

RESOLUTION No.

Approve the City Engineer's process for evaluating a Suspended Cable Transportation System linking Marquam Hill and the North Macadam District and direct the City Engineer to initiate the Project Assessment process for the Suspended Cable Transportation System (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Marquam Hill Plan has studied transportation alternatives for connecting the Marquam Hill campus to the North Macadam District, including a Suspended Cable Transportation System; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires additional information on the various alignments and systems that could be used if a Suspended Cable Transportation System is approved; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, in their consideration of the Marquam Hill Plan, has asked for additional technical information on a Suspended Cable Transportation System and has provided City Council with advice on a process for evaluating a Suspended Cable Transportation System, including consideration of a "no build" (shuttle bus) alternative; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the Marquam Hill Plan on June 26, 2002, and will consider adoption of the plan soon thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Office of Transportation has been granted authority through the City Charter and Code to plan and regulate activities and transportation improvements in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Planning Commission advice, the City Engineer has developed a process for generating and evaluating alternative alignments and systems for a Suspended Cable Transportation System, including the consideration of a shuttle bus alternative, as described in Exhibit A; and

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WHEREAS, the City Engineer's process will generate information that will assist City Council in its consideration of the Marquam Hill Plan; and

WHEREAS, Portland Aerial Transportation, Inc. has come forward to act as the Project Sponsor for the Suspended Cable Transportation System and has asked the City to initiate the City Engineer's process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council approves the City Engineer's process, as described in Exhibit A, as the preferred approach for evaluating a Suspended Cable Transportation System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Engineer to initiate the Project Assessment Phase of the Suspended Cable Transportation System process as described in Exhibit A, and to return to City Council with a draft set of recommendations by June 26, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Engineer will recover costs for this alternatives analysis from the Project Sponsor, Portland Aerial Transportation Inc.

Adopted by the Council,

Mayor Vera Katz
Commissioner Charlie Hales

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