

# Welcome to the Metro Transportation Research Library & Archive

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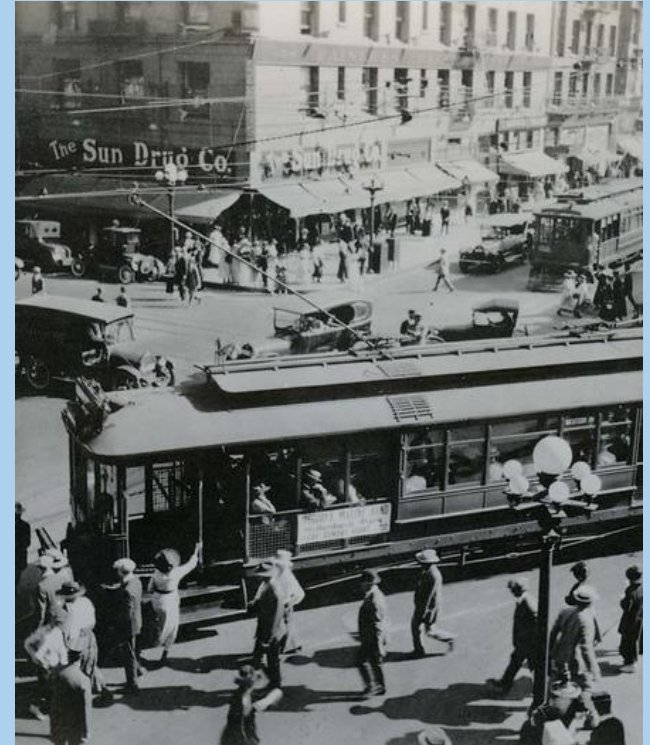
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The Metro Transportation Research Library & Archive exists to gather and preserve documents created by Metro and our numerous predecessor agencies.

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



7<sup>th</sup> 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 items.
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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), Board Systems, and Legal Services
- Comprised of five full-time-employees, two as-needed employees, one interns, and occasional fieldwork volunteers:
  - Shelly Ray, Director
  - Ariel Hahn, Senior Librarian, Systems & Data
  - Chris Salvano, Digital Resources Librarian
  - Alanna Marcelletti, Cataloging Librarian (FT)
  - Nick Aurrichio, Cataloging Librarian (PT)
  - Claire Kennedy, Archivist
  - Toby Chao, Archival Assistant
  - Elena Lindholm, Undergraduate Intern

# Locations



15<sup>th</sup> Floor Library



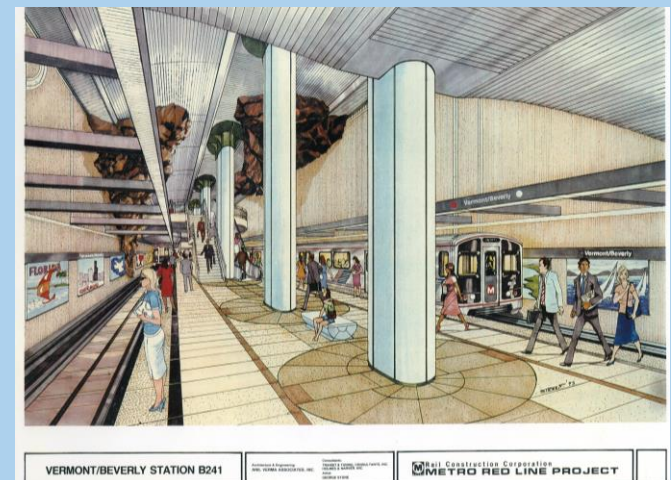
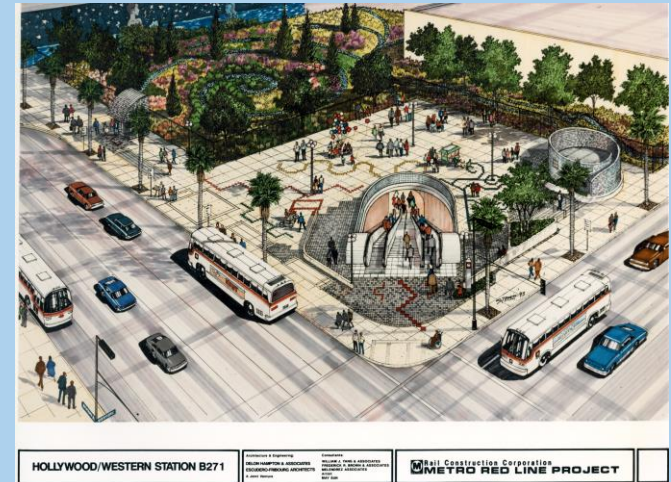
15<sup>th</sup> Floor Archive



P-1 Additional Storage

# Resources we provide

- **Website** – online hub for all resources and information from the Metro Library & Archive – [metroprimaryresources.info](http://metroprimaryresources.info)
- **Library Catalog** – the go-to location for any circulating materials – [librarycat.metro.net](http://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)

## Welcome to Metro's Primary Resources

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

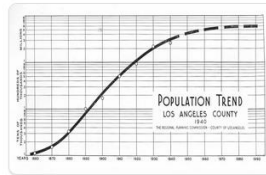
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## Resources and Research Support



### 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](mailto: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.

### Databases

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## Hours

**Employee Hours:** 10AM to 4PM,  
Monday through Friday

**General Public:** Open by  
appointment only

**Closed weekends and holidays**

## Contact Us

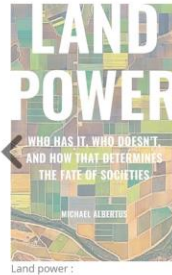
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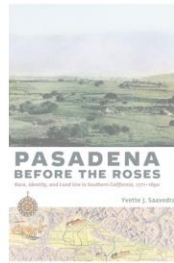
## Welcome to our Catalog!

OCLC Symbol = CRD | Partner of the National Transportation Library | Transportation Research Board Affiliate | National Transportation Knowledge Network Member | LA as Subject Member | Established in 1895

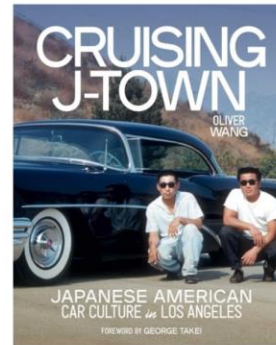
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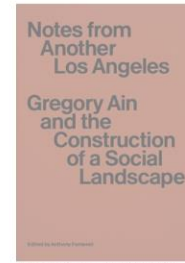
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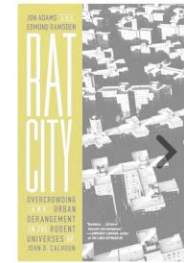
Pasadena before the roses :



Cruising J-Town :



Notes from another Los Angeles :



Rat city :

Part of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)

# Additional resources

- [Board Archive 1951-2015](#) – managed by the Records Department (RMC)
- Contemporary Board Records – board reports, new filings, recordings – [boardagendas.metro.net](http://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)

# Our paths to Metro

- **Elena Lindholm** – Undergraduate Intern
  - Senior at UCSD (expected graduation 2027)
  - Classics Major
- **Toby Chao** – Archival Assistant
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year MLIS student at SJSU (expected graduation 2027)
  - BA from UC Davis in Psychology (2024)
- **Alanna Marcelletti** – Cataloging Librarian
  - MLIS from SJSU (2021)
  - Former Elementary School Librarian
- **Ariel Hahn** – Senior Librarian, Systems & Data
  - MLIS from UCLA (2019)
  - Former Data Management Librarian at Cal Poly Pomona

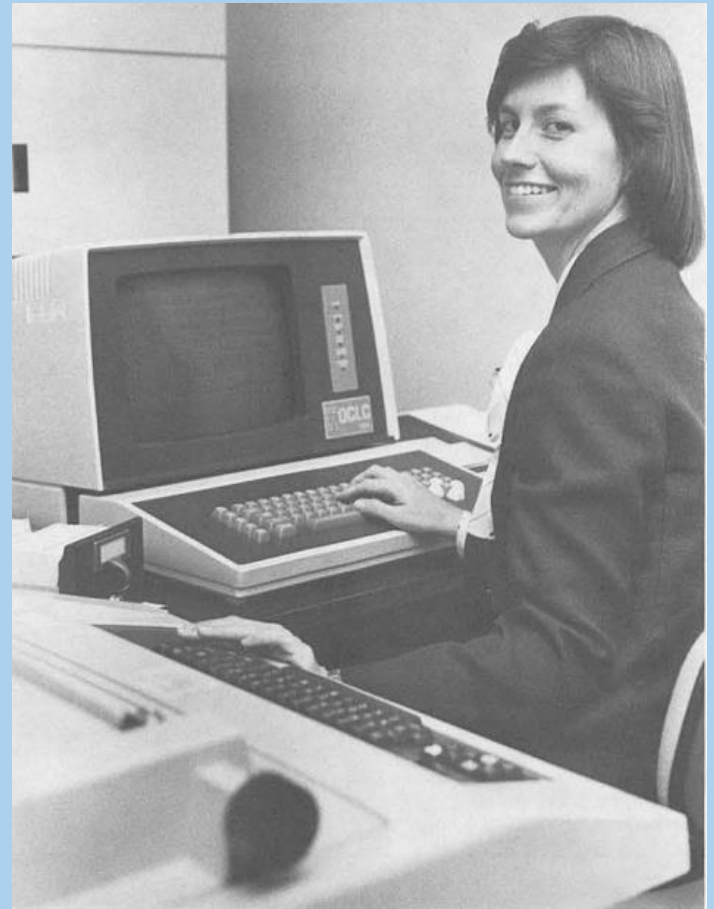
# Questions?

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*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.*