



Office of Mayor Keith Wilson
City of Portland

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To Kathy Goeddel, Metro Councilor Christine Lewis, and Metro Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal,

I want to acknowledge and thank the Friends of the Washington Park & Zoo Railway and all who were involved in the Metro Zoo Train Task Force for their efforts in evaluating the possibility to restore the Zoo train and evaluate pedestrian and bike enhancements in Washington Park.

Washington Park and the Oregon Zoo are well-known attractions in our city, welcoming countless visitors from all over yearly. The work from the taskforce highlighted that restoration aligns with the goals of both Metro and the City of Portland toward the visitor experience, increased mobility and activation of the park.

In my role as Mayor of Portland, I am happy to support the continued work of The Friends of the Washington Park & Zoo Railway to develop a more complete feasibility evaluation for the restoration efforts. While we cannot commit funding to support this work at this time, the city will continue to coordinate with the Friends and Metro to ensure there is alignment across the organizations on the path forward for this project.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith D. Wilson".

Mayor Keith Wilson

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