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MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
FROM: Dan Johnson
RE: Canby Ferry Fee Waiver Requests
DATE: March 31, 2026

REQUEST: Approval of requests from two community organizations for Canby Ferry fare waivers.

BACKGROUND: The Canby Ferry is a car and walk-on ferry that transports people across the Willamette River between Canby and Wilsonville. The ride takes about five minutes each way and the fare for motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians is \$3.00/each. Two groups have requested a fee waiver:

- 1) "Ride & Roll", a motorcycle charity event supporting the Sgt. Mad Dog Watts Veterans Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has requested a fare waiver for one-way crossings on the Canby Ferry on Saturday, June 6, 2026, between 10:30am and 2:30pm.

The purpose of the Ride and Roll event is to bring the community together through a motorcycle ride that helps raise awareness and support for veterans. The event is structured similar to a "poker run" and the riders typically travel in smaller groups throughout the day, rather than one continuous large group, which will help stagger arrivals and reduce congestion at any one location. They have offered to recognize the Canby Ferry and Clackamas County, including acknowledgment in event promotions and social media, as appropriate and approved.

- 2) Canby School District has requested a fare waiver for 3rd grade students during their annual local history field trips. The requested dates are April 28 and April 29, 2026 with multiple crossings scheduled between 10am and 1:30pm.

Canby School District has provided a tentative schedule for 3rd graders from six schools to participate over two days, learning about the history of their community. Group sizes range from 20-38 students per crossing, scheduled in 45-minute windows to ensure a steady flow and predictable boarding times.

Staff believes the waivers will provide positive community exposure and an opportunity for local youth to learn about the history of Clackamas County's transportation services. The impact on the Canby Ferry Operations will be minimal.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board approve Canby Ferry fee waivers for "Ride & Roll" and the Canby School District field trips.