



December 16, 2019

Senator Johnson, Senator Steiner Hayward and Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chairs
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon Legislative Assembly
Oregon State Capitol
900 State Street
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: City of Wilsonville Support for Proposed Willamette Falls Locks Authority
Public Corporation and State Capital Investment**

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Rayfield and members of the committee:

I am writing to express the City of Wilsonville's steadfast and continued support for the multi-jurisdictional, public/private-sector collaborative effort to repair and reopen the Willamette Falls Locks for public use.

Specifically, the City supports the Willamette Falls Locks Commission recommendation to the Oregon Legislative Assembly to create the Willamette Falls Locks Authority as a state-chartered public corporation and to secure capital funding in the amount of \$14 million for urgently needed repairs to the Locks.

If these efforts are successful at the legislature, the City is prepared to continue our support of the Locks Authority's proposed Business Plan Phase 1 operations with a contribution of \$7,000 per year beginning in July 2020 and lasting a maximum of five years. This commitment is conditional on the successful passage of the needed legislation, and on the commitments of other organizations as described in the Willamette Falls Locks Business Plan.

The City of Wilsonville is a founding member of the Willamette Falls Locks Working Group formed in 2015 and was one of three Willamette River cities appointed to serve in 2017 on the Willamette Fall Locks Commission by Senate Bill 256. We look forward to continued partnership with the broader coalition to achieve the important goal of keeping the Willamette River as one river.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp".

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville