

Historic
Resource
Inventory
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON



4-565-03500

3500 N. Marine Drive
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 1727
North Portland Citizens Committee - Delta Park

ORIGINAL NAME: Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad Bridge

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Railroad Bridge

DATE BUILT: ca. 1907

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: Beckenworth (?)

ORIGINAL OWNER: Spokane, Portland, and Seattle Railroad
ZONING: ML

Rank II

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

The second in a series of three major railroad bridges. Steel truss swing span with stone piers. Wood structure protects bridge from ships passing under swing. Two tracks. Approximately 33 feet of vertical clearance above low water stage.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Transportation, Engineering

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Transportation: The railroad bridges, cuts, and tunnels in north Portland, all built ca. 1907, were the result of competition between the principals of two major railroads - James J. Hill (Great Northern, Northern Pacific, and Spokane, Portland, and Seattle) and E.H. Harriman (Union Pacific and Southern Pacific). The Great Northern did not have direct access to Portland, so Hill built the S.P.S.R.R. to provide independent access to Portland. He built the bridge over the Willamette River, the cut through the north Portland peninsula, and the steel bridges over the Oregon Slough and the Columbia River.

Harriman wanted direct access to Seattle for his Union Pacific line which went into Portland. Around 1910, the railroads settled their differences, and the Union Pacific built a tunnel through the north Portland peninsula bluffs to connect with the S.P.S.R.R. at what is now called North Portland Junction.

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Present owner as of May 1981: Burlington Northern Railroad

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 519-10A

Score - Design/Construction:

Score - Historical:

Score - Rarity:

Score - Environment: 10

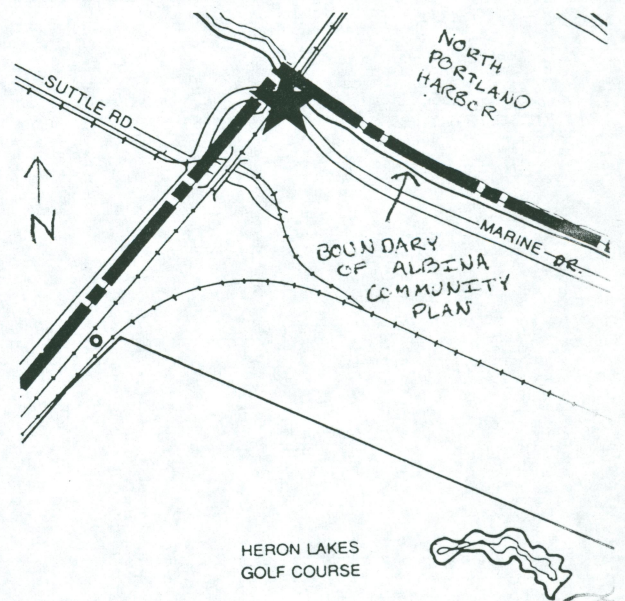
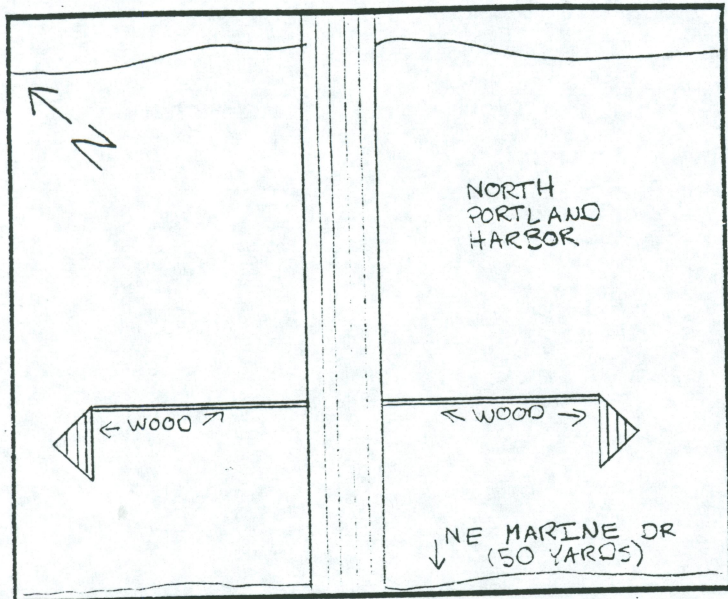
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