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 X

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessdary 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 8/1/98

NR program concurrence: X 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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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other North Fourth Street Bridge

2. Location

street & number North Fourth Street over unnamed tributary ____ not for publication

city, town Oakland _X_ vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State Highway Administration

street & number 707 North Calvert Street telephone

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21202

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. tax map and parcel

city, town liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
____ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
____ Other:

6. Classification

Category
____ district
____ building(s)
_X_ structure
____ site
____ object

Ownership
_X_ public
____ private
____ both

Current Function
____ agriculture
____ commerce/trade
____ defense
____ domestic
____ education
____ funerary
____ government
____ health care
____ industry
____ landscape
____ recreation/ culture
____ religion
____ social
_X_ transportation
____ work in progress
____ unknown
____ vacant/not in use
____ other:

Resource Count

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

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

____ excellent _X_ deteriorated
____ good ____ ruins
____ fair ____ altered

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		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
__ 1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
_X_ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	_X_ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates Circa 1925 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

_X_ 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property _____

Acreage surveyed _____

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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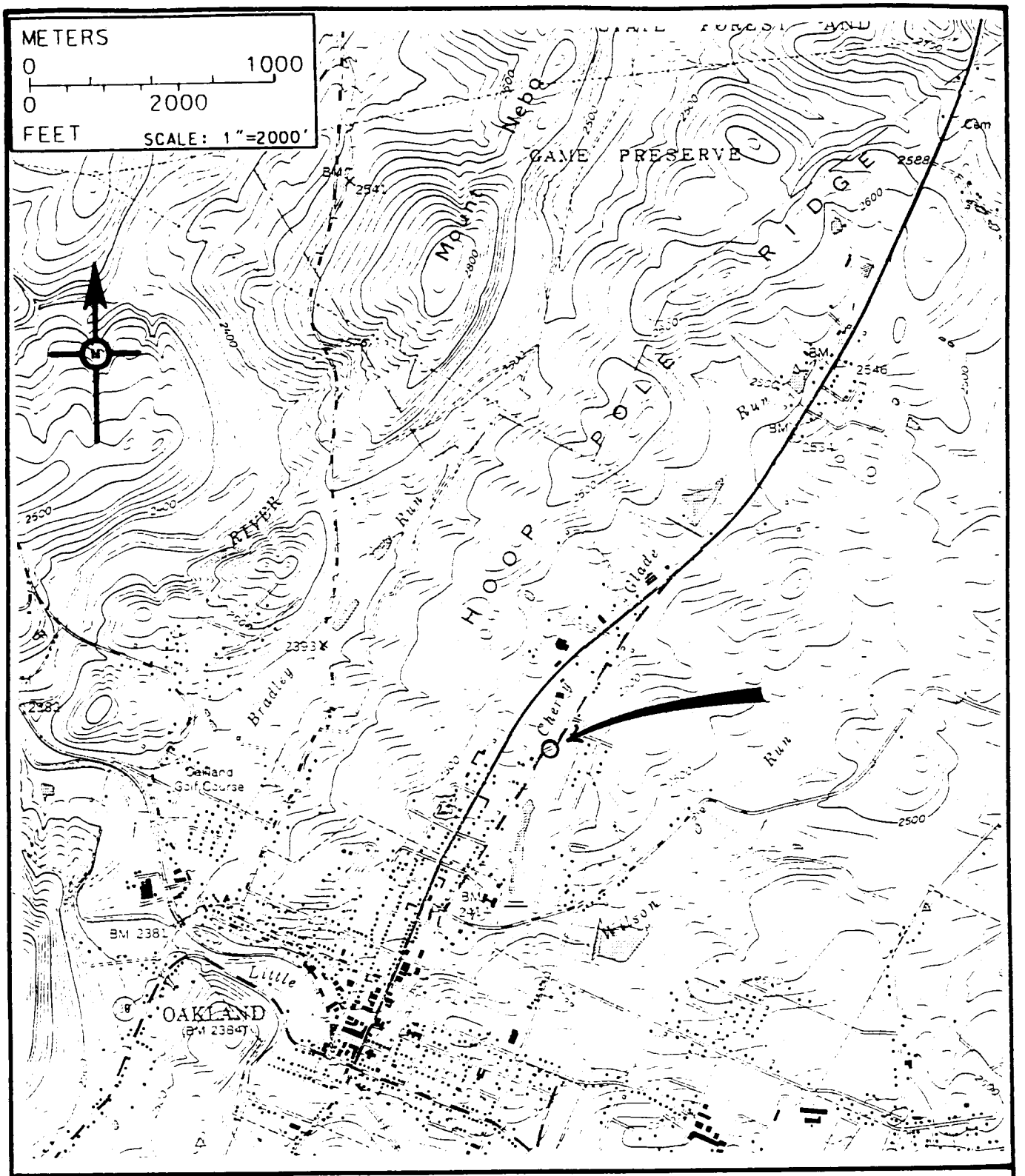

Location Map

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North Fourth Street Bridge Over Cherry Glade Run
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)

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