

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: MAIN STREET btwn 5TH and 6TH STREETS			*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: 1893		Historic Name: Streetcar Tracks		Historic Use or Function: Streetcar Tracks	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: Abandoned tracks		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Style(s): N/A			Plan Type/Shape: N/A		
Foundation Material: Unknown		Structural Framing: Steel rails		Number of Stories: N/A	
Roof Type/Material: N/A		Window Type/Material: N/A			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary: Steel		Secondary:		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s): Have nearly been paved over - only the tops of the rails are still visible					
Integrity: Good		Preliminary National Register Findings <input type="checkbox"/> National Register Listed			
Condition: Fair		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:

The tracks are located in the center of Main Street in the block between 5th and 6th Streets (they also extend further to the south, but are outside of the survey area at that point). The tops of the steel rails are visible at this point and have not been totally paved over. It is unclear if the tracks further north were removed or are simply paved over.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

The first electric interurban rail transportation began with a line from Portland to Oregon City in 1893. The line was the oldest continuously-operated interurban railway in the country when it ceased operations in April 1968. Although the entire rail is no longer visible due to successive pavings, the tops of the rails clearly illustrate the route of the rail line. As the only remaining remnants of a significance piece of Oregon City's history, and because they represent the first and longest continuously-operated electric interurban rail line, they should be considered eligible as a contributing resource in a historic district.

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Architect and/or Builder: Portland Traction Company		Owner Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Oregon City Original Plat		Owner Name: City of Oregon City Address: PO Box 3040 City, State, Zip: Oregon City, OR 97045 Phone:	
Area(s) of Significance: Transportation			
Property Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District			

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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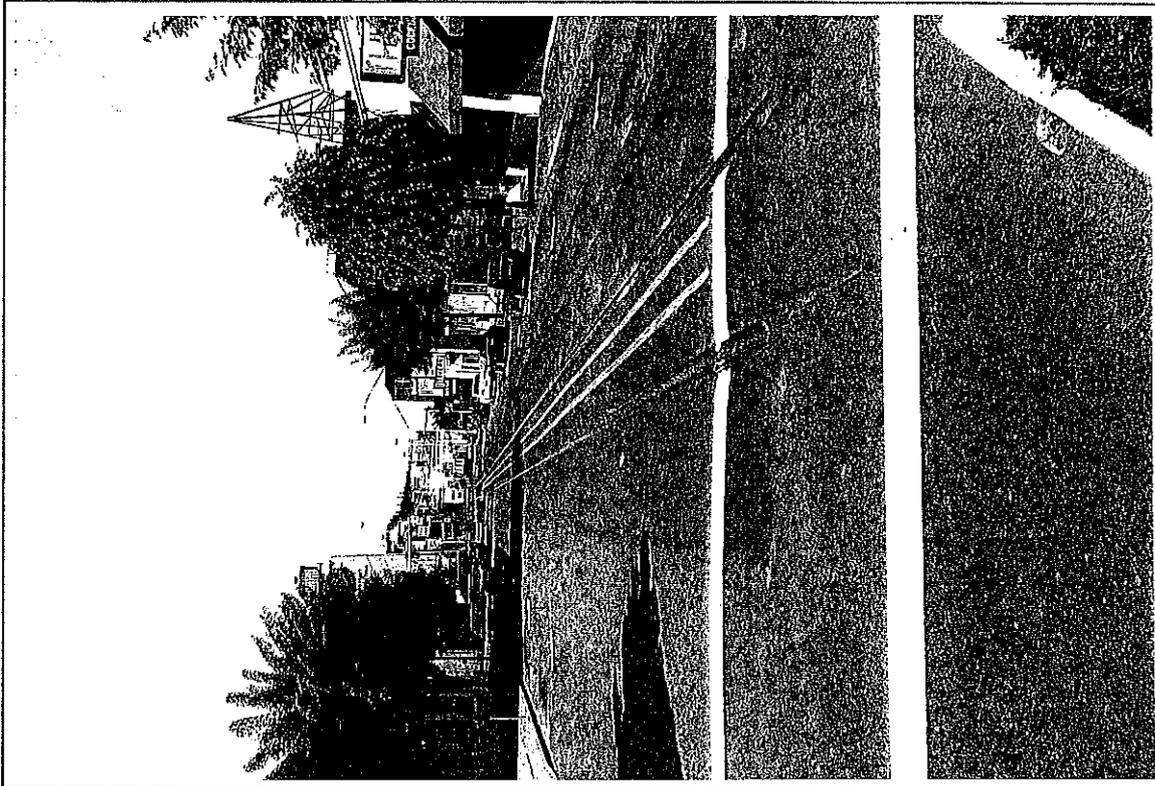
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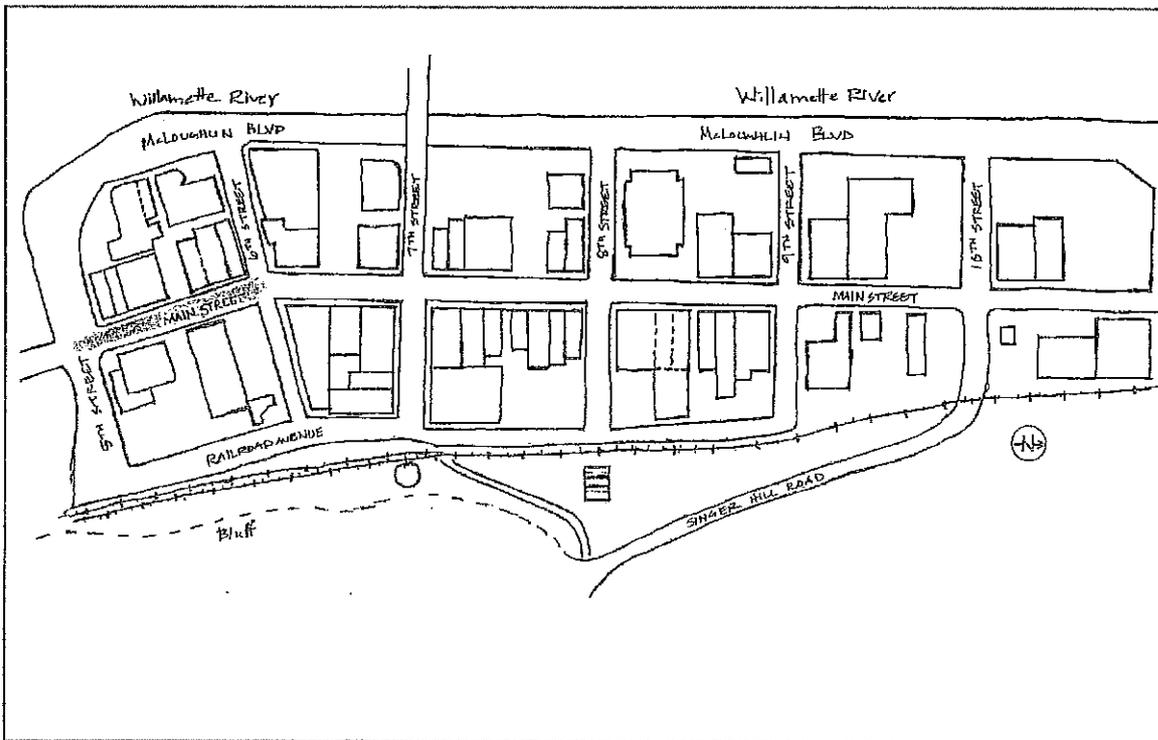
*Street Address: **MAIN STREET btwn 5TH and 6TH STREETS**

*City: **Oregon City**

Photo:



Map:



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