

DEPOT CANTINA [MACAYO'SI + TEMPE RAILROAD PLAZA]

300 SOUTH ASH AVENUE

Most of the 4800 square-foot original structure was preserved intact and can best be seen from the west (trackside). It was constructed by the Arizona & Eastern RR in 1924 to replace the former station which had been destroyed by fire. The railroad and its holdings, including the depot, was purchased by Southern Pacific in 1925. By the 1970's, passenger rail traffic had been discontinued and the depot sat vacant. The City of Tempe acquired the property and offered it for redevelopment.

In 1987, a long-term lease was awarded to the successful development team who proceeded to add approximately 4300 square feet of enclosed space, as well as outdoor dining areas, as part of the rehabilitation to restaurant use in 1988. The property was sold to another restaurateur in 1996.

A portion of the 2.12-acre site is devoted to the Tempe Railroad Plaza that contains 5 classic cabooses housing museum and office spaces. A new platform was also constructed trackside, anticipating the future reinstatement of passenger rail traffic.

public role: City made the site available for private development though a long-term lease, stipulating that the site be occupied by a single user and the historic character of the original station be an integral part of the development proposal; City also utilized CDBG funds to design & construct the new passenger platform.

developer: original: Arizona & Eastern Railroad; rehab: Tempe Depot Inc. (Bebbling Neuheisal-Hopman)

architect: rehab: Architecture Plus; Interiors by Habitat; platform by City Architect

builder: rehab: Bebbing Development; platform by Brad Miller Construction

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