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## Briefing

# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 2, 2019  
**To:** Portland Design Commission  
**From:** Hillary Adam, Design Review  
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**Re:** Marquam Hill Connector Briefing to Design Commission April 18, 2019

Thank you for taking advantage of the opportunity to hold a preliminary briefing with the Design Commission regarding your project. I hope you find it informative and valuable as you continue with your project development. Attached is a brief summary of the comments provided by the Design Commission at the April 18, 2019 Briefing. This summary was generated from notes taken at the public meeting and a subsequent review of the public meeting recordings. To review those recordings, please visit:

<https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/record/12889631>.

These Design Commission comments are intended to guide you in further design exploration of your project. These comments may also inform City staff when giving guidance over the course of future related land use reviews. It should be understood that these comments address the project as presented on April 18, 2019. As the project design evolves, the comments, too, may evolve or may no longer be pertinent.

Preliminary briefings are not intended to substitute for other Code-required land use or legislative procedures.

Please continue to coordinate with Hillary Adam, as necessary as you prepare your future Design Advice Request and Design Review applications.

Design Commissioners present: Julie Livingston, Jessica Molinar, Don Vallaster, Sam Rodriguez, Brian McCarter, Andrew Clarke; Commissioners absent: Zari Santner

#### Comments from Design Commissioners:

- It was noted that Commissioner Santner is a member of the Green Ribbon Committee for the Marquam Hill Connector and that although absent provided the Commission with an update on the process the prior week.
- The Commission asked several questions about capacity, wait times, travel times, cost, and how the identified criteria are weighted, etc.
- The Commission acknowledged that the unknowns about future development on the Hill could impact the decision on where the uphill terminus is located.
- One Commissioner referenced the Marquam Hill Design guidelines related to pedestrian and vehicular circulation and asked if the 2002 guidelines are still relevant as they relate to the 21 different organizations on the Hill and which alternative best met these guidelines. She noted that the Bridge + Elevator or Inclined Elevator alternatives appeared as though they would be able to meet the guidelines.
- \*\*\*Staff notes that the Terwilliger Parkway Design Guidelines will also be applicable.\*\*\*