cc: Stephen Williams,  
Principal Transportation Planner  
Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development