

**Historic  
Resource  
Inventory**  
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.



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2500 S.W. Moody Street  
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3230  
Downtown Community Association

ORIGINAL NAME: Marquam Bridge

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Bridge

DATE BUILT: 1966

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade and Douglas  
(Consultants), State of Oregon Highway Department

Rank III

**SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:**

Two-deck bridge. Steel truss at principal span. Steel girders at approaches.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Landscape Architecture, Transportation, Engineering

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Landscape Architecture: The Marquam Bridge was probably Portland's most controversial bridge in terms of its design. The design was declared unacceptable by the Oregon Art Commission because of its massiveness and height, which cut considerably into the panoramic view of and from the city center. However, the protests were too late to affect the design. Construction was delayed because easements had not been purchased on the east side. Even today, off-ramps intended to connect with the unbuilt Mt. Hood Freeway end in empty air.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Rhyne, Charles, personal files, 1982.

Present owner as of May 1982: State of Oregon Highway Department  
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No Preservation Funding

Negative: 1200-29

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