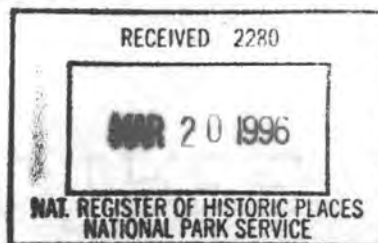


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Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)

other names/site number Bancroft Road Marker

2. Location

street & number South side of (adjacent 1308) East Colorado Boulevard, just west of intersection with Holliston Avenue, in grass strip between road and sidewalk ☐ not for publication

city or town Pasadena ☐ vicinity

state California code CA county Los Angeles code 037 zip code 91106

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]  
Signature of certifying official/Title

3/15/96  
Date

California Office of Historic Preservation  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the National Register  
☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.  
☐ removed from the National Register.  
☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature]

4/19/96

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☒ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
1	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

Early Automobile-Related Properties in Pasadena (1897-1944)

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/Road-Related (Vehicular)

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Road Marker

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other CONCRETE

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet(s).

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DESCRIPTION

**Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)  
Pasadena, Los Angeles County, CA**

**DESCRIPTION**

The Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11) was part of a turn-of-the-century road-improvement project undertaken by the Highway Commission of Los Angeles County (1902-1908). The milestone is in the grass parkway strip between the curb and the sidewalk on the south side of Colorado Boulevard, just west of the intersection with Holliston Avenue.

The milestone is a concrete tablet with barbed wire reinforcement measuring approximately five feet long, twelve inches wide, and six inches thick, rounded off at the top and buried about eighteen inches into the ground. Chiseled lettering denotes the miles to the old Los Angeles County Courthouse (demolished) in downtown Los Angeles ("11" miles, in circle), the block numbers assigned under the County road-marking system (blocks "220/222"), and the initials of the route name ("F. B." Foothill Boulevard). The "Foothill Boulevard" road left the Los Angeles city limits in South Pasadena, traveled north to Pasadena along Orange Grove Boulevard to Colorado Boulevard, and then eastward through Arcadia, Monrovia, and Azusa to Claremont.

In 1994, the milestone was displaced by a driveway entrance for a new commercial development. To preserve the milestone, it was relocated approximately twenty-five feet east within the grass parkway strip to its present location. The milestone is at the same depth below grade, tilt, and distance from the curb as was the original siting.

**8. Statement of Significance****Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☒ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION

**Period of Significance**

c.1906-1908

**Significant Dates**

N/A

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References****Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☒ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Design &amp; Historic Preservation Archives

CITY OF PASADENA/Planning &amp; Permitting Dept.



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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)  
Pasadena, Los Angeles County, CA

#### SIGNIFICANCE

The Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11) is locally significant for its associations with the historic context. "Roadways and Bridges (1899-1944)," under Criterion A in the area of Transportation as a locally significant example of an early road marker. Roadway improvements such as road-marking were advocated and initiated as part of the so-called "Good Roads" movement, a turn-of-the-century civic movement to modernize the road system. Pasadena groups like the Pasadena Better Road Society (founded in 1899) and the Pasadena Auto Club (founded in 1903) were local advocates for roadway improvements. An improved modern road system was touted as essential to the development of commerce and tourism in Pasadena and was integral to the region's growth and development; likewise, the advent of the automobile, and the surge in automobile ownership in Pasadena in the first two decades after its introduction, necessitated improvements to the local road system such as road markers and directional signs, paving, street widenings, street lights, and bridges.

The milestone was installed in c.1906 by the Highway Commission of Los Angeles and is the earliest and only remaining pre-war road marker in Pasadena. The marker is one of the property types identified in "Early Automobile-Related Properties in Pasadena (1897-1944)"; registration requirements were not developed since the milestone is the only remaining road marker of the three known examples in Pasadena. While relocated in 1994, the new location is of a similar setting, orientation, and general environment, just twenty-five feet east of the original location within the grass parkway strip. The relocated milestone maintains its integrity in terms of setting, environment, and historic associations.

#### *Historical Background*

The Highway Commission of Los Angeles County (1902-1908) measured and marked six routes within the county with concrete milestones. The Foothill Boulevard route, of which Pasadena was a part, was completed in c.1906. "Road marking," as it was called, was envisioned as a standardized means of addressing properties, providing an easy system to locate residences and businesses, describe property boundaries, provided postal service (particularly rural service), maintain voting records, and calculate mileage and automobile gasoline consumption. The Highway Commission was dissolved in 1908 and the system was abandoned; and, within a few years, the system was apparently all but forgotten.

The milestone is part of a road-marking system called the "Ten Block System for Numbering County Houses," developed by Albert L. Bancroft and first used in Contra Costa County in 1892 (and later abandoned). The method divided each mile of road into ten conceptual blocks and assigned variations of the block numbers as addresses (e.g., 220, 220a, 220b, 220c, etc.). Mileage could be calculated by dividing the block numbers by 2 (each side of the street had a separate number) and again by ten (ten blocks to a mile).

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)  
Pasadena, Los Angeles County, CA

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*Historical/Architectural Survey #31: Colorado Boulevard*, City of Pasadena. Urban Conservation, 1987.

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Sitton, Tom. "Albert L. Bancroft and the 'Ten Block System for Numbering Country Houses,'" *California History*, September 1986, pp. 172-181, 227-229.

**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property less than an acre**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting			Northing											
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3															
Zone	Easting			Northing											
4															

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**name/title Brian Goeken, AICP, Planner; Design & Historic Preservation Section/Planning Divisionorganization CITY OF PASADENA/Planning & Permitting Dept. date 9/28/95 rev. 1/12/96street & number Hale Building, 175 N. Garfield Ave. telephone (818) 405-4228city or town Pasadena state CA zip code 91109-7215**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Pasadenastreet & number City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. telephone (818) 405-4000city or town Pasadena state CA zip code 91109-7215

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)  
Pasadena, Los Angeles County, CA**

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

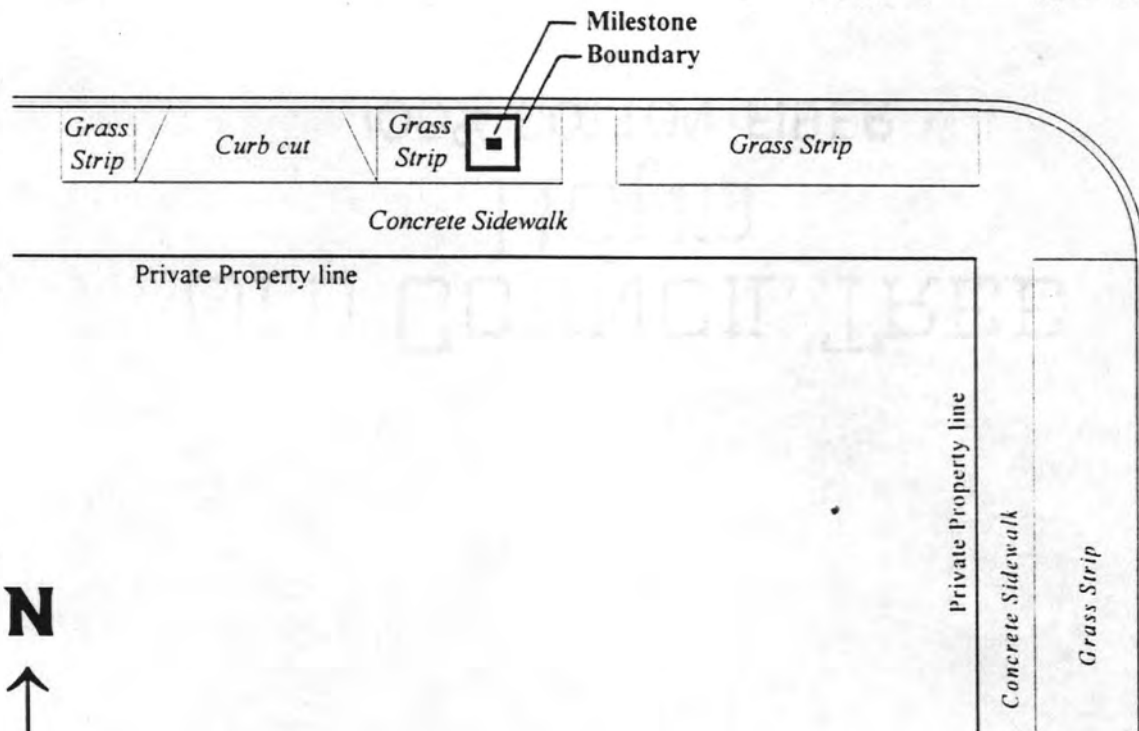
The nominated property is within the 100-foot-wide Colorado Boulevard public right-of-way, in the grass parkway strip between the curb and the sidewalk adjacent 1308 East Colorado Boulevard, approximately fifty feet west of the intersection of Colorado Boulevard with Holliston Avenue. The boundary forms a square, centered on the milestone, with a side of 5 feet.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary includes the immediate portion of the grass parkway strip around the milestone.



**E. COLORADO BL.**



**S. HOLLISTON AV.**

**Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)**  
**Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California**

Scale 1" = approx. 20 ft.  
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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

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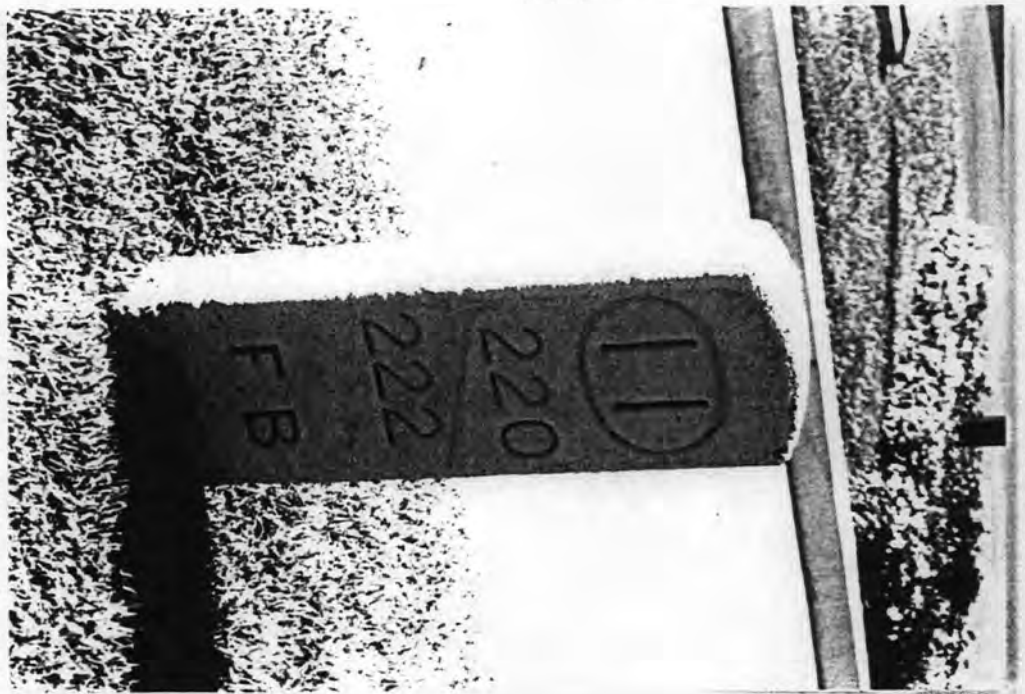
**Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)  
Pasadena, Los Angeles County, CA**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Photographer: City of Pasadena (Brian D. Goeken)  
Date of Photographs: September 1995  
Location of Original Negatives: Design & Historic Preservation Archives  
CITY OF PASADENA/Planning & Permitting Department

*Description of Views:*

1. Primary elevation, facing (north) Colorado Boulevard.
2. Rear elevation, facing (south) sidewalk.
3. Streetview, looking west along Colorado Boulevard.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Foothill Boulevard Milestone (Mile 11)  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Early Automobile-Related Properties in Pasadena MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles

DATE RECEIVED: 3/20/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/02/96  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/18/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/04/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000421

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Foothill Boulevard Milestone is significant under National Register Criterion A in the area of Transportation. The simple concrete marker represents one of the earliest efforts by regional transportation advocates to develop an organized system of roadway marking in Los Angeles County. Although moved twenty-five feet from its original location, the marker still retains integrity of design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan

DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 4/19/96

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y(N)





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