

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

County **CLACKAMAS**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

*Street Address: HWY 99E at RAILROAD AVENUE			*City: Oregon City		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		UTM or GPS Latitude:		Longitude:	
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: N/A	Tax Lot #: N/A	
*Date of Construction: 1936-1937		Historic Name: Pacific Highway Underpass		Historic Use or Function: Highway/railroad underpass	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: Pacific Highway Underpass		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Style(s): N/A			Plan Type/Shape: Curved tunnel underpass		
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Concrete		Number of Stories: N/A	
Roof Type/Material: N/A		Window Type/Material: N/A			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary Concrete		Secondary:		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s): None identified					
Integrity: Excellent		Preliminary National Register Findings <input type="checkbox"/> National Register Listed			
Condition: Good		Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually (and/or) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district			
Local Ranking:		Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> In current state <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not historic			

Description of Physical and/or Landscape Features:

This underpass provides a tunnel under the railroad for the traffic on the highway. It is constructed of concrete and includes a stylized deck railing above the tunnel along the tracks. Pilasters rise at the openings of the tunnel. The underpass extends northward as a retaining wall on which the tracks sit. At the north end of the underpass wall is a pedestrian tunnel.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

This underpass was constructed in 1936-1937 by the Parker-Schram contracting firm. The project, funded in part by federal relief funds available during the Great Depression, was intended to improve the old Pacific Highway by providing a safe crossing of the railroad by going under the tracks through a tunnel. Because the highway curved at that spot, the tunnel is also curved. To make room for the improved highway and the underpass, 28 feet of the bluff was cut back. The design is somewhat stylized, using elements that are associated with the then-popular Art Deco style. The total cost of the project was \$289,000. The underpass is virtually intact and is an excellent example of a public works/ transportation project taken on by the federal relief programs in the 1930s. As such, it should be considered eligible as a contributing resource in a historic district.

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Architect and/or Builder: Parker-Schram, Contractors		Owner Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Oregon City Original Plat		Owner Name:	
Area(s) of Significance: Government/Transportation		Address:	
Property Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District		City, State, Zip:	
		Phone:	

Documentation		
Research Sources: <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify Oregon City Public Library University Library (specif UO/OSU Historical Society (specify Clackamas Co. Historical Society Other (specify):

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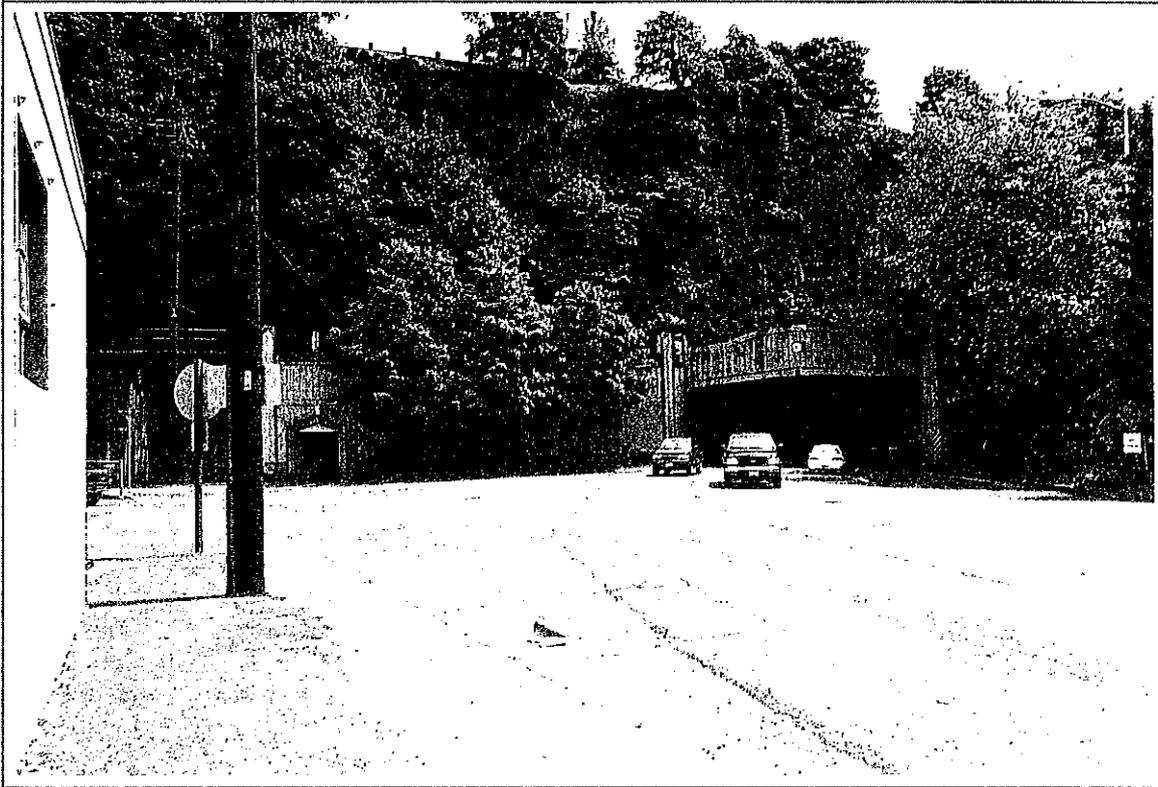
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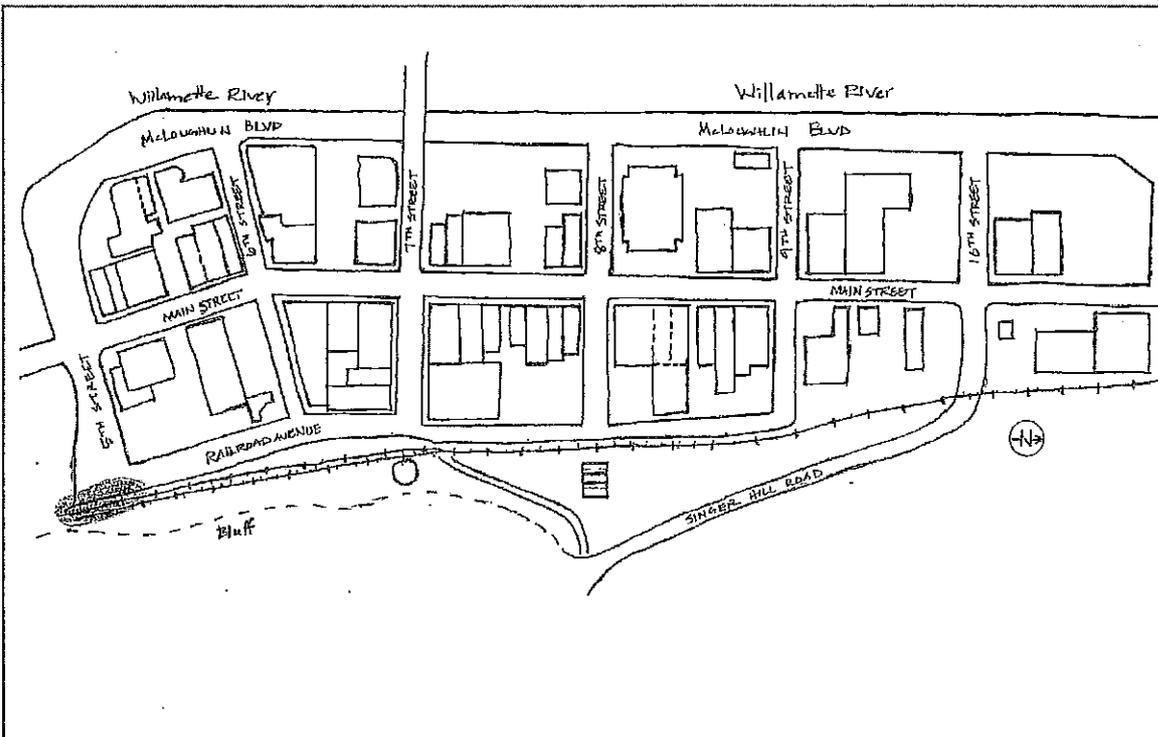
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