
Guide to the Transit Reference Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Transit Reference collection

Dates: 1894 - present

Collection number: 04-DPGTL

Creator: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Collection Size: 32 shelves (96 linear feet)

Repository: Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library and Archives.
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Abstract: The Transit Reference Collection is an accumulation of reference resources, many now of historical value, collected by the libraries of the LACMTA and its predecessor agencies.

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

Access

Please contact the Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library and Archives for information on collection access and restrictions.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

The reference material in this collection has been purchased and maintained by the transit agency libraries and archive.

Custodial History

Material contained in this collection has been maintained by the transit agency libraries and archive.

Biography / Administrative History

The Transit Reference Collection is an accumulation of reference resources gathered by the libraries of the LACMTA and its predecessor agencies, beginning with Los Angeles Railway (1911-1945) and continuing with Los Angeles Transit Lines (1945-1958), the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (1958-1964), Southern California Rapid Transit District (1964-1993), and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (1993 to present). The reference material was an important source of information for the library and transit agency staff.

Scope and Content of Collection

The items in this collection date back to the 1880's, but the bulk of the material is from 1940 onwards. The collection includes maps, published histories of transit agencies, reports, transit studies, journals, and periodicals. It also includes records of city and county franchise agreements dating back to 1885 and property deeds also extending back to the 19th century. A list of some of the more significant and interesting holdings is supplied below. Researchers should contact the archive for further information on collection content and access.

- Electric Railway Journal 1908-1931
- Highway Research Board 1941-1962
- Jane's Urban Transportation Systems 1982-2006
- LAMTA-Backbone Route Report June 30,1962
- LACMTA - Electric Trolley Bus Project 1993
- Los Angeles County Transit Franchises and Ordinances 1885-1945
- Los Angeles Public Transportation Needs May 5,1959
- Railroad Commission of the State of California, Case #4002 - Report on the Local Transportation Requirements of Los Angeles December 16, 1935
- Street Railway Journal 1894-1907
- Transit Journal 1932-1942
- Traffic Quarterly 1957-1979

Indexing Terms

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

Los Angeles County Transportation Authority
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles Railway
Los Angeles Transit Lines
Southern California Rapid Transit District
Local Transit -- California -- Los Angeles County
Reference Sources -- Local Transit
Transportation - California - Los Angeles County