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# Now Online: Transit Maps and Plans Dating Back to 1906

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This week, the [Metro Transportation Library](#) debuted an impressive set of historical maps depicting transit lines and proposals for routes and systems. Among the multiple versions of our current subway system and systems long come and gone is a [proposed monorail from 1960](#), the [transit vision for LA in 1974](#), the map produced [based on the Kelker-Deleuw study of 1925](#) (when the [city's first subway](#) was built), and a map from the time when [the Red Line was called the Orange Line](#).

The oldest map of the bunch is from 1906, and it shows the city's expansive streetcar system, including the Pacific Electric and LARy (Los Angeles Railroad) routes. So take a ride on memory lane rails and consider what was...and what could be.

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