
Guide to the Jacqueline Bacharach Office Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jacqueline Bacharach office records

Dates: 1982-2000

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Abstract: The Jacqueline Bacharach Office records document late twentieth century Los Angeles transit history. By the early 1980's it became clear that the division of power and responsibilities between the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC), local transit agencies such as the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD), and local government bodies was proving to be an obstacle to the rational and efficient development of a countywide mass transit system. The reports and office correspondence in this collection illustrate how these problems and their solutions were being formulated and developed by the LACTC. Also at this time, the LACTC and its sister transit agencies were preparing to re-introduce rail lines as part of the mass transit system of Los Angeles County. Samples of the reports and studies generated at the early stages of these projects are represented here. Detailed descriptions of series and folders is contained in the Arrangement and Description section of this finding aid.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Metro archives by Jacki Bacharach in 2006.

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Biography / Administrative History

The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) was created by the California State legislature in 1976 as part of the County Transportation Commissions Act. The privately owned and operated companies which had dominated public transit in Los Angeles since the 1890's had given way in the 1960's to an array of uncoordinated and disconnected publicly held agencies operating at state, county and local levels. The mandate of the commissions was to oversee mass transit planning and policy setting at the regional level, coordinating the previously disparate efforts of the various local agencies and government bodies involved in mass transit construction and operations.

The LACTC consisted of elected representatives from both county and municipal governments and a private citizen appointed by the LA mayor and approved by the city council. In 1980 LA County voters approved Proposition A, which established a half-cent sales tax to fund regional transit planning and construction. 35% of the revenues were to be allocated to rail, 25% to local cities for their local transit needs, and the remaining 40% were designated as discretionary funds that would be allocated as the LACTC saw fit. Due to legal wrangling, the tax did not go into effect until 1982.

Jacqueline Bacharach came on board the commission in April of 1982. In 1980 she had been elected to the city council of Rancho Palos Verdes, where she would serve as mayor for three terms. Jacqueline was born in Chicago and raised in the San Fernando Valley. She attended UCLA and graduated with a degree in Political Science. While at UCLA she was active in the Young Democrats.

Bacharach was an active and committed commissioner. She chaired the Planning and Mobility Improvement Committee for most of her years on the LACTC. She was part of the inter-county agency that spearheaded commuter rail in the five counties of Southern California. Later she was its first chairwoman when it became the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) in 1991 (SCRRA today operates Metrolink service). Jacqueline also headed the Rail Construction Corporation and the Blue Line Committee at the time that Los Angeles was just beginning to rebuild its passenger rail service.

During her term as LACTC Chairwoman, Bacharach prioritized system integration and good public relations. In 1985, shortly after being elected Chairwoman, she stated in ProMotion, the LACTC newsletter, her belief that "the key to progress...is a high degree of cooperation and coordination among the other agencies involved with transportation, such as SCRTRD, SCAG, CTC, and Caltrans. Therefore, more understanding and consideration of each other's needs and perspectives is one of my highest priorities for my term as Commission chair". Bacharach also understood that LA's transportation system was more than government business, it impacted every citizen of the county. According to her, "everyone in this county, no matter who they are, is affected by our transportation system. Therefore, we must share the message of our activities as often as we can". Underlying her goals and principles, was a keen awareness of the unique and important role that transportation played in weaving together the urban fabric, "The transportation network is the spine upon which the body grows. Housing, air quality, water availability, goods movement, commercial and industrial success - all depend on adequate transportation".

Since leaving the LACTC, Jacqueline Bacharach has continued to be involved in transit planning and design. She has served as Executive Director of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), is part of the Executive Committee of Mobility 21, a transit advocacy group in Los Angeles County, and is also involved in Compass, an organization dedicated to sustainable development in Southern California. In addition, Bacharach launched her own transit consultation firm, Jacqueline Bacharach & Associates.

Note

List of Abbreviations

- CTC - California Transportation Commission
- LACMTA - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- LACTC - Los Angeles County Transportation Commission
- SCAG - Southern California Association of Governments
- SCRRA - Southern California Regional Rail Authority
- SCRTRD - Southern California Rapid Transit District

Note

List of Sources

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Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists mainly of reports, studies, and correspondence produced by the LACTC. Please see individual series descriptions for more detail.

Another very important source for researchers interested in Jacki Bacharach is the Los Angeles Transportation Commission (LACTC) Collection at the MTA Archives. Especially significant is Series #7: Board Meeting Minutes. The meeting minutes are in digital format; researchers can use a Google search option to search the meeting minutes for "Bacharach". Researchers can access this series via the Dorothy Peyton Gray Library's intranet website, under the section titled "Board of Directors Policy Archives". Please contact the Dorothy Peyton Gray Library for more information.

Arrangement

The collection has been arranged into three series based on function: Series 1: Reference, Series 2: General Files, and Series 3: System Planning. Please see individual series descriptions for more detail.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Bacharach, Jacqueline

Bacharach, Jacki

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Los Angeles County Transportation Commission

Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority

Rail Construction Corporation

Southern California Rapid Transit District

Local Transit - California - Los Angeles County

Transportation - California - Los Angeles County

Local Transit - Design and construction - California - Los Angeles county

Local Transit - Community relations - California - Los Angeles County

Women - Transportation

Other Finding Aids

Los Angeles County Transportation Commission records, 06-DPGTL. Dorothy Payton Grey Transportation Library.

Series 1: Reference File 1982-2000

Collector: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Physical Description: 1 folder

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series was created by the Archive for user reference. It contains copies of news articles about Jacqueline Bacharach as well as photos of her.

Arrangement

All material is one folder, arranged by author.

Series 2: General Files 1982-1997

Collector: Jacqueline Bacharach

Physical Description: 6 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

Series contains research material on transportation. Material generally consists of reports on transit projects across the country and around the world. The series also contains LACTC correspondence.

Arrangement

Material is arranged by date.

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| box 1 | Roles And Responsibilities Charts of Transit Systems Across the Country 1982 |
| box 1 | Critical Success Factors of LRT Projects 1991 |
| box 1 | Process Architecture: N.47, "New Transportation Systems Worldwide Part II" May 1984 |
| box 1 | L.A. Story: A Reality Check for Transit-Based Housing Mar 1995 |
| box 1 | Ridership Projections at Rail Transit Stations on the Trenton-Camden Line Jan 1997 |
| box 1 | LACTC Correspondence 1982-1985 |

Series 3: System Planning 1983-2000

Collector: Jacqueline Bacharach

Physical Description: 10 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contains material related to planning and designing an integrated countywide transit system. Much of the material is in the form of reports on ridership and proposed rail routes such as the Blue-Line, the Crenshaw Corridor, and the Gold Line / Eastside Extension. Two reports also cover planning and organization for the agency to oversee rail transit.

- box 1 **Rail Transit Implementation Strategy Stage 1 - Draft w/ annotations Apr 1983**
- box 1 **Roles and Responsibilities of Agencies in Implementing the Proposition A Rail Transit System Jan 1985**
- box 1 **Revised Environmental Impact Report - Pasadena-Los Angeles Light Rail Project Nov 1989**
- box 1 **Dodger Stadium Transit Access Study Aug 1990**
- box 1 **Initial Study for the Relocation of Approved Chinatown Station and Alignment Jul 1991**
- box 1 **Eastside Corridor Transportation Improvements Scoping Information Sep 1991**
- box 1 **Land Use/ Transportation Policy Recommendations - Final Report Dec 1993**
- box 1 **Rail Ridership Forecast for Ventura County Jan 1995**
- box 1 **Ventura Rail Right of Way Restoration Study Nov 1998**
- box 1 **Crenshaw-Praire Corridor Route Refinement Study Dec 1990**