

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: SOUTHERN PACIFIC  
RAILROAD DEPOT**

**LOCATION:** 400 West Cerritos Avenue

**OWNERSHIP:** Public

**USE:** Rail Depot

**LAND AREA:** 6068 square foot structure

**ZONE:** M2

**DESIGNATION:** Glendale Register  
National Register

**YEAR BUILT:** 1923

**STYLE:** Spanish Colonial Revival

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

This railroad depot, located in an industrial area in southwest Glendale, was not the first station to occupy the location. Glendale's first railway depot was constructed nearby in 1883, proceeding the laying of the tracks by Southern Pacific Railroad that linked Glendale to Los Angeles. The old depot stood until 1923 when it was replaced by the present structure constructed adjacent to it. W.C.B. Richardson had donated the land on which both depot buildings were constructed.

This "new" depot was soon to experience the peak years of passenger rail travel. Strategically located as an important stopping point on the way to Hollywood, Burbank and the San Fernando Valley, as many as eight passenger trains stopped daily at the Glendale depot. The depot was used as the backdrop for numerous Hollywood films in this period.

The depot has continued in operation, with Amtrak providing passenger service. The depot is also the centerpiece of the Glendale Transportation Center, which provides Metro link commuter rail service throughout the Los Angeles County.

