

Historic Property North Coast Lines Depot
Inventory Report for 107 Southeast 7th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: North Coast Lines Depot **Field Site No.:** 835
Common Name: Greyhound Bus Depot (#34-733) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 107 Southeast 7th Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 14 SW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507660 **Northing:** 5209640

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78501700200 Sylvester Part L 2 & 3, 7 & 8 Blk 17

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .26

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/17/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: GLI Realty - Tax Department **Owner Address:** PO Box 660362 **City/State/Zip:** Dallas, TX 75266, TX 75266

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**
Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Transportation - Road-Related (vehicular)
Current Use: Transportation - Road-Related (vehicular)

Plan: Irregular **No. of Stories:** 1

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Intact **Changes to interior:** Slight
Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:**
Changes to windows: Intact **Other (specify):**

Cladding Stucco **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
Style Art Deco - Streamlined Moderne **Form/Type**
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled **Roof Type** Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1937</u>
Architecture/Landscape Architecture		Architect:
Transportation		Builder:
		Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance Built for the North Coast Lines in ca. 1937, the depot retains most of its art moderne features. The North Coast Lines was developed as a subsidiary of the Puget Sound Power and Light Company. Puget Sound Power and Light also operated a number of electric railway lines and starting in 1922 began acquiring various bus operations to create the line. In 1922 they purchased the Tacoma-Olympia bus operations from E. J. Thompson and F. L. Smith, one of the first motor transportation firms in Washington. That operation was leased in 1926 and then purchased by North Coast Transportation Company in 1927. That firm purchased most of the independent lines along Old Highway 99 and surrounding communities. The depot was part of the service started September 10, 1937 via the new Highway 99 between Olympia and points north. The name was changed to the North Coast Greyhound Lines in 1949 and in 1950 to The Greyhound Lines. The building stands on the site of the Harris House, built in 1880. I. Harris came to Olympia in 1870 and set up a mercantile business on what was then the waterfront at 3rd Street in Olympia trading mostly with the Indians. He was later joined in the firm by his sons Mitchell and Gus Harris who were prominent in local politics and carried on the business in a building which is now much altered but still stands on the east side of Capitol Way between Legion and 5th. The dry good store was one of the leading businesses on the Sound.

Description of Physical Appearance The one-story Art Moderne style structure has a narrow section tot he west containing the waiting room, lunch counter, ticket office and freight room, and a wide covered loading area tot he east. The flat roof is surrounded by a stepped parapet. The parapet and walls are ornamented with panes of vertical fluted concrete, and indented parallel lines, both typical Art Moderne motifs. The front (north) facade of the waiting room has a plate glass storefront with double entry doors, topped by a streamlined flat metal canopy with rounded corners and multi-paned transom.

Major Bibliographic References Blankenship, Mrs. George E., Early History of Thurston County, Washington, Olympia, 1914. Motor Coach Association of Washington Motor Bus History, Motor Coach Association of Washington, 1956.

PHOTOS



View of North Facade
taken 10/17/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
27-12A
Comments: