

State of California & The Resources Agency Primary #
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HRI#
BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Willow Glen Trestle over the Los Gatos Creek *NRHP Status Code _____
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B1. Historic Name: Western Pacific Railroad: bridge over the Los Gatos Creek
 B2. Common Name: Willow Glen Trestle
 B3. Original Use: railroad bridge B4. Present Use: now unused; plans for rehabilitation and use as a recreational trail

*B5. Architectural Style: Early 20th Century wooden railroad trestle

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
 Under construction in 1921, completed and in use 1922. Routine maintenance and repairs during period of use in a manner consistent with the original construction. Wood railings were replaced with steel cables sometime between 1955 and 1984. Railroad rails were removed sometime between 2003 and 2010.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

*B8. Related Features:
 The trestle is in linear alignment with a right-of-way (see sketch below), formerly for the Western Pacific Railroad that used the trestle to cross the Los Gatos Creek, and now City-owned and soon to be used for the Three Creeks Trail that will connect the Los Gatos, Guadalupe, and Coyote Creek Trails in San José.

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Commercial, Industrial & Residential Development Area San Jose
 Period of Significance 1922 - 1965 Property Type railroad structure Applicable Criteria 1

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)
 The Willow Glen Trestle is eligible under California Register Criterion 1 at the local level for its association with the commercial and industrial development of West San Jose; and for the continued residential development of the Willow Glen community. Once a common bridge alternative for railroad construction in the early 20th Century, the subject engineering structure is one of only three extant pile bent trestle bridges in Santa Clara County. It was built by the Western Pacific Railroad in order to provide the San José agricultural and canning industries a competitive alternative to the then monopolistic Southern Pacific Railroad. It served canneries from when first constructed until the decline of the canning industries in San José. It continued in use until about 1997. (Continued on the continuation form.)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) _____

*B12. References:
 See continuation form.

B13. Remarks:
 The City of San José has detailed engineering plans in an approved EIR by which the trestle can readily be adapted for the planned use as a connection between the Los Gatos and Three Creeks Trails. However, the City also has plans to demolish the trestle and to replace it with an already-purchased catalog-order prefabricated steel bridge.

*B14. Evaluator: Lawrence L. Ames

*Date of Evaluation: Nov. 28, 2016

(This space reserved for official comments.)

