

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: North Fouth Street Bridge Survey Number: G-IV-A-229

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  No  Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

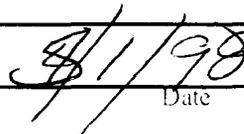
Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Helen P. Ross, KCI Technologies, Inc.

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

  
Date

North Fourth Street Bridge  
G-IV-A-229  
North Fourth Street over unnamed tributary  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1925  
Public

This is a T-beam bridge whereby rectangular beams support the deck. However, the slab and beams are integral with the slab acting as a main compressive component. T-beams are an extremely common bridge type and were a dominant bridge design from the late 1920's through the 1960's.

The North Fourth Street bridge, built *circa* 1925, documents the gradual ascending of an automobile culture. The concrete T-beam bridge that carries North Fourth Street traffic is a deteriorated example of an extremely common bridge type popular in the early to mid-twentieth century.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair          altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This concrete bridge carries North Fourth Street (the original U.S. 219) traffic over an unnamed stream crossing, just north of the town of Oakland. Traversing the creek from north to south, the bridge's surroundings consist of gently ascending slopes to the east and west.

This is a T-beam bridge whereby rectangular beams support the deck. However, the slab and beams are integral, with the slab acting as a main compressive component. T-beams are an extremely common bridge type and were a dominant bridge design from the late 1920's through the 1960's. The low solid parapets are approximately two feet high and are damaged at the corners. Both the north and south elevations have typical cast recessed panels. Low solid parapets were in use in the first third of the twentieth century. At either end of the north elevation the wing walls are missing. While the southern wing walls are extant, they exhibit separation from the parapets and severe spalling.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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<b>Specific dates</b>	Circa 1925	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	Unknown
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Evaluation for:

National Register     Maryland Register     not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

The North Fourth Street bridge, built circa 1925, documents the gradual ascending of an automobile culture. By 1916, the predecessor highway to US 219, Garrett Highway, connected Oakland to the National Road, later US 40. The concrete T-beam bridge that carries North Fourth Street traffic, is a deteriorated example of an extremely common bridge type popular in the early-to-mid twentieth century.

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:	Western Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930
Historic Period Theme(s):	Transportation
Resource Type:	
Category:	Structure
Historic Environment:	Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Transportation
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage surveyed \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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