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**Scope and Content:** Material includes histories which span the entire era of public transportation. The earliest item is a ticket from the Milwaukee Street Railway Co. ca. 1890. The materials represent The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co., Wisconsin Motor Bus Lines, Interurban operations, The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Transport Co., The Milwaukee & Suburban Transport Corp., and The Milwaukee County Transit System.

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Hi-Lites, 1958-2001	5	1-5
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Misc. Magazines and newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- METRO MAGAZINE 1904-1979, Jan.-Feb. '79</li> <li>- STREET RAILWAY JOURNAL, July 7, 1900</li> <li>- THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, October 12, 1975, County Government Report</li> <li>- PASSENGER TRANSPORT, May 16, 1983</li> <li>- "Getting There: Riding Along in Milwaukee," 1978</li> </ul>	5	1-1
3 Project Manuals- Hillsdale Transit Administration Facility Projects, 1983	6	loose in box
Binder of School Transit Passes, 1937-1942	6	loose in box
5 Binders of Milwaukee Electric Rail and Light Co. Tickets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1930-1939 (Complete)</li> <li>- 1930-1943</li> <li>- 1939-1945</li> <li>- 1940-1949</li> <li>- 1950-1957</li> </ul>	6	loose in box
"Transit Guides" for schedules and timetables	7	loose in box
Milwaukee County Transit System, miscellaneous route schedules	7	Folder
Milwaukee Electric Rail and Light Co. passes, January 1950-December 1952, Milwaukee & Suburban Transportation Corporation passes, December 1952-December 1967 and February 1969.	8	Loose in box
Wisconsin Electric Lines newsletter 2002-2015 (not inclusive)	9	1
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Employee Payroll Information, 1936, 1941	9	3
Binders(2), Employee portraits from Milwaukee & Suburban Transport Co. – indexed by name in published portrait cards	BV Sh. 372	
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Milwaukee Street Railway, Trackless Trolley, & Motor Bus Guide, 1939, 1949	MV, F12	
IN TRANSIT September, 1967	MV, F12	
WESTSIDE NEWS May, 1984	MV, F12	
THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL July 1, 1975, 2 sections	MV, F12	
USA TODAY March 30, 1989	MV, F12	
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Vehicle interior signage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bus Following</li> <li>-Reg. Fare Plus 10cents</li> <li>-Cash Fares Jan. 1, 1982</li> <li>-Cash Fares Jan. 1, 1983</li> <li>-5 Rates of Fare: June 28, 1858, Jan. 23, 1970, May 18, 1975, Sept. 4, 1977, Sept. 1, 1976</li> </ul>	WH. Sh. WS8	
Carcards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Downtown Shuttle</li> <li>-Downtown Shuttlebug</li> <li>-The Most Liberal Transfer Anywhere</li> <li>-Reward \$50 Cash</li> <li>-Transport Co. General Offices moved...</li> <li>-Please Hold On</li> </ul>	WHS. Sh. WS8	

**Oversize Photos:** WH (South): 24 board mounted photos of Downtown Transit Center under construction; 1 board mounted photo of Mill Road Transit Station under construction; 1 board mounted photo of Northridge Park-Ride lot; 2 packages of board mounted photos of O'Donnell Park.

**Video:** See Multimedia Collection MSS 2381 Video Cassette Materials (VHS) numbers (18)-Ribbon cutting at 76th and Mill Road, 1/12/92; (19)-"Transit Center topping out"; and (20)-Downtown Transit Center ribbon cutting, 10/7/91.