Willamette Falls Locks
Economic Potential

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Demand For River Access that the Willamette Falls Locks Would Facilitate
Economic Setting
Economic Potential - Recreation
Commercial Setting
Economic Potential - Commercial
Commercial Demand Factors

• Region’s population growth will increase demands on road and rail infrastructure
• Congestion on area roads – PDX ranked 9th-worst
• No new I-5 bridge
• Congestion on regional rail system – increasing shipments to Asia; coal trains?
Operating WFL in Future

- Recreational and tourism use lead the way
- Increasing commercial use will take time and investment
- User fees won’t cover costs
- Transportation district or other regional support
- 0.1 percent increase in property tax in transportation district
- 0.16 to 0.2 percent of regional government budgets