

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES

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WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(WMATA)
IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY
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Record Group 6: Public Works and Transportation

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority was created in response to a Congressional authorization contained in the National Capital Transportation Act of 1960. Title III of the Act expressed the clear intent of Congress to encourage the solution of regional problems by means of an interstate compact entered into by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia, with the consent of Congress. Thus, the Congress established a temporary federal agency to begin the work of planning a regional rapid rail transit system, but made clear its intent that a regional authority replace and succeed that agency to give regional character to transit planning and implementation in the Washington metropolitan area.

In 1965, the Maryland General Assembly established the Washington Suburban Transit Commission comprised of officials from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties to participate in the planning, development, and financing of a regional rapid rail transit system. The Commission was composed of six commissioners, three each appointed by the governing bodies of Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

By the mid-1970s, as DC-adjacent counties were becoming increasingly suburbanized, assessments for potential expansion of the Metrorail system were ongoing. In 1974, the Montgomery County Council approved a resolution to form the Citizens Advisory Committee on Glenmont Metro Station to ensure community input in future WMATA development plans. Environmental Impact Studies and Alternatives Analyses were performed on many potential station sites and corresponding infrastructure in the county from 1975 through the early 1990s.

EXTENT

1.75 cubic feet (1 record box; two Hollinger boxes)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains various material documenting the research and development of the WMATA rapid rail transit system in Montgomery County, including technical reports, feasibility studies and environmental impact studies on Red Line stations, as well as early plans and budget reports produced by WMATA that pertain to the entire Metro area. There is also a small section of minutes from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Glenmont Metro Station, formed by the Montgomery County Council in 1974. Lastly, there is printed material on the Metrorail system in the form of maps, guides, and informational brochures.

The material is arranged in six series:

Series I: WMATA System Planning, 1967

Series II: Budget Estimates, 1969-1977

Series III: Citizens Advisory Committee on Glenmont Metro Station, 1974-1975

Series IV: Impact Studies, [1975]
Series V: Wheaton Station Parking Facility, 1985-1988
Series VI: Glenmont Storage Yard, 1992
Series VII: Printed Material, 1977-2000

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: WMATA System Planning, 1967 (five folders)

This series contains five technical reports produced by WMATA in December, 1967, outlining the program, system plan, capital costs, traffic forecast and operating costs of the proposed regional rapid rail transit system.

Series II: Budget Estimates, 1967-1977 (13 folders)

Documents include capital budget estimates, project management budget estimates, audited financial statements and estimates for Metrorail and Metrobus operations.

Series III: Citizens Advisory Committee on Glenmont Metro Station, 1974-1975 (1 folder)

This series contains the resolution forming the committee, as well as meeting minutes generated by the committee from May of 1974 to February of 1975, with some additional correspondence. There is one folder of material.

Series IV: Impact Studies, [1975] (1 cubic foot)

This series contains two large environmental impact studies performed circa 1975 on potential Red Line station platform locations along the Metro "A" Route (Rockville to Shady Grove) and the Glenmont "B" Route (station and storage yard), assessing feasibility of line connections and impact on local areas. It also includes an impact study done for the City of Rockville, assessing the effect of the Metro system on the residents and layout of the city.

Series V: Wheaton Station Parking Facility, 1985-1988 (5 folders)

This series contains impact and environmental analysis reports on the feasibility of various sites for a parking facility at Wheaton Station.

Series VI: Glenmont Storage Yard, 1992 (2 folders)

This series contains follow-up environmental assessment/ alternatives analysis reports on a storage yard at Glenmont station, which was addressed in the 1975 environmental impact studies (above) but never constructed. These reports (in two volumes) from 1992 revisit that earlier assessment and update it accordingly.

Series VII: Printed Material, 1977-2000 (3 folders)

This series contains user guides, fare charts, and system maps produced for Metro customers. Material spans the years from 1977-2000 but not every year is represented.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS/USE

This collection is open for research

USING THESE RECORDS

To request records listed in this finding aid, the following information should be given to the archivist:

Record Group 15, Records of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in Montgomery County, Series Number and Name, Box Number and Folder Title(s).

The preferred citation for materials from these records is:

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LANGUAGE

English

PROVENANCE

Some material was transferred from the Montgomery History Jane C. Sween Library, as part of accession #2017-06.

PROCESSING PROCEDURES

General processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals. Preservation copying of newspaper clippings was performed whenever feasible. Records in folders were arranged, unless otherwise indicated, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder.

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BOX INVENTORY

Series I: WMATA System Planning

Box 1

Proposed Regional Rapid Rail Transit Plan and Program, 1967
System Planning, Technical Report No.1, 1967
Capital Cost Analysis, Technical Report No. 2, 1967
Traffic Forecast, Technical Report No. 3, 1967
Operating Cost Analysis, Technical Report No. 4, 1967

Series II: Budget Estimates

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FY 1969 Budget, 1967
FY1970 Capital Budget Estimates, 1968
FY1971 Capital Budget Estimates, 1969
FY1972-1973 Capital Budget Estimates, 1971
FY1972 Project Management Budget Estimates, 1971
FY1974-1975 Capital Budget Estimates, 1973
FY1974 Project Management Budget Estimates, 1973
FY1974 Metrobus Operations and Capital Budget Estimates, 1973
Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, 1974
Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, 1975
FY 1977 Budget Estimates, 1975
FY1977 Metrorail Operations Budget, 1976
Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, 1977

Series III: Citizens Advisory Committee on Glenmont Metro Station

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Resolution and Meeting Minutes, 1974-1975

Series IV: Red Line Environmental Impact Studies

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Metro "A" Route from Rockville to Shady Grove, [1975]
Metro "A" Route from Rockville to Shady Grove (Appendix), [1975]
Glenmont "B" Route, Sections B011, B012 (1 of 2), [1975]
Glenmont "B" Route, Sections B011, B012 (2 of 2), [1975]
Glenmont "B" Route, Sections B009, B010, B011, B012, Appendix (1 of 2), [1975]
Glenmont "B" Route, Sections B009, B010, B011, B012, Appendix (2 of 2), [1975]

Box 2

Glenmont "B" Route, Sections B011, B012, Summary (1 of 2), [1975]
Glenmont "B" Route, Sections B011, B012, Summary (2 of 2), [1975]
Metro Transit Impact Study, Rockville (Final Report), October 1975

Series V: Wheaton Station Parking Facility

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Air Quality and Noise Impact Analysis of Alternative Sites, 1985

Alternative Analysis, Wheaton Station: B Route, 1985

Traffic Impact Analysis of Alternative Garage Sites, Technical Memorandum, 1985

Environment Assessment, Wheaton Station: B Route, 1987

Wheaton Station Joint Development Feasibility Study, Technical Appendix Draft, 1988

Series VI: Glenmont Storage Yard

Box 3

Environmental Assessment/ Alternatives Analysis: Glenmont Storage Yard, Red Line B Route,
Volume 1, 1992

Environmental Assessment/ Alternatives Analysis: Glenmont Storage Yard, Red Line B Route,
Volume 2, 1992

Series VII: Printed Material

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Questions and Answers about WMATA Land Acquisition, 1970

Metro Guides, 1977-1992

Metro Maps, 1977-2000