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State Historic Preservation Office
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County Linn
 Ranking _____
 Name (Common) Southern Pacific Train Depot
 (Historic) Southern Pacific Passenger and Train Station
 Address 750 Third Street
 Present Owner Southern Pacific Railroad Co.
 Address S.P. Depot, NBA 30589(1) Market St. Southern Pacific Blvd., S.F., CA
 Original Use Train Station
 Date of Construction c. 1913
 Map Reference Number 30

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Southern Pacific Passenger and Train Station has a rectangular floor plan and a metal, gabled roof that parallels the tracks. There is a large waiting room on the north end, freight is stored in the middle and southern portion, and there is a loading platform off the south end. The building is clad with horizontal siding with corner boards and studs that tie to the window and door frames.

On the west elevation, in the north corner, there is an entry with a multi-light transom to the waiting room and ticket agent's office. Six/six, double-hung windows are located on the right of the door and in the three-sided bay to the right. There is a light and flag signal tower on the right side of the bay, with controls just inside. The freight area to the south contains three paneled sliding wood doors. There are multi-light transoms set between jigsaw cut brackets that support the overhanging roof.

In the south gable end there are a pair of six-light windows, a wood sign for the Lebanon Station, and a sliding wood door centered on the first floor. There are three more paneled wood freight doors on the east elevation without transoms. On the north end of this facade there is a door to the waiting room containing a light and transom. There are two six/six,

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Sources consulted:

1. History of Linn County, compiled by workers of the Writers' Program of the Works Project Administration.

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double-hung windows located to the left of this entry, and a smaller four/four, window in the north corner. The north elevation has two six/six, double-hung windows and a wood sign for the Lebanon stop in the gable end. There is a center brick chimney near the end.

History

On September 5, 1872 there was a meeting of Lebanon citizens for the purpose of securing a railroad from the town to some point on the Oregon & California Railroad. The road was not built until March 1, 1880, when Henry Villard incorporated the Albany and Lebanon Railroad Company with a capital of \$200,000. The Road was opened September 22, 1889. Until the turn of the century the Lebanon Railroad Station was located one block south of the current station.

G. T. Cotton was the first station agent in Lebanon, working here for five years, then moving on to establish a general merchandise business with W. B. Donaca, an association which lasted for 35 years.

Currently the railroad is owned by Southern Pacific Railroad Company, with the tracks running through town from east to west. Several blocks south of the train depot is a feeder line of the Oregon Electric Railway Company which was developed to tap the timber resources of the Santiam Water Shed. The road was completed March 1931, with a great celebration held at the official opening in Lebanon. The road used the Southern Pacific tracks between the Lebanon depot and Albany. Mile long trains carrying enormous numbers of logs were a common sight as the timber went to Albany then north or south as the demand of various factories dictated.

Oregon Electric Railway Company was incorporated May 14, 1906 by Thomas Scott Brook, Henry L. Corbett and Robert W. Lewis, and built a railroad from Portland to Eugene.