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

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Website: *www.wmata.com*

Name of archive/collection/records: None.

Date Range of archive/collection/records: 1960-present.

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

*Background Information***:** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) was created by an interstate compact in 1967 to plan, develop, build, finance, and operate a balanced regional transportation system in the national capital area. Metro began building its rail system in 1969, acquired four regional bus systems in 1973, and began operating the first phase of Metrorail in 1976. Today, Metrorail serves 86 stations and has 106 miles of track. Metrobus serves the nation's capital 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 1,500 buses. Metrorail and Metrobus serve a population of 5 million within a 1,500-square mile jurisdiction. Metro began its paratransit service, MetroAccess, in 1994; it provides about 2.3 million trips per year. Metro operates and maintains a safe, reliable and effective transit system that enhances mobility, improves the quality of life, and stimulates economic development in the Washington metropolitan area. Metro opened the first section of the Metrorail Red Line in March of 1976 and opened the system's first station in Montgomery County (Silver Spring) in February of 1978. By the end of 1984, the Red Line had extended to Shady Grove on the western end of the line. The extension to Wheaton opened in 1990 and the final terminus at Glenmont opened in 1998. The County's master plans have focused growth along specific corridors, including higher densities at many stops served by Metrorail. Metrobus and Montgomery County Ride-On have connected many communities to Metrorail stations, providing additional mobility options for suburbs that are not within biking or walking distance of Metro's Red Line.

Summary and scope of archive/collection/records: WMATA maintains extensive reports available for the public on its website at the following url: *http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/public_rr.cfm.* In addition, Metro maintains a public photo archive at*: http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/photo_gallery/.*

Special Collections: None.

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

Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records: Commercial Real Estate Development; Residential Real Estate Development; Transportation: Subway, Bus.

***Access and Use*:**

For any records beyond those made available on Metro's website, Metro has instituted a Public Access to Records Policy. This policy enumerates the policy for Metro to recover direct costs, and does not make distinctions based upon the requestor being adults, seniors, students or active military. This policy is available online at: *http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/docs/pi_9_3_1.pdf*

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. This would be especially true for large volume requests. DEP does not have facilities to support walk-in requests for information.

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