

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Stage
Title:	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Collection
ID:	P016
Date [inclusive]:	1971-1997
Physical Description:	1 box
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Biographical / Historical

WMATA was formed on November 6, 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the bill creating the authority. Ground was broken on the construction of the first station, Judiciary Square, on December 9, 1969 with 4.2 mile Phase 1 opening to the public on March 27, 1976.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of twenty-five 8x10 and 5x7 black and white prints. The majority of the images illustrate the construction of various subway stations and tunnels throughout the city. A few images show finished stations and the operation of Metro train cars. One image shows a Metrobus.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Custodial History

There is no deed of gift and it is uncertain as to how the library acquired these photographs. There is a hand written note on the original housing, which indicates that they were a gift from Metro, but no date or any other information could be found. The term "Metro" refers to the city's subway and bus system, and is short for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Processing Information

The images were removed from their original housing. Each image was assigned a number and placed in an individual polypropylene sleeve. The images were then placed in an acid-free folder and stored in an archival storage box. The box was then placed in the DC Community Archives for long-term storage.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photographs

Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Union Station Station, 1973 November 11	Box 1	Folder 1
MCI Arena Station, 1997 October 8	Box 1	Folder 2
MCI Arena Station, 1996 April 22	Box 1	Folder 3
Union Station Station, 1973 July 5	Box 1	Folder 4
Farragut Square Station, 1971 November 8	Box 1	Folder 5

Fort Totten Station, 1991 September 27	Box 1	Folder 6
Georgia Avenue – Petworth Station, 1997 January 29	Box 1	Folder 7
Shady Grove Station (3 copies), 1987 April 28	Box 1	Folder 8
L'Enfant Plaza construction, Ca. 1980	Box 1	Folder 9
Gallery Place Station, 1971 February	Box 1	Folder 10
Gallery Place Station, 1972 March 11	Box 1	Folder 11
Stadium Armory Station, Ca. 1980	Box 1	Folder 12
Anacostia Station, 1987 March 20	Box 1	Folder 13
Green Line Tunnel Work, 1985 May 9	Box 1	Folder 14
Tunnel Work, 1980 September 17	Box 1	Folder 15
Rhode Island Avenue Station, 1979 May 17	Box 1	Folder 16
Rhode Island Avenue Station (3 copies), 1980 May 7	Box 1	Folder 17
Train Operator, 1977 July 1	Box 1	Folder 18
Articulated Bus at Jefferson Memorial, 1983 August 26	Box 1	Folder 19

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