Finding Aid for the Metropolitan Coach Lines Records

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Abstract: The Metropolitan Coach Lines (MCL) records reflect the acquisition of Pacific Electric Railway and Ashbury Rapid Transit System (ARTS) by Metropolitan Coach Lines, and MCL’s role in replacing rail transit with bus transit in 1950s Los Angeles. The collection contains records created by both MCL and ARTS. The contracts, correspondence, publications, photographs and other material contained in this collection reflect post-war Los Angeles’ move away from a city and suburbs connected through rail lines, to a metropolis dominated by motor vehicles. The collection contains documentation of the sale of Pacific Electric Railway Company property to the MCL and contractual commitment to phasing out rail lines.

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Biographical / Historical

Asbury Rapid Transit System (ARTS) was one of many small, privately owned transit ventures that had been operating in Los Angeles since the turn of the twentieth century. These companies competed with and complemented rail passenger service provided by the Pacific Electric Railway Company (PE) and the Los Angeles Railway Company (LARY) by providing bus linkages between rail suburban and interurban routes. ARTS was formed by J.T. and F.H. Asbury through a series of mergers and acquisitions in the 1930s, and the company spent the 1940s trying to expand its service in the suburban regions of Los Angeles by targeting growing communities such as Torrance, Highland Park, and most notably the San Fernando Valley. ARTS took advantage of the wartime growth of the defense industry in the San Fernando Valley, transporting workers to the Lockheed and Vega airplane plants.

ARTS continued in operation as a subsidiary of MCL until 1958, when the newly formed public agency, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LAMTA) acquired both MCL and ARTS for 33 million dollars. With this sale came the end of MCL and of private ownership and operation of transportation in Los Angeles.

Acquisition Information
MCL records were acquired by LAMTA when it purchased MCL in 1958. Through subsequent agency transformations and re-organizations, LAMTA became the Southern California Rapid Transit District, and eventually the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the records came into LACMTA’s archives.

Processing Information

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Arrangement
Arranged in 8 series:
2. Labor Contracts, 1940 - 1957
3. Equipment and Facilities Contracts, 1940 - 1958
4. Replacement of Rail with Motor Coaches, 1953 - 1958
5. Service Information, 1953 - 1958

Scope and Contents
This collection consists of a variety of material created between 1938 and 1958 including advertisements, timetables, business records such as correspondence, contracts, accounting, labor union agreements, and personnel records, photos, and company magazines documenting the operations of Metropolitan Coach Lines in Los Angeles, California. This material documents the acquisition of Asbury Rapid Transit System by Metropolitan Coach Lines and actions taken by MCL to replace rail service acquired from the Pacific Electric Railway Company with motor coach (bus) service.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Labor unions -- California -- Los Angeles County
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Brotherhood of Railway Clerks
Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen (U.S.)
Metropolitan Coach Lines
Pacific Electric Railway Company

Series 1: Asbury Rapid Transit System Finance 1937-1958

Subseries 1.1: Ledgers, volume 1 1937-1949

box 1, folder 1 Statistics - Mileage, Passengers Carried, Passenger Revenue 1940-1951
Scope and Contents
ARTS Ledger: Mileage statistics of various ARTS divisions by date and location; number of passengers carried by date and location, passenger revenue by date and location.

box 1, folder 2 Accounts Receivable 1937-1948
Scope and Contents
Balance sheets of various accounts’ debits, credits, and balances listed by date and account name.

box 1, folder 3 Cash Book 1938-1949
Scope and Contents
Memo records of cash receipts from ARTS, Original Stage Line, Inc. and Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line Inc. listed by division and date.

box 1, folder 4 Check Register 1938-1949
Scope and Contents
Check register of ARTS, Original Stage Line, Inc. and Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line Inc. listed by division and date.
Box 1, folder 5-7
Pasadena Ocean Park - Stage Line Inc. General Ledger 1938 January-1939 September
Scope and Contents
"This journal and a new ledger for the Pasadena-Ocean Park Stage Line, Inc. are opened by transferring all accounts from the old ledger after the books were closed for the year 1937.” Ledger includes various expenses and accounts receivable.

Box 1, folder 8
Original Stage Line, Inc. 1938
Scope and Contents
"This journal and a new ledger for Original Stage Line, Inc. are opened by transferring all accounts from the old ledger after the books were closed for the year 1937.” Ledger includes various expenses and accounts receivable.

Box 1, folder 9
Original Stage Line, Inc. 1939
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for Original Stage Line, Inc., includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1939.

Box 1, folder 10
ARTS Ledger 1940
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1940.

Box 1, folder 11
ARTS Ledger 1941
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1941.

Box 1, folder 12
ARTS Ledger 1942
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1942.

Box 1, folder 13
ARTS Ledger 1943
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1943.

Box 1, folder 14
ARTS Ledger 1944
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1944.

Box 1, folder 15
ARTS Ledger 1945
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1945.
Series 1: Asbury Rapid Transit System Finance 1937-1958
Subseries 2: Ledgers, volume 2 1938-1954

box 1, folder 16  ARTS Ledger 1946
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1946.

box 1, folder 17  ARTS Ledger 1947
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1947.

box 2, folder 1  ARTS Ledger 1948
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1948.

box 2, folder 2  ARTS Ledger 1949
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1949.

box 2, folder 3  ARTS Ledger 1950
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1950.

box 2, folder 4  ARTS Ledger 1951
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1951.

box 2, folder 5  ARTS Ledger 1952
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1952.

box 2, folder 6  ARTS Ledger 1953
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1953.

box 2, folder 7  ARTS Ledger 1954
Scope and Contents
Ledger and journal for ARTS, includes general ledger and accounts receivable for the year 1954.

Subseries 3: Ledgers, volume 3 1951-1958
Scope and Contents
Ledger of ARTS accounts as identified by account number and name. Includes charges, credits, and balances, as well as payroll and tax information.

box 2, folder 8  Accounts 1000A - 1043 1951-1957
box 2, folder 9  Accounts 1101 - 1192 1954-1958
box 2, folder 10  Accounts 1211 - 1291 1951-1958
### Revenue and Expense Statement 1945-1950

**Scope and Contents**

ARTS revenue and expense statement from 1945-1950, includes operating expenses and revenue, terminal and station expenses, and traffic expenses.

### Series 2: Labor Contracts 1940-1957

#### box 2, folder 28

**Agreement between ARTS and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen July 1945**

**Scope and Contents**

Two agreement booklets published July 15, 1945. One booklet with label on front cover: "A.J. Eyraud."

#### box 2, folder 29

**Agreement between ARTS and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen October 1949**

**Scope and Contents**

Two agreement booklets published October 1, 1949. Two booklets of revision pages.

#### box 2, folder 30

**Certificates - Labor Relations Board November 1949, February 1950**

**Scope and Contents**

Three Certification of Representatives documents which state the agreement between ARTS and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Dean Hayes Lodge #385. Materials dated November 3, 1949 and February 27, 1950.

#### box 2, folder 31

**Agreement between ARTS and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen July 1952**

**Scope and Contents**

Two agreement booklets published July 16, 1952.

#### box 2, folder 32

**Agreement between Metropolitan Coach Lines and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen December 1954**

**Scope and Contents**

One book detailing the agreements made between Metropolitan Coach Lines and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.
Series 2: Labor Contracts 1940-1957

box 3, folder 1  
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and MCL Correspondence - Claims 1955 February - 1957 February  
Scope and Contents  
Claims to MCL from the BRT on behalf of MCL drivers, most claims are due to overtime payment. Includes employee time tables.

box 3, folder 2  
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and MCL Correspondence - Claims 1957 May - 1957 August  
Scope and Contents  
Claims to MCL from the BRT on behalf of MCL drivers. Includes investigation forms, employee time tables. Continued from Box 2, Folder 32.

box 3, folder 3  
Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and MCL Correspondence - Claims 1955 June - 1956 April  
Scope and Contents  
Claims to MCL from the BRC on behalf of MCL clerks and radio dispatchers. Most claims are in response to hiring practices.

Series 3: Equipment and Facilities Contracts 1940-1958

box 6, folder 1  
City of Los Angeles City Clerk - Bus Franchise March 14, 1946  
Scope and Contents  
Correspondence from Los Angeles City Clerk, Walter C. Peterson to ARTS regarding an accepted bid from the company for a bus franchise.

box 6, folder 2  
Purchase Contract - Metropolitan Coach Lines and Asbury Transit - Correspondence 1951, 1954-1955  
Scope and Contents  
Correspondence regarding the purchase contract by which MCL purchased ARTS in 1954; chronology of ARTS from 1913 to 1951, written by Bart F. Wade to A.J. Eyraud dated August 27, 1951.

box 6, folder 3  
ARTS 1 - Purchase Contract - MCL and ARTS 1954  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 1: Purchase agreement between MCL and ARTS on June 25, 1954; copy of lease between ARTS and Pacific Electric Company of Glendale Property; copy of lease between Asbury Transportation Company and ARTS of Hollywood and San Fernando Properties; ARTS balance sheet as of December 31, 1953; list of ARTS revenue equipment; large maps of ARTS routes.

box 6, folder 4  
ARTS 1.1 - Certificate on Distribution of Reduction Surplus 1958 February 19  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 1.1: Certificate of Vice President and Treasurer of ARTS on Distribution of Reduction Surplus.

box 6, folder 5  
MCL 1.4 - Assignment of Sale and Purchase Agreement 1953 May 25  
Scope and Contents  
Purchase agreement whereby all rights to the Pacific Electric Railway were transferred to MCL.

box 6, folder 6  
MCL 1.5 - Agreement between PERy, Western Transit Systems and MCL June 1953  
Scope and Contents  
Agreement regarding passenger rail cars and operating rights sold to MCL.
box 6, folder 7  MCL 1.30 - Letter Agreement re Employee Protection 1953 December
Scope and Contents
Correspondence and agreements between MCL and PERy regarding employee payroll under the Protection Agreement.

box 6, folder 8  MCL 1.63 - Bill of Sale for 78 Passenger Cars and Electrical Facilities 1956 December
Scope and Contents
Bill of sale from PERy to MCL. Includes an itemized list of rail cars, transmission lines, substation buildings, and equipment.

box 6, folder 9  ARTS 2 - Lease - Green and Marengo, Pasadena 1954 August
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 2, 2 - A,B,C,D: Correspondence; copies of insurance certificates issued to the City of Pasadena in correspondence with the lease by ARTS.

box 6, folder 10  Equipment and Loan Agreement - Shell Oil Company 1955
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 3, 3.1: Termination agreement between Shell Oil Company and ARTS for a gasoline pump installed at 6439 West Sunset Boulevard; handwritten note from ARTS secretary, Mel Dyer.

box 6, folder 11  Lease - Schlyen Property, 8th and Maple 1947, 1950, 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 4: Correspondence, lease agreement, notes regarding cancellation of lease of parking lot on 8th and Maple in Los Angeles with David Schylen. Copy of Tenant’s Proposal to Lease for the property on 8th and Maple, dated November 3, 1947.

box 6, folder 12  ARTS 5 - Auto Liability Policy - Interstate Indemnity Company 1953-1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 5: Correspondence and copy of automobile liability policy for MCL and ARTS.

box 6, folder 13  ARTS 6 - Contract - Liquid Petroleum Gas, Shell Oil Company 1951, 1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 6: Correspondence, copies of contracts regarding the pending renewal of a contract with Shell Oil Company for liquid petroleum gas.

box 6, folder 14  ARTS 7 - Lease - Chicago Property, San Fernando Café 1949, 1953-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 7: Correspondence, receipts, copy of lease agreement regarding the termination of a lease by ARTS for a café within the San Fernando Terminal located at 726 San Fernando Road.

box 6, folder 15  ARTS 8 - Contract - B.F. Goodrich 1940-1959
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 8, 8-1, 8-1.1, 8-1.2, 8-1.4 : Correspondence, copies of contracts, rate revisions, mileage agreements regarding the extension of agreement between ARTS and B.F. Goodrich for tires and tire parts through August 31, 1959.

box 6, folder 16  ARTS 8A - Leases - Terminals, Buses 1955-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 8A: Correspondence regarding ARTS leases, insurance policies, and transferring ARTS buses.
ARTS 9 - Certificate of Amendment - Name Change Original Stage Line to Asbury Transit June 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 9: Documents from the Secretary of State of California and articles of incorporation regarding the name change from Original Stage Line, Incorporated to Asbury Rapid Transit System.

ARTS 10A, 10B - Insurance, Glendale Property 1943-1944, 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 10A, 10B: Titles, correspondence, insurance certificates regarding properties within the Vine Cottage Tract. List of ARTS terminals and block locations.

ARTS 10I - Dependent Life Insurance 1953-1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 10I: Occidental Life Insurance Company of California administration manual, ARTS Group Life Insurance Policy Number 3565L effective July 1, 1953.

ARTS 10Q - Insurance - Truck Insurance Exchange 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 10Q: Correspondence, contracts regarding the cancellation of workmen's compensation from the Truck Insurance Exchange.

Audit numbers 11 and 11A: Certificates, correspondence regarding auto liability insurance with Interstate Indemnity Company 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 11 and 11A: Certificates, correspondence regarding auto liability insurance with Interstate Indemnity Company.

ARTS 12 and 21-1 - Contracts - Ticket Agencies 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 12 and 12-1: Copies of correspondence and notes regarding ticketing to be furnished by MCL.

ARTS 13, 14, 14.1 - Contract - Shell Oil Propane Storage Tank at Glendale and San Fernando 1951, 1956
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 13, 14, 14-1: Correspondence, deed, bill of sale, conditional sales contracts regarding propane equipment from Shell Oil Company.

Scope and Contents
Audit number 15: Correspondence between Fred M. Lynde, owner of Coin Counters Incorporated and E. H. Uecker, the General Auditor of MCL regarding the name change of Lynde's business. Includes contracts referenced.

ARTS 16-1 - Parking Facility Hollywood, Vincent Brusca 1954-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 16-1: Correspondence regarding payment for parking facilities owned by Vincent Brusca.

ARTS 17 - Contract - Brinks Incorporated 1941-1955
Scope and Contents
Audit number 17: Correspondence and contracts regarding the termination of Brinks contract at the ARTS Glendale Terminal.
box 6, folder 27  ARTS 18 - Agreement - Valley Cab Company 1952, 1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 18: Correspondence between ARTS and Valley Cab Company regarding the removal of a taxi call box from ARTS Glendale Terminal by July 31, 1956.

box 6, folder 28  ARTS 19 - Foster and Kleiser Company 1946, 1949, 1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 19: Correspondence, contracts regarding the transfer of a lease with Foster and Kleiser Company from ARTS to Harry Montgomery.

box 6, folder 29  ARTS 20 - Contract - Faber Fleet Service 1954 September 15
Scope and Contents
Audit number 20: Note to R.F. McNally from R.W. Anderson indicating that Faber Fleet Service for ARTS has been discontinued.

box 6, folder 30  ARTS 21 - Bank of America 1954-1960
Scope and Contents
Audit number 21: Correspondence and contracts regarding the bank notes held at the Bank of America by ARTS and transferred to LAMTA in 1958.

box 6, folder 31  ARTS 22 - Frank Martin Smaldone, Commissioned Agent 1952-1955
Scope and Contents
Audit number 22: Correspondence regarding the termination of agreement with Frank Martin Smaldone, appointed as a commissioned agent to sell books and concessions on the premises of ARTS Hollywood location.

box 6, folder 32  ARTS 23 - Glendale Terminal Property 1954-1960
Scope and Contents
Audit number 23: Correspondence, contracts, maps, drawings regarding the ARTS Glendale Terminal property acquired by LAMTA on January 18, 1960.

box 6, folder 33  ARTS 24 - Hollywood Terminal 1954-1955
Scope and Contents
Audit number 24: Correspondence and contracts regarding the termination of ARTS lease of Hollywood Terminal property as of August, 1955.

box 6, folder 34  ARTS 25 - San Fernando Terminal Lease 1954-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 25: Correspondence and contracts regarding the termination of ARTS lease of San Fernando Terminal property as of September, 1956.

box 6, folder 35  ARTS 26 - Commission Agent 1954 November
Scope and Contents
Correspondence regarding new commission agents in Pasadena and Riverside.

box 6, folder 36  ARTS 27 - Highway Post Office Service 1954 August 16
Scope and Contents
Audit number 27: Correspondence regarding the cancellation of the contract between the Highway Post Office service and ARTS, wherein ARTS serviced Post Office vehicles.
box 6, folder 37  ARTS 29 - Twin Coach Passenger Bus 1950-1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 29: Correspondence and contracts regarding the financial loan and purchase of six passenger buses from the Twin Coach Company.

box 6, folder 38  MCL 29 - Lease Agreements for Passenger Landings 1953-1958
Scope and Contents
Lease agreements of passenger landings transferred from MCL to LAMTA on March 3, 1958.

box 6, folder 39  ARTS 30 - Fire Insurance 1951-1955
Scope and Contents
Audit number 30: Correspondence, deeds, and contracts regarding fire insurance for ARTS busses and transference to MCL.

box 6, folder 40  ARTS 31 - Winters National Bank and Trust Company - Flxible Coaches 1954-1955
Scope and Contents
Audit number 31: Contracts and payment coupons regarding the sale of ten 1954 Flxible buses, Model FL2P-40.

box 6, folder 41  ARTS 32, 32-1 - Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank Promissory Notes 1953-1954
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 32 and 32-1: Promissory notes from the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles to ARTS.

box 6, folder 42  ARTS 33, 33-1 - Restroom Facilities - 1034 S. Main Street 1954-1958
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 33 and 33-1: Correspondence regarding the upkeep and maintenance of restroom facilities for ARTS employees at 1034 S. Main Street.

box 7, folder 1  ARTS 34 - Pressure Tank Permits 1955-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 34: Permits and insurance titles regarding the operation of liquid petroleum gas tanks.

box 7, folder 2  ARTS 35 - Board of Equalization - Seller's Permit 1955-02
Scope and Contents
Audit number 35: Permit and receipt for ARTS sales of equipment.

box 7, folder 3  ARTS 36-1, 36-2, 36-3 - Franchise Bond (Ordinance # 90272), 1954-1958
Scope and Contents
ARTS 36-1, 36-2, 36-3 - Franchise Bond (Ordinance # 90272).

Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 36-1, 36-2, 36-3: Correspondence, bonds, contracts regarding requested changes from the Los Angeles Department of Public Utilities to the ARTS Founder's Insurance bond as it relates to Franchise Ordinance 90272.

box 7, folder 5  ARTS 38 - Pacific Outdoor Advertising 1946-1960
Scope and Contents
Audit number 38: Contracts, correspondence, drawings re ARTS billboard agreements with Pacific Outdoor Advertising. Drawings specify locations of billboards.
ARTS 39 - Restroom Facilities 1955-10
Scope and Contents
Audit number 39: Letter detailing restroom maintenance costs at various private locations which ARTS employees use that have become unnecessary.

Scope and Contents
Audit number 40: Documents pertaining to the filing of a dismissal with prejudice from ARTS in response to a lawsuit filed against the company by H.M. Jordan.

ARTS 41-A - Asbury Transit Franchise Tax 1946-1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 41-A: Documents, deeds, contracts, ordinances, handwritten financial accounts regarding ARTS franchise taxes. Includes small map of the ARTS and MCL systems.

ARTS 41-A - Los Angeles County Clerk 1954 November 16
Scope and Contents
Audit number 41-A: Correspondence and rider from the Los Angeles City Clerk regarding ARTS change of address proposal.

ARTS 42 - Los Angeles City School District 1955-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 42: Correspondence between Los Angeles City School District officials and ARTS regarding transportation rates for students.

ARTS 43 - Bus Leases 1955-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit number 43: Correspondence regarding the lease of busses between ARTS and MCL.

ARTS 44, 45, 45-1 - Burbank Restroom Facilities 1955, 1957
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 44, 45, 45-1: Correspondence regarding the maintenance and payments for service of various ARTS restroom facilities.

ARTS 48 - United States Post Office, Burbank 1955-1958
Scope and Contents
Audit number 48: Correspondence regarding a contract between ARTS and the Burbank Post Office as well as the contract's termination in 1958.

ARTS 49 - Receipted Tax Bills, San Fernando, Glendale, Burbank 1952-1954
Scope and Contents
Audit number 49: ARTS receipted tax bills from the County of Los Angeles and the City of Pasadena.

ARTS 50 - La Opinion 1956 January 25
Scope and Contents
Audit number 50: Advice of Contract Requiring Attention stating that there is no formal agreement between newspaper, La Opinion and ARTS for transportation of newspapers.
box 7, folder 16

**ARTS 51 - Sales and/or Use Tax Permit - City of Los Angeles 1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 51: Original Sales and/or Use Tax Permit for ARTS from the City of Los Angeles with postmarked envelope from the City Clerk of Los Angeles.

box 7, folder 17

**ARTS 52 - Southern Pacific Company 1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 52: Correspondence, lease agreement and map regarding the loading and unloading zones of ARTS between San Fernando and West Glendale.

box 7, folder 18

**ARTS 53 - Pacific Electric Railway Hospital Association 1951-1954**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 53: Pacific Electric Hospital Association informational booklet dated July 1, 1951; correspondence requesting that employees of ARTS and MCL be granted membership to the Pacific Electric Hospital Association.

box 7, folder 19

**ARTS 54 - Corporation Grant Deed - San Fernando Property 1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 54: Corporation Grant Deed and correspondence regarding the ARTS San Fernando Terminal property.

box 7, folder 20

**ARTS 55 - Bill of Sale, Propane Tank, Asbury Transportation 1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 55: Correspondence and bill of sale for a propane tank purchased by ARTS to be used at the company's San Fernando location.

box 7, folder 21

**ARTS 56 - Accurate Vending Corporation, LTD - Cigarette Vending Machine 1956, 1959**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 56: Correspondence and Advice of Contract regarding the cigarette vending machine at ARTS Glendale location. "Glendale division closed 6/22/59, vending machine removed 6/30/59" stamped on outside of audit packet.

box 7, folder 22

**ARTS 57 - Canteen Company 1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 57: Correspondence, notes, advice of contract regarding the Canteen Company and sales commission based on vending machine candy sales at ARTS Glendale location.

box 7, folder 23

**ARTS 58 - United States Post Office - Sun Valley 1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 58: Correspondence regarding a contract between the Sun Valley Post Office and ARTS whereby mail carriers may travel between Sheldon Street and Sunland Boulevard on the ARTS line at no charge while on duty.

box 7, folder 24

**ARTS 59 - Haskins and Sells - Reports on Examination 1954-1956**

Scope and Contents
Audit number 59: ARTS financial reports for fiscal years 1954, 1955, 1956 which include balance sheets, statement of revenues, expenses, and earned surpluses.
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| box 7, folder 25 | **ARTS 62 - California Transit Advertising, Inc. 1955-1958**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 62: Correspondence, contracts, and forms from California Transit Advertising, Incorporated to LAMTL, MCL, and ARTS for outdoor advertising and displays. Forms include information regarding number of buses in operation and ridership. |
| box 7, folder 26 | **ARTS 63 - California Water and Telephone Co. 1956**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 63: Correspondence regarding the discontinuation of telephone service at ARTS San Fernando passenger station. |
| box 7, folder 27 | **ARTS 64 - Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 64: Advice of contract requiring attention with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company covering collections from the ARTS Glendale Terminal. |
| box 7, folder 28 | **ARTS 65 - Art's Richfield Service Center 1956-1957**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 65: Correspondence regarding the use of restroom facilities for ARTS employees at the Richfield Station operated by Art's Richfield Service Center in San Fernando. |
| box 7, folder 29 | **ARTS 66 - Union Oil Station, Richard F. Cannell 1956-1957**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 66: Correspondence regarding the cancellation of restroom facility services at Worlay Union Service Station for ARTS employees. |
| box 7, folder 30 | **ARTS 67-1 - Railway Clerks Federal Credit Union 1957**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 67-1: Correspondence and contract between MCL and/or ARTS and Railway Clerks Federal Credit Union regarding the payment of employee, Carl P. Swope. |
| box 7, folder 31 | **ARTS 68 - 161 E. Olive Ave., Burbank/ Toilet Facilities 1957**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 68: Letter regarding ARTS operators no longer using the restroom facilities at 161 E. Olive Avenue in Burbank. |
| box 7, folder 32 | **ARTS 69 - Coca Cola Bottling Company 1953-1959**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 69: Correspondence regarding the Coca Cola vending machine located at the ARTS Glendale facility. |
| box 7, folder 33 | **ARTS 70 - 91 Day Treasury Certificates 1958**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 70: Agreement of sale between MCL and ARTS whereby MCL sells and assigns 91-day treasury certificates to ARTS, dated January 14, 1958. |
| box 7, folder 34 | **ARTS 71 - Occidental Life Insurance Company of California 1957-1958**  
Scope and Contents  
Audit number 71: Correspondence regarding the cancellation of Occidental Unemployment Disability Insurance for ARTS employees due LAMTA purchasing ARTS and acting as policy holders. |
ARTS 281 - 1A, 1A1, 1A2 - Insurance Company of North America, Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. 1953-1956
Scope and Contents
Audit numbers 281-1A, 281-1A1, 281-1A2: Correspondence, insurance contracts for motor coaches and equipment.

MCL 361 - Appraisal of Pasadena Property 1955
Scope and Contents
Appraisal of property located at 182 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California. Includes assessments from the City of Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles, photographs and maps. 2 copies of appraisal.

MCL 370 - Rules and Regulations, Transportation Department 1955 January 28
Scope and Contents
Booklet entitled Rules and Regulations Governing the Employees of the Transportation Department, owned by MCL and loaned to R.L. Haugh, dated January 28, 1955.

MCL 475 - Sale of Abandoned Right of Way, Hollywood and Sunset Boulevards 1956
Scope and Contents
Agreement between MCL, PERy, and the City of Los Angeles regarding the abandonment of the right of way on Sunset and Hollywood Boulevards.

Series 4: Replacement of Rail with Motor Coaches 1953-1958

Sales Agreement - MCL and PERy 1953 March 10
Scope and Contents
Agreement between MCL and PERy whereby MCL purchased PERy, including facilities, operating lines, and equipment, and became the operating company. Includes all property and rights to be transferred to MCL.

Sales Agreement - MCL and PERy 1953 June
Scope and Contents
Copy of agreement between MCL and PERy whereby MCL purchased PERy, including facilities, operating lines, and equipment, and became the operating company.

Los Angeles Transit Lines Memorandum re Public Hearings 1953 June 10
Scope and Contents
Memos regarding public hearings to determine whether motor coach substitution on the operating lines transferred to MCL from PERy would be adequate; hearing also focused on employee job security.

Los Angeles Transit Lines Agreement re Public Hearings 1953 June
Scope and Contents
Agreement between PERy and MCL regarding the transfer of lines, services, equipment, rail cars, and employees from PERy to MCL.

MCL Inspection Report - Introduction and Values 1953 November
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Complete Inspection Report Metropolitan Coach Lines" by Cosgrove and Company Insurance Brokers. Includes introductory correspondence and a valuation survey of MCL.
**MCL Inspection Report - Fire and Repair 1953 November**
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Complete Inspection Report Metropolitan Coach Lines" by Cosgrove and Company Insurance Brokers. Includes a review of the MCL Repair Division and its fire insurance coverage; oversized map of the MCL Macy Street Yard.

**MCL Inspection Report - Service and Inspection Division 1953 November**
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Complete Inspection Report Metropolitan Coach Lines" by Cosgrove and Company Insurance Brokers. Includes a review of the MCL Service and Inspection Division and its fire insurance coverage; oversized maps of MCL terminals.

**MCL Inspection Report - Passenger Terminals and Storage 1953 November**
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Complete Inspection Report Metropolitan Coach Lines" by Cosgrove and Company Insurance Brokers. Includes reviews of the MCL Passenger Station Division and the Storage Yard Division with fire insurance coverage; oversized map of MCL Pasadena garage.

**PERy Mid-Month Count of Employees (used by MCL) 1953 October**
Scope and Contents
PERy mid-month counts of employees from 1946 - 1953, issued by the PERy Personnel Department. Handwritten note on top of page, "used by MCL."

**PERy and LATL Comparison of Differentials 7/19 to 10/53 1953 October**
Scope and Contents
Comparison charts of rail costs versus motor coach operating costs per car. Comparisons are dated from July 30, 1919 to October 1, 1953.

**PERy Passenger Rail Equipment as of 10/01/53 1953 October**
Scope and Contents
Comparison chart of PERy passenger rail equipment seating capacity, weight, height, and number of cars in service with MCL motor coach equipment.

**MCL - Number of Passenger Trainmen and Operators 1953 October**
Scope and Contents
Comparison chart of the number of MCL passenger service trainmen and motor coach operators from 1952 - September, 1953.

**Operators Wages on Scale of 1 to 54 Cents per Hour 1953 October**
Scope and Contents
Table indicating cost of increase in trainmen and motor coach operators wages per hour.

**Table - Trainmen and Motor Coach Wage Statistics 1953 November**
Scope and Contents
Table indicating cost of increase in trainmen and motor coach operators wages per month, based on actual operations in October, 1953.

**MCL Diesel Exhaust Report 1954 February**
Scope and Contents
Report by the Smith-Emery Company: Chemists - Engineers detailing the results of tests on MCL motor fuel and exhaust. Includes two black and white photographs of the equipment used for tests.
box 4, folder 1  PERy, MCL, ARTS Correspondence re Agencies, Insurance 1954-1957
Scope and Contents
Correspondence between MCL/ ARTS and PERy regarding ARTS agencies closing and using MCL tickets, fire and employee insurance policies.

box 8, folder 8  Transportation Passes - "Eligible" or "Ineligible" 1958 March 10
Scope and Contents
List of eligible and ineligible employees of LAMTA for transit passes. Includes employees of other Los Angeles City departments.

box 3, folder 15  MCL - Estimated Financial Results of Operation - Foreword and Introduction 1954 July
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Estimated Financial Results of Operation Resulting from Proposed Replacement of Passenger Rail Lines with Motor Coach Service on Southern District Lines." Includes the foreword, basic considerations, brief history of interurban transit in Southern California, and present and proposed routes.

box 3, folder 16  MCL - Estimated Financial Results of Operation - Tables 1954 July
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Estimated Financial Results of Operation Resulting from Proposed Replacement of Passenger Rail Lines with Motor Coach Service on Southern District Lines." Includes tables and charts detailing revenues and expenses of Southern District Rail Lines.

box 3, folder 17  MCL - Estimated Financial Results of Operation - Charts and Maps 1954 July
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Estimated Financial Results of Operation Resulting from Proposed Replacement of Passenger Rail Lines with Motor Coach Service on Southern District Lines." Includes charts and maps of MCL service areas and population density, some maps are oversized.

Scope and Contents

box 3, folder 19  Opinion Survey re Substitution of Motor Coach for Rail 1954 December
Scope and Contents
Report entitled "Opinions of Residents of the Area between East 85th Street and East 103rd Street, Los Angeles, California Regarding the Proposed Substitution of Motor Coaches for Existing Rail Passenger Service." Survey of questions and responses by demographic.

box 8, folder 5  Statement of Protestants 1955 January 20
Scope and Contents
Application before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California requesting that MCL be awarded the authority to replace passenger rail service with motor coach service on Bellflower, Watts, Long Beach, and San Pedro lines.
Box 3, Folder 20: MCL - In Lieu Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity 1955-1956
Scope and Contents
Document entitled "MCL In Lieu of Public Convenience and Necessity." The document details the various standards that MCL must meet regarding routes, maximum mileage, and motor coach length.

Box 8, Folder 6: Decision Number 52821 1956 March 27
Scope and Contents
Decision before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in the matter of MCL's application for an In Lieu of Certificate. The document states that the certificate will be issued; appendices detail each route line.

Box 3, Folder 21: Appendix A to Decision Number 52821 1956
Scope and Contents
Appendix to the Decision before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in the matter of MCL's application for an In Lieu of Certificate on March 27, 1956. This appendix includes corrections and revisions to the original decision.

Box 3, Folder 22: Maps of MCL in Accordance with Appendix A of Decision Number 52821 1956
Scope and Contents
Maps of MCL showing certificated routes of operation in accordance with Appendix A to Decision Number 5282 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

Box 3, Folder 23: ARTS Appendix A, in Accordance with Appendix A of Decision Number 52821 1956
Scope and Contents
Descriptions of ARTS routes as changed by various legal decisions, in accordance with Appendix A of Decision Number 52821.

Box 3, Folder 24: PERy, MCL, ARTS Correspondence re Motor Coaches and Rail Cars 1955-1957
Scope and Contents
Correspondence between MCL/ARTS and PERy regarding the sale and use of rail cars, transferring cars to ARTS, and request for reparation from PERy for traffic standstill due to train derailment.

Box 3, Folder 25: PERy, MCL, ARTS correspondence re Leases, Rubbish, Disposal 1955-1957
Scope and Contents
Correspondence between MCL/ARTS and PERy regarding property leases for bus stops and garages, disposal of trash at various terminals and costs to do so.

Box 3, Folder 26: PERy, MCL, ARTS Correspondence re Tire and Gas Companies, and Track Removals 1954-1956
Scope and Contents
Correspondence between MCL/ARTS and PERy regarding prices and payments for oil, fuel, and rubber tires, as well as track removal in Glendale-Burbank and Hollywood-Beverly Hills.

Box 3, Folder 27: PERy, MCL, ARTS Correspondence re Utilities, Repairs, Restroom Facilities 1954-1957
Scope and Contents
Correspondence between MCL/ARTS and PERy regarding utilities to be discontinued at various terminals, street and terminal repairs, arrangements for toilet facilities for motor coach drivers.
Series 4: Replacement of Rail with Motor Coaches 1953-1958

box 8, folder 7  Application to Replace Rail Passenger Service 1956 November 30
Scope and Contents
Application before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California requesting that MCL be awarded the authority to replace passenger rail service with motor coach service on the San Pedro line; application examines various alternative routes and includes a map of the area.

Series 5: Service Information 1953-1958

box 4, folder 2  MCL Traffic Department Circulars 1953-1957
Scope and Contents
Notifications by MCL of passenger tariffs and fare changes; zone changes.

box 4, folder 3  MCL and ARTS Local Passenger Tariffs and Zone Maps 1953, 1955, 1957
Scope and Contents
Notifications by MCL and ARTS of passenger tariffs and fare changes; zone changes. Contains oversized maps located in box 9.

box 4, folder 4  ARTS - Time Schedules 1953-1954, 1957
Scope and Contents
Various ARTS route schedules for customers. Includes an advertisement for ARTS transit to Disneyland.

box 4, folder 5  MCL Passenger Schedules and Tickets 1954-1957
Scope and Contents
Transit schedules and passes from various MCL lines, many schedules include advertisements, upcoming MCL events, and promotions. Oversized schedules located in box 9.

box 4, folder 6  MCL - Traffic Department - Operator’s Tariff Schedules 1955
Scope and Contents
Notifications by MCL of passenger tariffs and fare changes; zone changes. Operators’ fare schedules and tax rates for fares. Contains oversized maps located in box 9.

box 4, folder 7  MCL Local Passenger Tariff 1956 November 10
Scope and Contents
Booklet issued by MCL Traffic Department listing passenger fares and route zones.

box 4, folder 8  MCL Local Express Tariff Naming - Rules and Rates 1956 October 08
Scope and Contents
MCL Local Express Tariff naming rates applying on express packages and excess baggage, effective October 8, 1956. Includes tables depicting fares and rules and regulations.

box 4, folder 9  MCL Local Passenger Tariff 1956 November 10
Scope and Contents
Booklet issued by MCL Traffic Department listing passenger fares and route zones.

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Series 7: Miscellaneous 1955-1958

box 4, folder 18  
**Correspondence undated**  
**Scope and Contents**  
One photocopy of a letter, two MCL letter size envelopes (4" x 9.5") used for company correspondence.

Series 8: Photographs 1920-1958

box 4, folder 19  
**ARTS - Public Relations Photographs 1935-1955**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Nine 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting Dismantling Division 10 demolishing an area of parking lot (undated), a line of ARTS new Mack buses with an operator at each bus in front of truck headquarters on Alameda Street (undated), ARTS predecessor line Pasadena-Ocean Park Stage Line bus with Native Americans wearing traditional clothing standing next to and inside of bus (circa 1935, includes small postcard size photo as well), small ARTS bus driving over wooden bridge with passengers leaning out of windows (undated), ARTS bus parked in front of building with children boarding (undated), line of ARTS buses in front of Pasadena City Hall (circa 1935), ARTS Mack bus with "Glendale" sign posted in front window (circa 1943), three ARTS buses parked in front of Pasadena store fronts with operators standing in front of each (circa 1955 Rose Parade), Ensenada Stage Compania de Transports de la Baja California car (circa 1922). Negatives and some notes about photos included, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting Asbury Rapid Transit System buses.

box 4, folder 20-21  
**MCL Public Relations Photographs circa 1955**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Three 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting Santa Claus boarding an MCL motor coach with advertisements for the Miracle Mile, the corresponding negatives are entitled "Snowbus Publicity"; six 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs and 1 negative depicting the Rose Queen in the operator's seat of an MCL motor coach and operating the radio on an MCL Safety Courtesy Vehicle; six 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting MCL service promotions and the retirement of an operator; one 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph of Walt Disney posing with an operator of a promotional Disneyland bus, one 8x10 black and white photo depicting "Metro Guides", 4 5x7 black and white negatives depicting officials of Pacific Electric Railway Company, Southern Pacific, and Metropolitan Coach Lines meeting to consummate the sale of Pacific Electric's passenger operations to Metropolitan Coach Lines on September 30, 1953. Folder 21: 9 3x4 black and white negatives depicting, 4 3x4 black and white negatives depicting Safe Driving Day

box 4, folder 22-23  
**Glendale Rail Line 1953-1958**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Folder 21: 16 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting final excursions of the Glendale Rail Line, images include the Broadway Boulevard streetcar, school children riding the Glendale subway for the final time, "To Oblivion" signs on the front of cars, right-of-way lines in Glendale and Burbank. Includes 4 x 5 inch black and white duplicates of larger photos and negatives, some depict a subway entrance at Beverly and 2nd Street.  
Folder 22: 48 3x4 black and white negatives depicting service on the Glendale-Burbank line.
Passengers Boarding MCL circa 1955

Scope and Contents
Six 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting passengers boarding MCL motor coaches at the 6th and Main Street depot, after a performance at the Hollywood Bowl, at 6th and Olive Street, and at an unknown location on the Los Angeles Limited Line, one 5x7 black and white photograph depicting passengers boarding a five car excursion train en route to San Pedro, Nine negatives of woman boarding an MCL bus, 4 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting passengers boarding.

Street Closure, Long Beach circa 1955

Scope and Contents
One 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph, one photocopied 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph depicting street closures in Long Beach due to the construction of the Ocean Boulevard Bridge over the Los Angeles River at Morgan Yard.

MCL 400 Series and 600-Series Streetcars 1953-1958

Scope and Contents
Five 5 x 7 inch black and white photographs depicting two-car trains heading northbound on the Long Beach Line at Watts and three-car trains heading eastbound on the Bellflower Line at Lynwood; one 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph depicting a streetcar on the Hollywood - Beverly Hills Line at Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue.

Bus Model PDA-4101 circa 1950

Scope and Contents
Seven 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of MCL General Motors bus model PDA-4101, interior and exterior, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.228, 4 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.231. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 225 - 232.

Bus Model PG-3701 circa 1940

Scope and Contents
Six 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of MCL General Motors bus model PG-3701, interior and exterior, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.1686, 5 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.1692. Photos of bus number 1692 taken at the Los Angeles County Fair Grounds in Pomona. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 1686 - 1694.

Bus Model 798-6 circa 1941

Scope and Contents
One 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph of an MCL General Motors bus model 798-6, exterior, 7 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2082. Photo taken at Macy Street Yard. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 2050 - 2094.

Junior Rose Bowl Parade circa 1956-1957

Scope and Contents
30 color 35mm slides depicting the Junior Rose Bowl Parade.

Bus Model TD-4505 circa 1941

Scope and Contents
One 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph depicting a MCL General Motors bus model TD-4505, exterior, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.2512, 4 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2500. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 2500 - 2534.
**Bus Model TD-4502 circa 1940**

**Scope and Contents**

Four 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting MCL General Motors bus model TD-4502, interior and exterior, 5 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2656, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.2603, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.2629, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.2664. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 2639 - 2677.

**Bus Model TD-4506 circa 1945**

**Scope and Contents**

Three 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of MCL General Motors bus model TD-4506, interior. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 2678 - 2699.

**Bus Model TDH-5103 circa 1945**

**Scope and Contents**

Three 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of MCL General Motors bus model TDH-5103, interior and exterior, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.2704, 3 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2736, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2703, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2797, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2801, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.2815, 4 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2813, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2817, 2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2825, 3 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.2827. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 2701 - 2825.

**Bus Model TDH-4801 circa 1953-1955**

**Scope and Contents**

10 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting MCL General Motors bus model TDH-4801, interior and exterior, 3 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus 318 in Torrance, 9 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.328, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.329, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.329, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.329, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.329, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.319, 3 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.400, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.509, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting bus no.572, 1 black and white 3x4 negative depicting bus no.575. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 301 - 330 which were built for Key System, bus numbers 400 - 499, 501 - 583, and 2900 - 2934. Buses painted in MCL colors, white roof, with dark green and light green trim.

**Bus Model TDM-4515 circa 1956**

**Scope and Contents**

Nine 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting MCL General Motors bus model TDM-4515, interior and exterior, 6 3x4 black and white negatives depicting bus no.201. Buses were purchased from PERy on October 1, 1953 and became MCL bus numbers 200 - 202 and 251 - 267. Image of bus 266 with driver door open shows the Johnson Farebox.

**Freeways circa mid-1950s**

**Scope and Contents**

Five 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting the Long Beach and Harbor freeways in Los Angeles circa 1955; 1 8 x 10 black and white image of the Grapevine Highway in Pasadena dated 1920; 6 negative images of freeways in Los Angeles circa 1955.
San Bernadino Station 1954 March
Scope and Contents
2 3x4 black and white negatives depicting the San Bernardino Station.

El Monte Bus Division and Busway 1955 March
Scope and Contents
Two 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting the MCL El Monte Division bus yard, 48 3x4 black and white negatives depicting the El Monte Division and busway.

MCL Asbury Division Glendale circa 1954
Scope and Contents
One 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph of the MCL Asbury Division Glendale bus yard. Donor Jim Walker notes that the buses pictured are propane-fueled.

MCL West Hollywood Division 1956
Scope and Contents
Folder 10: 16 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs and 1 negative depicting construction of the yard, opening ceremonies, and buses parked at the the MCL West Hollywood Division bus yard. Folder 11: 35 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting the West Hollywood Division yard and shops owned and operated by the Metropolitan Coach Lines

Van Nuys Division 1954
Scope and Contents
Six 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of the Van Nuys Division ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 30, 1954; five 8 x 10 black and white photographs of the Van Nuys Division garage and bus washer; one 4 x 5 black and white photo of the Van Nuys Division garage, 37 3x4 black and white negatives depicting the Van Nuys Division yard, shops, and garage, 1 3x4 black and white negative depicting a safety pennant at the Van Nuys Division.

Main Street Station 1955 December - 1957 January
Scope and Contents
7 3x4 black and white negatives depicting the interior of the Metropolitan Coach Lines Main Street Station.

MCL - Wilshire and Vermont Station 1957 July
Scope and Contents
Three 3.5 x 5 inch color photographs of the inside of the Wilshire and Vermont Station with signs for the Sierra Vista and Hellman Avenue lines, as well as a street view.

Personnel and Maintenance 1953-1957
Scope and Contents
26 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of MCL personnel and maintenance workers in various departments; one 5 x 7 inch black and white photograph of an employee performing maintenance on bus model TDH 5103; five negatives of employees installing a bar on MCL bus; two negatives of employees with a coffee fare box at the Van Nuys Division, 5 black and white 8x10 negatives depicting an employee performing maintenance on bus, 3 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting a portable air compressor in a tire shop, 6 3x4 black and white negatives depicting EDP installation. Includes negative sleeves with catalog numbers.
box 5, folder 22 Hollywood Boulevard during Winter Holidays 1953-1958
Scope and Contents
Three 4 x 5 inch black and white photographs taken from a rooftop at night depicting Hollywood Boulevard at Highland Avenue decorated for Christmas 1953; 15 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs depicting Christmas decorations and a streetcar at Hollywood Boulevard and Ivar Avenue, 18 3x4 black and white negatives depicting Hollywood Boulevard decorated for Christmas.

box 6, folder 1 Long Beach Terminal 1955 April
Scope and Contents
24 3x4 black and white negatives depicting the Long Beach Terminal.

box 6, folder 2 Personnel in Disneyland 1955 August - 1955 November
Scope and Contents
29 3x4 black and white negatives depicting Metropolitan Coach Line’s employees in Disneyland in connection with new service to Disneyland.

box 6, folder 3 Driving Test 1955 November 03
Scope and Contents
12 3x4 black and white negatives depicting an operator’s driving test in the Los Angeles River bed.

box 6, folder 4 Hollywood Bowl 1956
Scope and Contents
Nine 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of MCL buses at the Hollywood Bowl, 22 3x4 black and white negatives depicting Hollywood Bowl service. Photos are taken at night and during the day.

box 6, folder 5 Tournament of Roses circa mid-1950s
Scope and Contents
12 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of the Tournament of Roses Parade floats; two 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of boarding MCL buses to and from the Tournament of Roses Parade.

box 6, folder 6 Map and Urban Project Plans undated
Scope and Contents
Two 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs of an MCL map and an Urban Renewal Project plan.

box 6, folder 7 City of Los Angeles circa late 1950s
Scope and Contents
Eight 8 x 10 inch black and white photographs and one negative of downtown Los Angeles, taken from rooftops, street views, and air.

box 6, folder 8 Christmas Tree Lane, Altadena circa late 1950s
Scope and Contents
One 8 x 10 inch black and white photograph of Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena.

box 6, folder 9 Los Angeles County Fair 1954 September
Scope and Contents
11 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting Metropolitan Coach Lines employees at the L.A. County Fair.
| box 6, folder 10 | **Disneyland Buses circa 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
14 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting Metropolitan Coach Line buses with service to Disneyland at the Los Angeles Street Terminal, 5 3x4 black and white negatives depicting Metropolitan Coach Line buses with services to Disneyland at Disneyland. |
| box 6, folder 11 | **Macy garage and stops circa 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
76 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting the Macy garage and shops owned and operated by the Metropolitan Coach Lines. |
| box 6, folder 12 | **Bus Stop Signs circa 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
4 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting bus stop signs created and placed by the Metropolitan Coach Lines. |
| box 6, folder 13 | **Olive Street Terminal circa 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
black and white 5x7 negatives depicting the Olive Street Terminal. |
| box 6, folder 14 | **Supervisor's Cars circa 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
3 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting Metropolitan Coach Lines vehicles driven by supervisors of the agency. |
| box 6, folder 15 | **Promotions and Publicity 1955 July**  
Scope and Contents  
3 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting ads for a fare refund promotion displayed on the interior of Metropolitan Coach Lines buses. |
| box 6, folder 16 | **Lynwood Station circa 1955**  
Scope and Contents  
3 black and white 5x7 negatives depicting the Lynwood Station. |