

## Where to Find Information on Mass Transit

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**Annual Reports.** The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has published *Annual Reports* from 1970 to 2001. This publication includes financial statements, descriptions of MTA agencies and operating statistics as well as background on the year's accomplishments and projects. The New York City Transit Authority issued *Annual Reports* in the 1960's before becoming part of the MTA. These are useful for historical data and photographs. Holdings are from 1953 to 1968.

**MTA Publications.** The MTA has published several reports of interest. *Eye on the Future* is a listing of potential construction and engineering projects for Transit Authority, Long Island Rail Road and other entities. Holdings are from 1991 to 2004. This is intended for prospective contractors needing information about various projects they might consider offering their services for. *Performance Progress Report*, published quarterly from 1981 to 1984, offers statistics on such indicators as on-time performance, maintenance of equipment and net operating costs. *Report to the Governor* was an annual publication similar to the *MTA Annual Report*. However, *Report to the Governor* concentrates more on financial operations and capital improvement programs.

**Transit Authority Publications.** Two examples of NYC Transit Authority reports are *Passenger Car Data* and *Transit Committee Meeting*. *Passenger*

*Car Data* issued twice covers 1947 to 1968 in the first report. The second publication is for 1947 to 1976. Both editions present statistical tables on the various subway cars built during the period. Included are data on braking systems, doors, lighting, ventilation, etc. *Transit Committee Meeting* summarizes the proceedings of the monthly MTA New York City Transit Committee meeting. Information on operations performance, financials, procurements and MTA activities can be found here. Coverage is from 1986 to 2006.

**MTA Website.** Located at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info), the Metropolitan Transportation Authority website offers links to its various units such as the TA, LIRR and Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority. Statistics, timetables, latest news and fare information can be found here. Also try the Department of Records website at [www.nyc.gov/records](http://www.nyc.gov/records) under the link "**Publications**" for reports on the topic of "**Transportation.**"