



SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL PROJECT



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CONNECTING MARQUAM HILL TO MAX

Marquam Hill, home to Oregon Health and Science University, Veterans Administration Portland, the Shriners Hospital, residences and supporting businesses, attracts over 18,000 employees, patients, students and residents each day from all around the region. While it is close to downtown Portland, Marquam Hill is challenging to access due to the hilly and forested terrain. The surrounding parks provide a unique verdant setting but also restrict access points to a limited number of roads and trails. Cars and buses travel along circuitous routes on narrow, congested streets. People walking and biking from the east climb 150 to 300 feet up from Barbur Boulevard.

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project will include a connection from the MAX station at Barbur Boulevard and Gibbs Street to Marquam Hill. This short distance up the steep hill requires some combination of pathways and mechanical facilities, such as an elevator, to make the connection.

The connection would serve not only people riding the new light rail line, but also people on bus lines that run along Barbur Boulevard and Naito Parkway. The connection would also align with the Darlene Hooley Pedestrian Bridge along Gibbs Street to provide a route between Marquam Hill and the South Waterfront to supplement the Portland Aerial Tram overhead. In total, the new connection is projected to serve 10,000 trips each weekday by the year 2035.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT CONNECTOR

During the planning phase, the project looked at several possible connector types. As the Project Development phase begins, it is time to review and narrow the possibilities and select the final connector type in order to proceed with a design. The goal is to select a type of connector that is safe, accessible, efficient, sensitive to Terwilliger Parkway's historic context and natural resources, and affordable to build and maintain. The Marquam Hill Connector provides an opportunity to create a signature landmark that reflects the beauty of its surroundings and inspires civic pride.

A Green Ribbon Committee of project and Marquam Hill stakeholders will ultimately recommend a connector type. Over the course of winter and spring 2019, this committee will hold a series of public meetings to develop evaluation criteria for the connector, and apply that criteria in selecting the final type. The committee is comprised of design experts and public and private leaders whose agencies manage complex regulations and facilities affecting the area.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Current meeting schedule (check trimet.org/swcorridor for updates)

- **February 13, 4–6 pm** - Richard T. Jones Hall, Rm 4320, OHSU
- **March 13, 4–6 pm** – Vey Auditorium, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, OHSU
- **April 10, 4–6 pm** – Vey Auditorium, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, OHSU
- **May 8, 4–6 pm** – Vey Auditorium, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, OHSU

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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- **Anton Vetterlein**, Friends of Terwilliger

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