HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Gilroy Taxi
2. Historic name: Gilroy Advocate Building
3. Street or rural address: 55 West Sixth Street
   City ___ Gilroy ___ Zip ___ 95020 ___ County ___ Santa Clara ___
4. Parcel number: 79900707
5. Present Owner: Santa Clara Transit
   Address: 1555 Berger Drive
   City ___ San Jose ___ Zip ___ Ownership is: Public ___ Private ___ X
6. Present Use: Taxi Office

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Mission Revival
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A rectangular structure one story with curvilinear parapet. A corner entrance has two doors. One to the shop which extends 70 feet, another second to a front office. A slope awning covered in Spanish tile shields the front office window. This design and form is one of Gilroy's finest examples of Mission Revival industrial architecture.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ___ Factual ___ 1916
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: H. Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage ___ 26 ___ Depth ___ 67
    or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    Mar. 1986

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On February 5, 1916, the Gilroy Advocate moved into this new structure constructed specifically for the newspaper by William Radtke. Mr. Will F. Blake, Jr., editor and owner, purchased the Benn property on W. 6th one half block from Monterey. The Advocate was started in 1868 and is Gilroy's first newspaper. Purchased in 1877 by FW Blake, the weekly paper remained in the Blake family after FW's death in 1907 and Will F. Blake, son of FW, continued as publisher until 1934 when it became financially unable to continue. In 1935, the Advocate was taken over by the Dispatch, a daily publication.

The significance of this structure is derived from both the history of the Advocate and from the commercial mission revival architecture.

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20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture __ Art & Leisure ______
   Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement ______
   Government ______ Military ______
   Religion ______ Social/Education ______

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
   American Architecture Since 1780
   Whiffen
   Gilroy Museum Files

22. Date form prepared ______ April 1986
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