

METRO TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH LIBRARY & ARCHIVE

Supporting Capstone Research for Metro Leadership Academy 2025 Cohort

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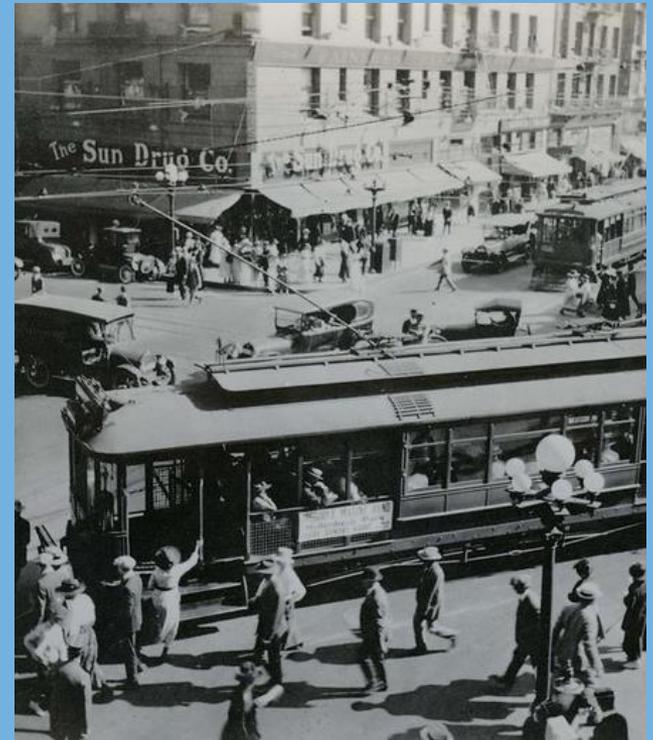
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The Metro Transportation Research Library & Archive exists to gather and preserve documents created by Metro and our numerous predecessor agencies.

We also curate related material on professional development, history, transportation engineering, Los Angeles, and other vital topics – all available to employees for check-out.



7th and Broadway Intersection of Downtown LA from [LA Railway Collection](#) (1919)

About the Library & Archive

- Provide information and research support to employees, contractors, government officials, and the public – for our circulating, library materials as well as our archival, historic transportation records.
- Collection contains over 60,000 books, technical studies, environmental impact reports, maps, historic images, film, and other media formats from our existing agency as well as several of our predecessor agencies including [Los Angeles Railway](#), [Pacific Electric Railway](#), [Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority](#), [Southern California Rapid Transit District](#), and the [Los Angeles County Transportation Commission](#).
- 40% of our library collection is unique, we're the only transportation research library in SoCal, and we've been a repository for federally funded transportation reports since 1971.
- Our physical space on the 15th Floor of Gateway is named the Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library & Archive – after Metro's Library Manager from 1988-2001, Dorothy Peyton Gray (1943-2001). She is credited with assembling our separate archival collection, among other achievements. We are one of only two Metro facilities named after former employees.



About the Library & Archive, continued

- Overseen by the Board Clerk, under the Board Administration
- Work alongside Records Management Center (RMC), Electronic Records, and Legal Services
- Comprised of six full-time-employees, one as-needed librarian, four interns, one fieldwork volunteer:
 - Matt Barrett, Director
 - Kenn Bicknell, Senior Manager
 - Ariel Hahn, Senior Librarian, Systems & Data
 - Chris Salvano, Digital Resources Librarian
 - Claire Kennedy, Archivist
 - Alanna Marcelletti, Cataloging Librarian (FT)
 - Nick Aurrichio, Cataloging Librarian (PT)

Locations



15th Floor Library



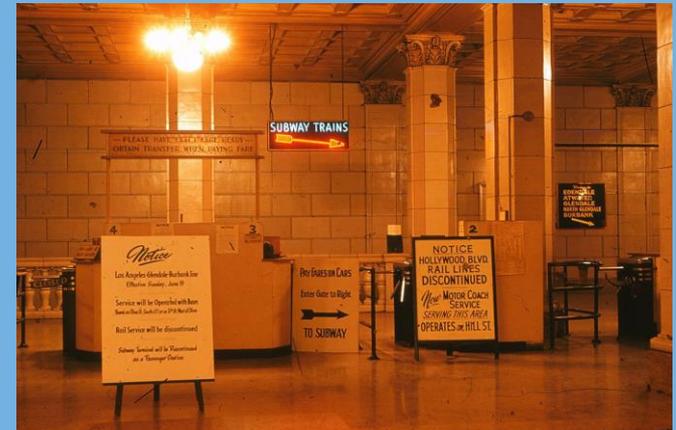
15th Floor Archive



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Library Research 101

- **Information Timeline** – a current event will be written about on social media and news outlets the day or week it takes place, an article in a magazine will come out after that and it will take even longer for that event to be examined in a book.
- **Time Range** – are you looking for contemporary information or historic, archival information?
- **Primary Resource vs. Secondary Resource** – knowing what you are looking for.
- **Identifying Key Words**
- **Crafting your Search** – using your key words with Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT)



[Pacific Electric Rail & Facilities](#) (1950s)

Resources

- **Website** – online hub for all resources and information from the Metro Library & Archive – metroprimaryresources.info
- **Library Catalog** – the go-to location for any circulating materials – librarycat.metro.net
- **Databases** – access new and legacy research on transportation through our paid subscriptions with EBSCO and Knovel Engineering Village (accessible [through our website](#) and [SharePoint](#))
- **External Libraries and Databases** – dive deeper into your research by looking for resources in the catalogs of other transportation libraries ([Start Here: An Approach to Transportation Research Guide](#))



[Red Line Project Renderings \(1985\)](#)

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Welcome to Metro's Primary Resources

The official knowledge and information hub from
Metro Transportation Research Library and Archive

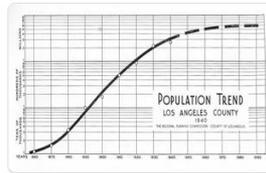
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Databases and eBooks

Metro Library offers current employees access to several databases with professional literature in the fields of transportation, urban planning, engineering, public administration, law, among others. If you're a Metro employee and need technical or research support, please email library@metro.net or fill out the form below.

 – Resources available to current Metro employees only.



Databases

- **Academic Search Premier (Ebsco)** 
Multidisciplinary database providing full-text access to articles in the fields of social sciences, technology, transportation, arts & entertainment, urban studies & planning, among others.
- **Accel5 Digital Leadership & Management Library (Ebsco)** 
A continuously updated digital library of articles, books, videos on leadership and management.
- **Business Source Corporate Plus (Ebsco)** 
Multidisciplinary database providing full-text access to articles in the fields of business, engineering, construction & building, management, accounting, transportation, public policy & administration, law, among others.

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Transportation Research Record (full text in-house)
Research in Progress (RIP) Database
National Transportation Digital Library (rosa-p)
National Technical Reports Library (full text in-house)
GPO DiscoverGov

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Metro Library Website + Social Media



Welcome to our Catalog and Research Hub!

Metro Transportation Research Library & Archive, est. 1895

OCLC Symbol = CRD | Partner of the National Transportation Library | Transportation Research Board Affiliate | National Transportation Knowledge Network Member | LA as Subject Member | Part of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Advanced Search

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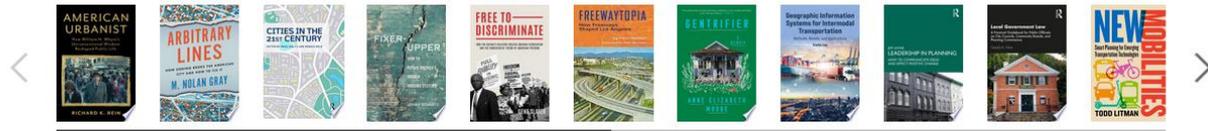
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the TRIS and ITRD database

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Additional Resources

- [Board Archive 1951-2015](#) – managed by the Records Department (RMC)
- Contemporary Board Records – board reports, new filings, recordings – boardagendas.metro.net
- [Employee News Magazines 1916-2010](#) – collection holds employee news publications from Metro and predecessors like Pacific Electric, LACTC, and more.
- [California Highways 1924-1967](#) – the official publication from the California Highway Commission, predecessor to CalTrans
- [Metro Press Releases 1994 – Present](#)
- News Clippings 1940-2012 (access forthcoming)



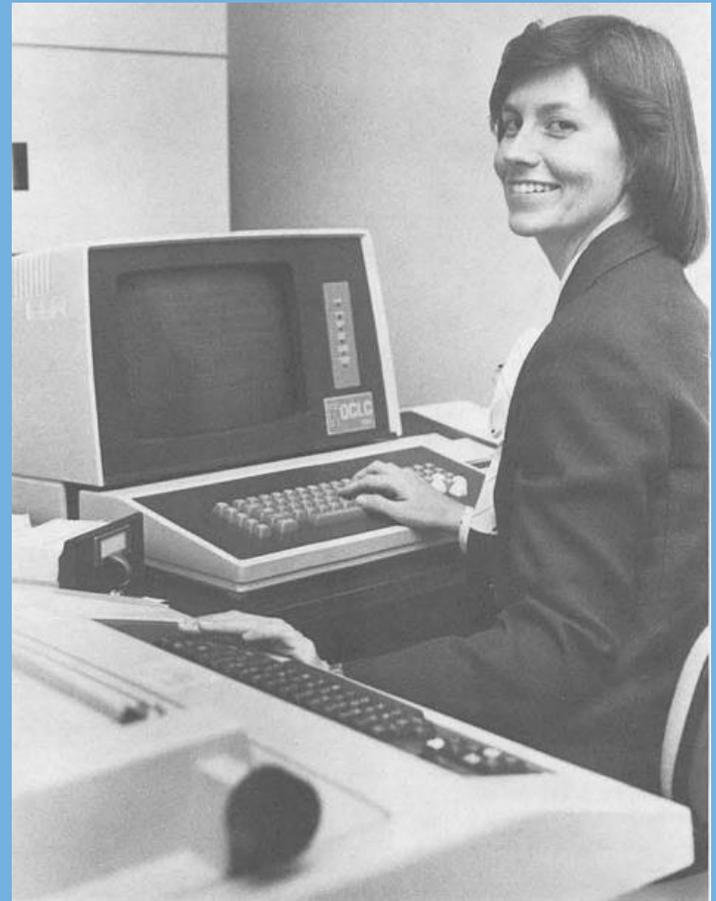
Transit Management Information System (TRANSMIS) from IBM for RTD (1984)

Questions?

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through Thursday; Open Friday by
Appointment



HELLO, THERE — RTD Librarian/Research Specialist Nola Wolf "talks" to a computer in Ohio via the OCLC network. In the foreground is the keyboard for the On-Line system.