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Abstract: Metrolink, established in 1991, connects six counties across Southern California through its commuter rail network. This collection primarily holds photographs, reports, and promotional publications pertaining to Metrolink from its formation as the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA). It showcases the efforts to build the commuter rail line and build ridership in the 1990s.

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Biographical / Historical
Founded in 1991 as the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), Metrolink adopted its current name almost immediately as a public moniker. It functions as a commuter rail line connecting the suburbs and residents of Orange County, San Diego County, Ventura County, and Riverside County to metropolitan Los Angeles by eliminating their time spent in traffic as well as the number of cars on the road. The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) completed the purchase of the Southern California rights-of-way from Southern Pacific Railroad in 1990, paving the way for the formation of SCRRA. By January 1992, LACTC had also purchased the rights to run trains between Los Angeles and Riverside. Operation officially began in October 1992 with the opening of Union Station’s Metrolink platforms and continues today. The first lines that began operation that day were the Ventura County, Santa Barbara, and Santa Clarita lines, followed shortly by the Riverside and Orange County lines. The Inland Empire to Orange County line, when it began operation in 1995, was the first suburb to suburb commuter line in the country at the time. Metrolink headquarters are located at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and it is governed by the SCRRA Executive Team and Board of Directors as well as five member agencies—Metro, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments, and Ventura County Transportation Commission—that contribute to SCRRA’s status as a joint powers authority.

Scope and Contents
This collection consists of a variety of material created mostly in the 1990s including photographs, advertisements and brochures, maps and timetables, reports, financial records, various publications, and company magazines documenting the operations, updates, and public outreach efforts of Metrolink across Southern California.

Arrangement
This collection is primarily arranged by bulk of contents and by subject matter. It is arranged in the following 7 series:

1. Photographs, circa 1990s
2. Reports and Manuals, 1994 - 1997
6. Ephemera, undated

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Local transit -- California -- Los Angeles County
Local transit -- Design and construction -- California -- Los Angeles County
Public art -- California -- Los Angeles County

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**Photographs circa 1990s**

**Rail construction circa 1990s**
Scope and Contents
30 5x5 color photographs, 4 sheets of negatives, 6 negative strips, depicting rail construction.

**Groundbreaking events circa 1992, 2005**
Scope and Contents
7 5x7 black and white photographs depicting Metrolink groundbreaking at Baldwin Park, 1 8x10 photographic print of negatives strips and two negative strips depicting Richard Stanger, Executive Director of SCRRA, 5 8.5x11 photographic prints of negative strips depicting Baldwin Park Metrolink groundbreaking event, 1 8x10 photographic print of negative strips and 5 negative strips circa 1997, 2 4x5 negatives, 2 5x7 black and white photographs, 1 8x10 photographic print of negatives, 5 negative strips, and 13 35mm color slides of first Metrolink train groundbreaking event. 1 4x6 color photo of unidentified speaker at Buena Park Station Groundbreaking on December 14, 2005.

**Platforms circa 1990s**
Scope and Contents
3 4x5 negatives, 11 5x7 black and white photos, and 25 35mm color slides of riders entering and exiting trains, riders walking and waiting at various platforms, including Orange County, Santa Clarita, Burbank, and Union Station.

**Ticketing and ridership circa 1990s**
Scope and Contents
1 4x5 negative and 6 5x7 black and white photos of riders purchasing tickets, 1 8x10 black and white photo of Metrolink employee assisting a rider, 19 35mm color slides of riders and ticket machines at various stations.
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<td>Publicity circa 1990s</td>
<td>10 5x7 black and white photos depicting train cars and riders, 1 8x10 photographic print of negatives of ArtCenter College of Design student Gretchen Barnes, winner of the Commuter Rail design competition, with Richard Stanger, 1 8x10 photographic print of negatives depicting ridership, 17 negative strips and 2 8.5x11 photographic print of negatives depicting riders, 1 8.5x11 photographic print of negatives and 7 negative strips depicting Metrolink event, 2 8.5x11 photographic prints of negatives of Metrolink rail cars and LA Metro buses with four photos of former MTA Chief Executive Officer Franklin E. White, 1 8x10 photographic print of color negatives and 5 color negatives strips of Metrolink event, 1 5x7 black and white portrait of Metrolink SCRRA manager Ron Mathieu, 32 35mm color slide sof vehicles, riders, stations, and Metrolink logo.</td>
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<td>1, 6</td>
<td>Union Station Grand Opening 26 October 2016</td>
<td>5 4x5 negatives, 3 5x7 black and white photos, 4 8x10 black and white photographic prints depicting former MTA CEO Franklin E. White, former MTA Board Chair Richard Alatorre, Nick Patsaouras, Jackie Bacharach, and Richard Stanger, 1 8x9 color photographic print of negatives, 10 negative strips, and 14 35mm color slides.</td>
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<td>Opening day events circa 1990s, 14 June 1993</td>
<td>1 4x5 negative, 1 3.5x5 black and white photo, 9 5x7 black and white photos, 14 35mm color slides, 1 8x10 photographic print of negatives, 1 9x11 color photographic print of negatives, and 9 negative strips depicting Orange County opening day with Mickey Mouse and Baldwin Park opening day. 1 5x7 black and white photo, 1 8.5x11 photographic print of negatives, 6 negative strips, and 16 35mm color slides of Riverside station opening day on 14 June 1993.</td>
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<td>Press events circa 1990s</td>
<td>11 5x7 black and white photos, 7 8x10 photographic prints of negatives, 4 8.5x11 photographic prints of negatives, and 64 negative strips of press events, including Transit Store opening in Pomona at Indian Hills Mall, 2 April 1992, Simi Valley press event, and a San Bernardino press event. 3 8.5x11 photographic prints and 14 negative strips of Southern California Regional Rail Authority and Union Pacific Railroad inaugural run from Riverside to Union Station, 10 January 1992. People depicted in photographs include Jacki Bacharach, Larry Walker, Art Schoener, Robert Presley, Jack Clarke, and Richard Alatorre.</td>
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<td>Emergency procedures circa 1994</td>
<td>2 5x7 black and white photos of Senator Dianne Feinstein presenting a 3 million dollar check from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on behalf of Bill Clinton, accompanied by Richard Stanger, and Richard Alatorre, 160February 1994. 2 5x7 black and white photos of Metro employees at Lancaster station, 23 January 1994. 1 5x7 black and white photo of crowds exiting a train on Santa Clarita line at the Metrolink Burbank station shortly after the Northridge earthquake. 2 5x7 black and white photos and 1 8x10 black and white photographic print from an emergency drill.</td>
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<td>Station and rail maintenance 19 January 1994 - 7 February 1994</td>
<td>6 5x7 black and white photos of rail maintenance at Lancaster and Palmdale stations and 40 3.5x5 color photos of station and rail maintenance along the Antelope Valley line, after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.</td>
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box 2, folder 1  Commuter Rail Design Competition 1991
Scope and Contents
1 5x7 black and white photo of Commuter Rail Design Competition winner Gretchen Barnes, 3 8.5x11 black and white photographic prints of negatives with corresponding negative strips depicting competitors from ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, California and their train and logo designs.

box 2, folder 2  Vehicle renderings circa 1990s
Scope and Contents
1 2x2.5 single color negative, 3 4x5 single color negatives, 2 5x7 black and white photos of artistic renderings of trains, 1 8.5x11 black and white photographic print of negatives with corresponding negative strips, 3 35mm color slides.

box 2, folder 3  Vehicle, station, and rail circa 1990s
Scope and Contents
54 35mm color slides, 15 4x6 color photos, 10 8.5x11 color photos printed on paper, 1 8x10 color photo, used for rectangular pin in Box 6, 5 4x6 color postcards, 1 4x6 color photo of train signs, 13 5x7 black and white photos, 14 35mm color slides of locomotives, train cars, stations, and railroads.

box 2, folder 4  Station art circa 1990s
Scope and Contents
1 4x5 single negative, 2 5x7 black and white photos, 3 8x10 black and white photos of El Monte Metrolink Station, 24 8.5x11 color photos printed onto paper, 14 35mm color slides of various stations.

box 2, folder 5-6, box 3, folder 1-3  Reports and Manuals 1994-1997
box 2, folder 5  Station Design Manual, part 1 4 May 1993
Scope and Contents
Part 1 of Metrolink Station Design Manual issued by the SCRRRA Engineering Department. Detailed criteria, design goals, and guidelines for rail station and adjacent facilities.

box 2, folder 6  Station Design Manual, part 2 4 May 1993
Scope and Contents
Part 2 of Metrolink Station Design Manual issued by the SCRRRA Engineering Department. Drawings of standard designs and some optional elements.

box 3, folder 1  SCRRRA Project Status Report March 1994
Scope and Contents
1 copy of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority Project Status Report. This document discusses pending and future contracts regarding new stations, status reports on vehicles, and fares.

box 3, folder 2  SCRRRA Emergency Contingency Plan 13 July 1994
Scope and Contents
2 copies of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority Emergency Contingency Plan. Subtitle reads "In case of Work Stoppage Action Against the MTA."
box 3, folder 3  **RegioSprinter Demonstration Event 18 January 1997**

Scope and Contents

2 copies of RegioSprinter Tour-USA LA County Demonstration Event, 18 January 1997. This document was distributed to guests and elected officials for the first run of the Siemens RegioSprinter rail car and includes letters from Metropolitan Transportation (MTA) chairman and board members, a fact sheet about the rail car, and information about each city along the route.

box 3, folder 4  **Employee safety awareness video circa 2000s**

Scope and Contents

1 copy of CD-ROM containing 15 minute video about safety and emergency response, largely focused on Metrolink train derailment near Glendale in 2005. Title reads, "Heart of Metrolink: Mission to Excellence" with slogan, "In a tragedy, there are no silos." Introduced by John Fenton, CEO of Metrolink at the time, and includes commentary by Melvin Lawson, dispatcher, Fred Jackson, Metrolink Systems Safety Officer, Jesus Ojedo, Manager of Security, and Edward Pederson, Manager of Metrolink Safety and Security and Incident Commander at the time.

box 3, folder 5-8  **Financial Records 1994-1995**

Scope and Contents


box 3, folder 5  **SCRRA Report on Audited Financial Statements circa 1994**

Scope and Contents


box 3, folder 6  **SCRRA Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 1994-95 27 April 1994**

Scope and Contents

1 copy of Southern California Redional Rail Authority Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 1994-95, Proposed 27 April 1994.


Scope and Contents


box 3, folder 8  **SCRRA Approved Budget Fiscal Year 1995-96 circa 1995**

Scope and Contents

1 copy of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 1995/96, adopted 8 September 1995.

box 3, folder 9-13, box 4  **Public Relations and Marketing 1991-2012**

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**Public reports 1993-2012**
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**Anniversary report 1993**
Scope and Contents
2 copies of first anniversary report, "A Year To Remember."

**Two-year anniversary report circa 1994**
Scope and Contents
1 copy of two-year anniversary report, "A Year That Won't be Forgotten."

**Fourth anniversary report circa 1996**
Scope and Contents
1 copy of 4th anniversary report, "Building on Success."

**Tenth anniversary report circa 2002**
Scope and Contents
3 copies of 10th anniversary report, "The Metrolink Story: How It All Began."

**Twentieth anniversary report circa 2012**
Scope and Contents
3 copies of 20th anniversary report, paper. 3 copies of complementary CD-ROM.

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**Publications 1992-2012**

**RCTC 'On The Move' 1 November 1992**
Scope and Contents

**Metrolink Connection June 1992 - January 1993**
Scope and Contents

**OC Metrolink March 1994**
Scope and Contents
2 copies of March 1994 publication of OC Metrolink, insert from the Orange County Times newspaper.

**Miscellaneous publications 31 March 1994 - 7 August 1996**
Scope and Contents
2 photocopied newspaper clippings regarding Cal State LA Metrolink station, 3 copies of Mid Valley News, Vol 31 No. 54 from 7 August 1996 with cover story on station art at El Monte Metrolink station.

**The Link 1995-1997**
Scope and Contents
5 issues of The Link, "a magazine for commuters in the nineties," covering fitness, commuting in Los Angeles, leisure, and Metrolink news and updates. 1 copy of May 1995 issue, 1 copy of Fall 1995 issue, 1 copy of Fall 1996 issue, 1 copy of Winter 1997 issue, 1 copy of Summer 1997 issue.
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**box 4, folder 6**

**Metrolink Matters July 1998 - October 2004**
Scope and Contents

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**box 4, folder 7**

**The Urban Transportation Monitor 21 December 2012**
Scope and Contents
1 copy of 21 December 2012 issue.

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**Advertisements and brochures circa 1990s**

**box 4, folder 8**

**Miscellaneous advertisements and brochures circa 1990s**
Scope and Contents
1 RCTC brochure for Trainbuck$, 1 copy of Metrolink Express: Homes for sale, centered around suburban housing for commuters, 1 copy of an early 1990s LA County Fair ad, 1 sheet circa November 1993 with coupons for Train With a Friend program, for increasing ridership, 4 photocopied sheets from Train Yourself ad campaign familiarizing LA County residents with Metrolink, 1 "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" coupon circa April 1994, 1 copy of a Metrolink mail pass brochure, 1 copy of an "Are You the Type" pamphlet, 1 copy of a Ventura County "Ride Home Guaranteed" pamphlet, 1 color copy of Metrolink logo printed on 8.5x11 sheet, 1 copy of "Metrolink's Great 'a-TRACK-tions' brochure, 1 copy of Ride Guide brochure circa 2007, 1 copy of "Tier 4 Locomotive" brochure, emphasizing engine efficiency and clean emissions.

**box 4, folder 9**

**Safety brochures and flyer circa 1990s**
Scope and Contents
3 brochures and 1 flyer for "Don't Pick a Fight With a Heavyweight" track safety campaign, in English and Spanish

**box 4, folder 10**

**Antelope Valley emergency transportation handbook circa 1994**
Scope and Contents
1 brochure with information on the Metrolink Antelope Valley Emergency Extension, added after the Northridge Earthquake in 1994.

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**Announcements and press releases 1992-2005**

**box 4, folder 11**

**Grand opening flyers circa 1992 - 1994**
Scope and Contents
1 copy of Union Station Grand Opening event on 26 October 1992, 1 copy of Fontana Metrolink Plaza Ribbon Cutting Ceremony flyer for 30 November 1993, 3 copies of Grand Opening of Terry Schoonhoven mural at Cal State L.A. Station on 26 October 1994, 2 copies of Cal State L.A. Station Grand Opening on 26 October 1994.

**box 4, folder 12**

**Station art announcements circa 1994 - 1996**
Scope and Contents
1 brochure for El Monte Metrolink Station Public Art Competition circa 1994, 3 flyers for the dedication fo "The Muralist" by Terry Schoonhoven presented by the Cal State LA Metrolink Station Consortium circa 1995, 2 pamphlets for the dedication of Victor Henderson's and Elizabeth Garrison's collaborative "Gay's Lion Farm" at the El Monte Metrolink Station circa 1996.
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Announcements and press releases 1992-2005

Metrolink inaugural press release 13 September 1991
Scope and Contents
1 copy of press release announcing Southern California Regional Rail Authority formation, “Metrolink” name selection and logo, color specifications, and car design by Gretchen Barnes.

Metrolink derailment press release 26 January 2005
Scope and Contents
1 copy of news release immediately following the train derailment along the Ventura County and Antelope Valley lines near Glendale, California.

Metrolink commuter update 27 January 2005
Scope and Contents
1 copy of news release with updates on train operation following the derailment near Glendale along the Antelope Valley and Ventura County lines.

Informational material 1991-2002

Safety information packet and pamphlets circa 1990s
Scope and Contents
1 copy of Metrolink Rail Safety Program Information Packet for Principals and Teachers, presented by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, 2 copies of “Operation Lifesaver” pamphlets with safety tips preventing highway-rail grade crossing accidents.

Fact sheets 1991-2002
Scope and Contents

Presentations circa 1990s

Presentation material circa 1990s
Scope and Contents
69 35mm color slides for presentations, including photographs and maps; 1 photograph of safety pamphlet front and back cover.

Maps and timetables 1992-2016

Early brochure maps circa 1992
Scope and Contents
3 copies of “Regional Rail Network” brochures; 3 copies of “Regional Commuter Rail Network” brochures. Contains information on projected stations and folds out into a map of “Adopted Plan” for rail network.

How 2 Ride Guide and map circa 2012
Scope and Contents
1 copy of How2Ride Guide with large fold-out Southern California System Map.
Maps and timetables 1992-2016

**box 5, folder 3**  
**Paper maps circa 1990 - 2002**  
**Scope and Contents**  

**box 5, folder 4**  
**Plastic maps circa 1993 - 2003**  
**Scope and Contents**  
2 plastic tote bags circa 1993, 2 plastic bags circa 2003, 1 plastic bag, undated.

**box 5, folder 5**  
**Timetables 1992-1998**  
**Scope and Contents**  

**box 5, folder 6**  
**Timetables 2000-2016**  
**Scope and Contents**  

**box 6, box 7, folder 4**  
**Ephemera undated**  
**Scope and Contents**  
4 pencils, unsharpened with Metrolink logo and train; 1 keychain; 2 magnets with Metrolink logo and phone number; 2 coasters; 3 round opening day pinback buttons, "October 1992"; 3 rectangular train pinback buttons; 1 round Travis the Safety Owl Travel Club pinback button, "Be Rail Wise!"; 1 metal pin circa 2000; 3 metal rail crossing pins, "Operation Lifesaver"; 3 10 year anniversary pins enclosed in paper booklet, "History in the Making"; 1 metal 12 year anniversary metal pin attached to card, "Connecting Southern California"; 2 rubber erasers; 1 rectangular train picture used to make pinback buttons; 3 commemorative passes for grand opening on 26 October 1992; 3 yellow Travis the Safety Owl bookmarks in English and Spanish; 3 red railroad crossing bookmarks in English and Spanish; 1 cardboard sheet with 4 tokens, "Safety Series Collectibles"; 1 commemorative ticket for RegioSprinter Car; 1 plastic card holder, "Ride & Relax." 1 foldable three-dimensional paper model of a Metrolink train, 2 plastic Metrolink rulers in Box 7, Folder 5.

**box 7**  
**Miscellaneous 1992-2002**
box 7, folder 1  Dayton Avenue Signal Tower historic plan 22 December 1931 - 1 May 1998
Scope and Contents
1 copy of letter addressed to Erica Goebel (Los Angeles County Transportation Commission) from Historical Consultant Gerald G. Reynolds, dated 4 February 1992, attached to 4 photo negative strips and 1 photographic print of negative strips. 1 copy of letter addressed to Greg Angelo (Real Estate), Duncan Robb (MTA Real Estate), Andrea Burnside (Area Team), and Dorothy Gray (MTA Library) from Michael E. McGinley (Director of Engineering and Construction, SCARRA) concerning the historic plan reference notes for Dayton Avenue signal tower. 1 copy of blueprint plans for Dayton Avenue signal tower circa 22 December 1931.

box 7, folder 2  Personnel 1997-2002
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box 7, folder 3  Invitation to Metrolink signing agreement circa 1991
Scope and Contents