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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series contains correspondence, memoranda, reports and studies, petitions, hearings, and other documents concerning the regulation and promotion of rail and bus service in New York State. Subjects include every aspect of rail and bus transportation in New York State: freight service, inter-city and commuter passenger service, branch line subsidies and abandonment, standards of service, railroad bankruptcies, and the transfer of regulatory functions from the Public Service Commission to the Department of Transportation.
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Arrangement

1974-1984, 5 cubic feet: Alphabetic by subject.

1954-1978, 24 cubic feet: Arranged by subject (not alphabetical).

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Scope and Content Note

This series contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, and other records documenting the regulation and promotion of rail service in New York State.

13586-86, 1974-1984, 5 cubic feet: These files came from the office of the director of the Rail Operations Bureau, Louis Rossi. The files contain correspondence, memoranda, published and

unpublished reports and studies, drafts, notes, and other documents concerning the regulation and promotion of rail service in New York State. Most of the files pertain to improvements in freight service. The last two boxes contain reports on the "Hojack Line" between Rochester and Niagara Falls, and the proposed new "Somerset Line" in Orleans County.

13586-86A, 1954-1978, 24 cubic feet: These are rail subject files maintained by the Planning and Development Division between ca. 1970 and 1978. Some reports and documents date as far back as 1954, but the correspondence begins ca. 1970. The records include letters and memoranda of state, federal, and local officials; unpublished reports and hearing documents; and printed material, including press releases, clippings, brochures, maps, etc. The subjects include every aspect of rail transportation in New York State: freight service, inter-city and commuter passenger service, branch line subsidies and abandonment, standards of service, railroad bankruptcies, and the transfer of regulatory functions from the Public Service Commission to the Department of Transportation. Files on broad subjects such as branch lines; standards of service, Amtrak, Long Island Rail Road, etc., are roughly grouped together. The records do not include routine case files relating to regulation of service and rates. These are maintained by the Regulation Division.

13586-11: This accretion consists of petitions, applications, reports, and proceedings related to specific cases. Cases involve railroad companies and bus lines.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Files were transferred from the Planning and Development Division to the Rail Division when the Rail Division was established in 1978.

Acquisition Information

13586-11: This accretion was transferred to the State Archives under records disposition number 20622. Earlier accretions that were created by the Department of Transportation's Rail Operations Bureau were formerly entitled "Rail subject files."

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Access Terms

- Bus lines--New York (State)
- Monitoring
- Maps (documents)
- New York (State)
- Transportation
- Railroads--Commuting traffic
- Railroads
- Railroads--Freight
- New York (State). Department of Transportation. Planning and Development Division
- New York (State). Department of Transportation. Rail Operations Bureau
- New York (State). Department of Transportation
- New York (State). Department of Transportation. Freight Division
- New York (State). Department of Transportation. Rail Division