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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Southern Pacific Railroad Depot
2. Historic name: Southern Pacific Railroad Depot
3. Street or rural address: 7250 Monterey Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84101311
5. Present Owner: S. Pacific Trans. Co. Address: 7250 Monterey Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: freight depot Original use: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

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

7250 Monterey is a two story reinforced concrete train depot, and was described in the local newspaper following its completion in 1918 as the "most beautiful depot between San Francisco and Santa Barbara", it has a Mission Revival tile roof which extends to the projecting balconies on the north and south ends of the building. These small balconies, which are for decoration, have carved baluster railing located above rectangular hoods supported by arched brackets. The central hall has a row of double hung windows near the high ceiling, a ponderous square pediment and Roman columns at the double door front entrance and large windows on the first story level with heavily corniced lentils. Although the site is physically somewhat removed from the clustered commercial buildings of Gilroy's Central Business District, it none the less remains one of the City's most distinctive pieces of architecture. The interesting mix of classical, commercial and Mission Revival design are repeated in buildings constructed all along Monterey Street and helps give the commercial core a definitely positive and coherent urban design.

3. Construction date:  
 Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1918
3. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
0. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
1. Approx. property size (in feet)  
 Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 or approx. acreage 1 1/2
2. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings X Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial X Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: train tracks

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The railroad has played a significant roll in shaping the industry within California. The effect upon Gilroy - an agricultural capital, has been one of the most important ingredients in its history. The terminal marked Southern Pacific Railroads acknowledges the importance of Gilroy as a passenger and industrial customer. With the advent of Amtrack, and great reduction in passenger traffic, the station has been closed.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

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Sanborn Map 1888, 1906, 1926

Gilroy Advocate, 1918

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