GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

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Name of archive/collection/records: None.

Date Range of archive/collection/records:

*Language of archive/collection/records***:** English

*Background Information***:**
The Department of Transportation (MCDOT), as it is currently known, has existed for many decades as one of the operating departments within the County's executive branch of government. It has had various names over the years, including the Department of Public Works and Transportation in the late 1990s to early 2000s, reflecting the differing functions assigned to it. It is one of the few local government departments that operates a transit system, the Ride On bus service. Initiated in 1975, Ride On has become one of the largest suburban-oriented bus systems in the nation. Providing efficient and responsive services to Montgomery County residents, agencies, and departments by maintaining and preserving the County's transportation infrastructure and capital assets.

The Division of Highway Services manages the maintenance of all County roads. Operating Budget activities include resurfacing; patching; shoulder and storm drain maintenance. Capital Budget activities include primary/arterial and rural/residential road resurfacing and rehabilitation.

The Division of Parking Management operates, maintains, and develops the County's Parking Lot Districts under policies and business practices that maximize the effectiveness of available parking supply, while enhancing the economic development of specific central business districts and promoting a balanced transportation system.

The Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations manages and operates the non-transit transportation system to achieve peak efficiency. It proactively identifies and addresses hazardous conditions and responds to residents' concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety on the County's roadways.

The Division of Transit Services operates and manages the Ride On bus system, providing service to both transit-dependent residents and those who seek a comfortable and convenient alternative to driving. It also regulates taxi service in the county, promotes transportation alternatives to employers and employees, and manages special programs for the elderly and disabled.

The Division of Transportation Engineering plans, designs, and constructs the transportation and pedestrian projects included in the Capital Improvement Program. The Department of Transportation provides project planning, engineering design, construction management, and subsequent maintenance of the County's transportation infrastructure. This includes roads, sidewalks, bikeways, and bridges. The Department provides an effective mix of public transportation services in the county, including operation of the Ride On bus system, promotion of commuting alternatives, and regulation of taxis.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records The Department's individual divisions and the Office of the Director each store current records related to the department's activities, policies, programs, and construction projects. The Office of the Director stores copies of current and past master plans, although these records are probably not as comprehensive as the MNCPPC Planning Department's. Non-current records are sent to the County government's Archives, managed by the Department of General Services. Technical documents associated with the design and construction or operation of projects or services; internal memorandums; correspondence from and to individual residents and the general public.

Special Collections: None.

Collections of Particular Interest to Suburbanization: MCDOT has been involved with the construction of many major components of the county's transportation infrastructure. Interested parties should inquire with the specific MCDOT division that manages the topic of interest and staff will then place them in contact with the appropriate project manager who would have access to records associated with the topic, project, or service. See the "Residents' Guide to Services" brochure for a quick overview of the department and initial contact information

Format of materials in archive/collection/records*:* Paper, Digital Records, Maps, Photographs, Microfiche

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records*:* Environmental Management and Protection; Government; Land Development; Maps/Atlas/ Street Maps; Transportation: Automobile, Subway, Bus, Light Rail, Bike)

Access and Use**:**
Open: Monday-Friday: 9:00am to 3:30pm.
Note: Reasonable costs for staff time and copies will generally be charged to interested parties in accordance with Montgomery County regulations providing for the assessment of costs and charges for producing copies of records in response to MPIA requests.

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