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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
\*  
"1300"/Como-Interurban-Harriet Streetcar Line  
AND/OR COMMON  
Lake Harriet Trolley/Como-Harriet Streetcar Line and Trolley

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
42nd Street West at Queen Avenue South  
CITY, TOWN  
Minneapolis  
STATE  
Minnesota  
VICINITY OF  
5  
CODE  
22  
COUNTY  
Hennepin  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
5  
CODE  
053

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Minnesota Transportation Museum / Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board  
STREET & NUMBER  
Box 1300 / 250 South 4th Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Hopkins / Minneapolis  
VICINITY OF  
Minnesota  
STATE  
Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Hennepin County Government Center  
STREET & NUMBER  
5th Street at Third Avenue  
CITY, TOWN  
Minneapolis  
STATE  
Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Statewide Historic Places Survey  
DATE  
September 1976  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Minnesota Historical Society, Fort Snelling Branch  
CITY, TOWN  
St. Paul  
STATE  
Minnesota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lake Harriet Trolley, "1300", a restored turn-of-the-century streetcar, was built in April, 1908 and was classified as a "fast car". It weighs 46,460 pounds, is 46 feet long, 9'2½" wide, and 11'5" high. The car is driven by four GE203G fifty horsepower motors and is governed by a K-43-F2 controller. Twin City No. 9 Roller Bearings make up the trucks, or wheel units, of the car. It has a yellow body with medium brown trim above the floor line, forest green below, and tuscan red roof and window sashes. The interior is ivory and naturally finished wood. It has a seating capacity of 50 persons.

The Lake Harriet Trolley was in service from 1908 until buses became the mode of public transportation in 1954. It has been altered twice: once in 1928 to provide front exit doors and once in 1931 to provide for one man/two man operation. In 1954 the car was saved from scrapping by interested citizens, but was placed in storage until Minnesota Transportation Museum volunteers began restoration in 1962. In 1971 "1300" began operation again through the cooperative effort of the Minnesota Transportation Museum, Minneapolis Park Board, and many other interested persons.

The right of way for the Como-Harriet streetcar line was abandon in 1954, but left relatively undisturbed on the property owned by the Minneapolis Park Board. In 1969 the project to re-lay track along the right of way was begun. Originally the line was 4'8½" gauge double track extending for 17 miles to St. Paul. Later it extended to the western suburbs. It provided continuous service and was powered by 600 volts of direct current generated by a power station owned by the Twin Cities Rapid Transit Company. To date the line is a 4'8½" gauge single track providing a round trip of one mile. However, work to extend the line was carried on in the summer of 1976 and by October a total of 3300 lineal feet of track had been re-laid. Approximately 2900 feet are on the original right of way. From that point on, a detour was made to the west since a cemetery occupies part of the right of way. Eventually the total length of track is projected to reach 4600 lineal feet with the final 300 feet back within the original right of way. The line is used by the trolley car "1300" on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays from May through September. It is powered by 600 volts of direct current generated by the Northern State Power Company.

In 1976 the Minnesota Transportation Museum was awarded a certificate of merit from the American Society for State and Local History for its fine work in the restoration and operation of the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Goodrich, C.G. A History of the Minneapolis Street Railway Company: Covering 35 Years 1873-1908. Minneapolis: Brooks Press, 1909.

Minnesota Transportation Museum. "Lake Harriet Trolley." Minneapolis, Minnesota, nd. (Printed flyer).

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 3  
UTM REFERENCES

15/475680/4975340 Northern Terminus

15/475460/4974380 Southern Terminus

A 

ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING					

B 

ZONE	EASTING				NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Liza Nagle, State Inventory Coordinator

1/17/77

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Minnesota Historical Society

612/726-1171

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Bldg. 25, Fort Snelling

Minnesota

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Russell N. Fridley*

TITLE Russell Fridley

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/4/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*William H. ...*

DATE

10/17/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*William H. ...*

DATE

10-17-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER