

Record Groups TC

# Transportation and Construction

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## **Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:**

### **Record Group Number: TC1**

### **Record Group Name: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, established pursuant to St 1969, c 704, s 3 (effective Apr. 1971), coordinates and plans state transportation and related public construction policies. As currently described by MGLA c 6A, s 19, it includes the Massachusetts Highway Dept. (formerly Dept. of Public Works) and, with some exceptions, state agencies within it; the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; the Massachusetts Port Authority; the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority; and any regional transportation authorities established pursuant to MGLA c 161B.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581430>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Secretary's administrative files, 1972-1981**

Identifier: TC1/374

Extent: 25 cubic feet (20 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by varying spans (secretary's terms): 1972-1981, 1975-1978, 1979-1980.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297760>

##### **Public relations files, 1979-1982**

Identifier: TC1/375

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521227>

##### **Secretary's subject files, 1975-1990**

Identifier: TC1/579

Extent: 50.7 cubic feet (40 record center cartons and partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560459>

**Secretary's correspondence files, 1983-1990**

Identifier: TC1/1763

Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560475>

**Secretary's videotapes, 1986-1992 (bulk 1991-1992)**

Identifier: TC1/2009

Extent: 1.05 cubic feet (33 videocassettes in 3 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564554>

**Central Artery Rail Link reports and related files, 1993-2003**

Identifier: TC1/2735X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Susan Hamilton (deputy director, 1993 task force), Boston, MA May 11, 2017.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/987575181>

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**Record Group Number: TC3****Record Group Name: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority****Historical Note:**

St 1894, c 548, as amended by St 1897, c 500, incorporated the Boston Elevated Railway Company, to construct or lease and operate public transportation on street and elevated railway lines in Boston and adjoining communities, including in subways constructed in conjunction with the Boston Transit Commission. Sp St 1918, c 159 provided for public operation of the company through a gubernatorially appointed board of trustees.

St 1929, c 383 designated the company's scope of operations as a Metropolitan Transit District, Boston and thirteen surrounding municipalities, governed by trustees and a Metropolitan Transit Council. The district was administered by a Metropolitan Transit Dept., absorbing powers of the Boston Transit Dept. it acquired when the Boston Transit Commission was abolished by Sp St 1918, c 185.

St 1931, c 333 provided for public operation of the company until 1959, but St 1947, c 544 replaced the company and its trustees with and reconstituted the Metropolitan Transit District communities (although district trustees continued) as the Metropolitan Transit

Authority (MTA), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, also governed by a board of five gubernatorially appointed public trustees (reduced to three per St 1953, c 197). Per St 1949, c 572 the authority absorbed remaining powers of the Boston Transit Dept., which was abolished. St 1952, c 404 provided for an advisory board to the authority (see also St 1953, c 197, s 5)

St 1964, c 563 replaced the authority with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), governed by a board of five gubernatorially appointed directors (see also St 1973, c 1140; per St 1980, c 581 increased to six with the secretary of transportation and construction as seventh director and chair) and an advisory board (see also St 1980, c 581, s 4), representing each of the fourteen district municipalities and an additional sixty-four (sixty-five since 1967; cf. St 1966, c 463; St 1967, c 87)

MTA/MBTA services have enlarged to include buses (from 1922), trackless trolley (from 1936), and commuter railway (from 1964--by operating agreement with Amtrak). MBTA functions are currently described in MGLA c 161A.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430008>

## **Related Series:**

### **Newsletter – Co-operation, 1922-1939**

Identifier: TC3/381X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Monthly through Oct. 1932; thereafter frequency varies.  
Ceased with v. 32, no. 1.  
Holdings (v. [1]-18) incomplete (see finding aid)  
Vol. 1-4? issued by company's public trustees; from v. 26, no. 3 (Sept. 1947) issued by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521238>

### **General manager's subject files, 1894-1975 (bulk 1960-1972)**

Identifier: TC3/382  
Extent: 48.31 cubic feet (38 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by broad topic, thereunder chronologically and/or by subtopic.  
Notes: Glass plate negatives (1000, 1899-1912), cyanotypes (200), film negatives (3000, 1935-1970) taken by Boston Elevated Railway Company

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702029>

**Annual reports, 1960-1972**

Identifier: TC3/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Box 1: 1960-1963 (MTA no. 14-17).  
Box 2: 1965-1972 (MBTA no. 1-8)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81273601>

**Newsletter – Commuter, 1965-1972**

Identifier: TC3/1751X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Issued monthly from 1966; ceased with July 1975 issue?  
Holdings incomplete  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521240>

**Board of Trustees/Directors agendas, 1952-1970**

Identifier: TC3/1996  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Box 1: 1952-1958.  
Box 2: 1958-1963.  
Box 3: 1963-1970.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78112168>

**Board of Directors minutes, 1964-1972**

Identifier: TC3/1997  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80362462>

**Board of Trustees/Directors meeting notes and directives to the general manager, 1961-1971**

Identifier: TC3/1998  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Box 1: 1961-1967  
Box 2: 1968-1971  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78847769>

**Memorandums from the general manager to the Board of Trustees, 1962**

Identifier: TC3/1999  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Fragmentary series: March – May 1962 files only.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83030561>

**Advisory board files, 1953-1971 (bulk 1965-1969)**

Identifier: TC3/2000  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80620491>

**Treasurer's statements, 1967-1971**

Identifier: TC3/2001  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Lacks files for 1969-1970.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84080381>

**Staff meeting minutes, 1965-1972 (bulk 1965-1969)**

Identifier: TC3/2002  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372751>

**Project files, 1960-1972**

Identifier: TC3/2020  
Extent: 20 cubic feet (16 record center cartons)  
Additional Description <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83836407>

**Special commission files, 1967-1971**

Identifier: TC3/2054X  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505973>

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## **Record Group Number: TC4**

### **Record Group Name: Highway Division**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1892, c 338 appointed a commission to investigate the condition of the roads Massachusetts, issue a report, and draft a bill providing for the improvement of the highways. This resulted in St 1893, c 476 (rev. St 1894, c 497), which established the Massachusetts Highway Commission, a procedure to designate state highways, and funding to be dispersed by the commission. The commission was responsible for assisting local governments with road design, construction, mapping and organization.

St 1919, c 350, ss 111-116 established the Dept. of Public Works, superseding the Massachusetts Highway Commission and the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands. The department was organized into a Division of Highways and a Division of Waterways and Public Lands. These divisions were consolidated pursuant to St 1927, c 297, which reorganized the department. A separate Division of Waterways was reestablished per St 1938, c 407. A Division of Public Beaches was established per St 1953, c 666, but it was abolished and its functions absorbed by the Division of Waterways per St 1958, c 640, ss 1-6 (from which they were then transferred to the Division of Forests and Parks in the Dept. of Natural Resources per St 1968, c 501, ss 1, 5-6)

Per St 1959, c 416, the Mass Transportation Commission was established within the department and abolished per St 1964, c 636, s 12. St 1963, c 821 again reorganized the department under the supervision and control of the Public Works Commission, adding divisions of administrative services, highway engineering, highway construction, and highway maintenance. St 1964, c 563, s 1 added a Bureau of Transportation Planning and Development.

St 1969, c 704, s 19 placed the department within the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction except for the Registry of Motor Vehicles (established per St 1946, c 234), removed from the department and placed in the Executive Office of Public Safety (ss 18, 20); the registry's Division of Motorboats (established per St 1963, c 821), placed in the Executive Office of Public Safety (s 18), renamed Division of Motor and Recreational Vehicles per St 1971, c 103, ss 1-2, and transferred from the Dept. of Public Works to the Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Recreational Vehicles per St 1974, c 806, s 1 and St 1975, c 706, s 17; and the Outdoor Advertising Board and Outdoor Advertising Division (established per St 1963, c 821), placed in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (s 15) and transferred from the Dept. of Public Works to the Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering per St 1974, c 806, s 1.



The Division of Waterways was transferred to the Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering per St 1974, c 806, s 1 and St 1975, c 706, s 14. The Bureau of Solid Waste Disposal (established per St 1969, c 834, s 1) was transferred to the Dept. of Environmental Management per St 1974, c 806, s 1. --St 1991, c 552, ss 6-7 (effective 1992) renamed the department as the Dept. of Highways (commonly called Massachusetts Highway Department) and the Public Works Commission as the Highways Commission.

St 2009, c 25 replaced the department with a Highway Division under the Dept. of Transportation.

The functions of the Highway Division, the development and maintenance of all state highways, are currently described in MGLA c 6C, c 16, and c 81.

Additional Information: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429207>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Perambulation notebooks of state boundary lines, 1920-1930**

Identifier: TC4/376X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by state boundary.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506032>

#### **Town road project annotated maps, 1912-1974**

Identifier: TC4/1160X

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle numbers.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575272>

#### **Highway planning reports, 1948-1974**

Identifier: TC4/1293X

Extent: 2.06 cubic feet (8 volumes in 3 boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556613>

#### **Report of 1938 flood and hurricane, 1939**

Identifier: TC4/1297X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)

Notes: Running title: 1938 flood and hurricane report; Report date supplied by Library of Congress.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521241>

**Title search of Charlestown State Prison, 1837-1957 (bulk 1837-1945)**

Identifier: TC4/1298X  
Extent: 0.22 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560477>

**Commission minutes, 1968-1977**

Identifier: TC4/1787  
Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Board minutes  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520799>

**Public hearing files, 1937-1983**

Identifier: TC4/1788  
Extent: 15 cubic feet (12 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality, thereunder chronologically in reverse order.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Public hearing records  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122420039>

**Commission meeting materials files, 1973-1979**

Identifier: TC4/1790  
Extent: 18.75 cubic feet (15 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by month.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Board records; Also known as: Memoranda of recommendations  
Files for January-September, 1977 lacking  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095711>

**Roadway Photolog films, 1973-1980**

Identifier: TC4/2392X  
Extent: 17 record center cartons, 9 document boxes and 11 other items

**Bureau of transportation Planning and Development Massachusetts statewide aerial photographs, 1965**

Identifier: TC4/2594X  
Extent: Photographic prints ; 51 x 51 cm. (5 folders)  
Index : 6 sheets ; 75 x 55 cm

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/841580115>

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## **Record Group Number: TC4.02**

## **Record Group Name: Government Center Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

Government Center, in downtown Boston, originated as an urban renewal project in the Scollay Square area, intended for new large-scale construction. Government involvement included the city (Boston Redevelopment Authority), the federal government, and the state government, which was represented by the Government Center Commission. St 1960, c 635 established the commission within the Dept. of Public Works, consisting of three gubernatorial appointees serving five-year terms. The commission was authorized to acquire land through the Boston Redevelopment Authority for the state, and to enter into contracts for the erection of state buildings. This act, and further provisions per St 1962, c 685, directed the commission to construct a health, welfare, and education service center consisting of: a mental health center and state laboratories building; an employment security building; and a health, welfare, and education building; also a state office building.

The service center was originally planned as three separate buildings designed by different architectural firms. Instead Paul Rudolph, coordinating architect for the project, joined the proposed three buildings, of which only two were built. The Division of Employment Security building, or the Charles F. Hurley Memorial State Office Building, (named for Charles F. Hurley, governor 1937-1939) was designed by Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson, and Abbott, architects. The Eric Lindemann Mental Health Center was designed by Desmond and Lord, architects. Both buildings were constructed by the Vappi Construction Company and opened in 1971. The Health, Welfare, and Education Building, a proposed office tower for several state departments designed by M.A. Dyer with Pedersen and Tilney, architects, was approved but never built due to cost overruns.

The state office building, completed in 1966, was, per St 1968 c 743, named the Leverett Saltonstall Building for the former Massachusetts governor and United States senator; it was designed by Emery Roth & Associates, architects. St 1968, c 685 authorized the government center commission to develop a garage with an office building above. Completed in 1975, it became known as the John W. McCormack State Office Building. Originally the commission was to dissolve at the expiration of its members' terms. St 1964, c 649 provided for appointment of their successors for five years, and dissolution in 1970

or on completion of duties, whichever occurred first. St 1970, c 596 extended the 1970 deadline to 1975.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429843>

## **Related Series:**

### **Minutes, 1960-1965**

Identifier: TC4.02/509X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656245>

### **Project files, 1962-1972 (bulk 1962-1968)**

Identifier: TC4.02/530X

Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by subject, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564461>

### **Land and property taking hearing files, 1961-1963**

Identifier: TC4.02/576X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144273>

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## **Record Group Number: TC4.03**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Highway Department – Office of Public Affairs**

### **Historical Note:**

The Dept. of Public Works and its successor from 1992, the Massachusetts Highway Dept., have been responsible for development and maintenance of all state highways and bridges in the Commonwealth. The departmental public information/affairs unit provides photographs and produces or acquires films for departmental public relations, provides photographic and filming services to other departmental units, and may serve as photographer to offices of the governor and attorney general.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419756>

## **Related Series:**

### **Construction, maintenance, and public relations photographs, 1929-1985**

Identifier: TC4.03/162

Extent: 9.99 cubic feet (ca. 32,000 photographs and photographs :  
in 43 boxes, 4 doc. boxes, 13 v., partial v., and 2 folders)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132307>

### **Boston central artery slide presentation, 1949-1955**

Identifier: TC4.03/630X

Extent: 52 slides (1 box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564527>

### **Aerial photographs, 1953-1983 (bulk 1962-1977)**

Identifier: TC4.03/1186X

Extent: 1.44 cubic ft. (ca. 18,000 photographs : in 9 boxes and partial v.)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564532>

### **Construction, maintenance, and public relations films, 1920-1980 (bulk ca. 1950-1975)**

Identifier: TC4.03/1190

Extent: 4.05 cubic ft. (77 film reels and 1 sound cassette in 3 record center  
cartons and 6 boxes)

Copies: 0.17 cubic ft. (2 videocassettes in 1 document box)

Notes: Partly scheduled as: Public relations films.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81106426>

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## **Record Group Number: TC4.06**

## **Record Group Name: Bureau of Airport Management**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1941, c 695, providing for transfer of the Boston Airport (later General Edward Lawrence Logan Airport) from the city of Boston to the Commonwealth, established the

Bureau of Airport Management (s 14) within the Division of Waterways, Dept. of Public Works, to maintain and operate all airports owned and maintained by the Commonwealth. (The managerial role of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission established by St 1939, c 393, s 39 was reduced to an advisory one.) St 1946, c 582, s 5 made the bureau a separate unit in the Dept. of Public Works, limited to maintenance and operation of Logan Airport (other Commonwealth-owned airports to be managed by the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission per s 4). St 1948, c 637 transferred these functions of the bureau (now discontinued) and the commission to a State Airport Management Board.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429217>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Minutes of the commissioners, 1946-1948 (bulk 1947-1948)**

Identifier: TC4.06/661X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: These copies of the bureau's minutes were apparently preserved by the Division of Waterways, whose personnel continued to work for the bureau on a temporary basis (Minutes, December 6, 1946), and whose director frequently attended meetings of the bureau's commissioners.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590941>

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## **Record Group Number: TC4.07**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Highway Department – Construction Division**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Dept. of Public Works and its successor from 1992, the Massachusetts Highway Dept., have been responsible for development and maintenance of all state highways and bridges in the Commonwealth. The Construction Division manages the department's highway and bridge construction program, monitoring contracting hiring procedures, contracting performance to specifications, environmental concerns, public impact, and traffic disruption.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560341>

## **Related Series:**

### **Contract photographs, 1949-1975 (bulk 1954-1959)**

Identifier: TC4.07/1277  
Extent: 9.24 cubic ft. (ca. 12,000 photographs in 47 boxes)  
Finding aid: 0.17 cubic ft. (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by contract.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405688>

### **Construction plans for the John F. Fitzgerald Expressway, 1952-1955**

Identifier: TC4.07/2212X  
Extent: 6 cubic feet (3 boxes)  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from the Bostonian Society, August 12, 1999.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656275>

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## **Record Group Number: TC4.08**

## **Record Group Name: State Airport Management Board**

### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts St 1948, c 637 transferred managerial functions of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and functions of the Bureau of Airport Management to a State Airport Management Board, under a commissioner of airport management. The board was to assure the adoption and carrying out of sound business policies in the management and operation of Logan Airport and Hanscom Field and any other state-owned airport that might be established. It was abolished and absorbed into the Massachusetts Port Authority by St 1956, c 465 (revised by St 1959, c 599), effective Feb. 1959. Minutes record deliberations and actions of the board at its meetings at least several times monthly.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429217>

## **Related Series:**

### **Minutes, 1948-1959**

Identifier: TC4.08/2616X  
Extent: 5 volumes (partial records center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Massachusetts Port Authority, May 1997.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/869000683>

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## **Record Group Number: TC5**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Turnpike Authority**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1952, c 354 created the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, consisting of three gubernatorial appointees serving staggered eight-year terms, to construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, and operate the Massachusetts Turnpike from the New York state line to the vicinity of Boston (later extended to downtown Boston); its powers includes the taking of state highways, acquisition of real property by purchase or eminent domain, issuance of revenue bonds, and collection of tolls. --St 1958, c 598 extended its jurisdiction to maintenance and operation of the vehicular tunnel (Sumner) between Boston proper and East Boston, and the construction of a second such tunnel (Callahan). The authority was designated a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality, placed in but not subject to general jurisdiction of the Dept. of Public Works (Massachusetts Highway Dept. from 1992). St 1969, c 704, s 3 also placed it within the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Later it became responsible for the central artery/harbor tunnel project (1991-2007). It was discontinued and its functions transferred to the Dept. of Transportation (Highway Division) per St 2009, c 25.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609632>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Central Artery/Tunnel Project records management files, 1987-2005**

Identifier: TC5/2329

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84672671>

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## **Record Group Number: TC6**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Port Authority**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1956, c 465 created the Massachusetts Port Authority (now commonly known as Massport), consisting of seven gubernatorial appointees serving staggered seven-year terms, to acquire through refinancing and to maintain and operate the following: from the City of Boston, the Sumner Tunnel from Boston to East Boston (this function, and that of constructing a second such tunnel were transferred by St 1958, c 598 and c 599 to the



Massachusetts Turnpike Authority); from the Mystic River Bridge Authority (to be dissolved), the Mystic River (now Tobin) Bridge (transferred to Dept. of Transportation per St 2009, c 25, s 147); from the Commonwealth, commercial facilities at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport and Lawrence G. Hanscom Field (State Airport Management Board to be dissolved); from the Port of Boston Commission (to be dissolved), the lands and piers acquired and leased by the Commonwealth in the Port of Boston.

The authority's powers include acquisition of real property by purchase or eminent domain, issuance of revenue bonds, and collection of tolls. The authority is designated a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality, placed in but not subject to general jurisdiction of the Dept. of Public Works (Massachusetts Highway Department from 1992). It became operational in Feb. 1959. St 1969, c 704, s 3 placed it within the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 91 App s 1-1 et seq.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520678>

## **Related Series:**

### **Leverett Circle bridge project files, 1962-1973**

Identifier: TC6/372X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520796>

### **Construction project files, 1913-2009**

Identifier: TC6/1577

Extent: acc. 2014/08: 2.7 cubic feet (2 volumes in map drawer; 5 volumes in box; plans in box)

acc. 2014/15: \_\_6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79215063>

### **Record drawings – as built (engineering/engineering scheduled item) [ca. 1900-ongoing], (bulk 1942-)**

Identifier: TC6/1579

Extent: 250 cubic feet

Arranged: Arranged by project number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095707>

### **Project files (planning/environmental scheduled item), 1981-1990**

Identifier: TC6/1584

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405670>

**Maps, aerials, photos, plans (planning/planning scheduled item), 1911-1948 (bulk 1911-1919)**

Identifier: TC6/1758

Extent: Subseries (a): 1.75 cubic ft. (7 volumes in 7 boxes)  
Subseries (b): 1.15 cubic ft. (3 boxes and 2 document boxes)

Arranged: In two subseries:  
(a) photographic prints  
(b) negatives and documents.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122420011>

**Records drawings – originals as bid (engineering/engineering scheduled item), 1942-ongoing**

Identifier: TC6/1792

Extent: approximately 250 cubic feet

Arranged: Arranged by project number.

**Minutes of board meetings, 1980-1989, 1992-1993**

Identifier: TC6/1814

Extent: 1985-1987: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
1980-1993: 0.16 cubic feet (microfiches/microfilm in 1 box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Accessioned as series 2590.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506100>

**Neptune Road program files, 1964-1979**

Identifier: TC6/1950

Extent: 3 record center cartons

**Public hearing files, 1970-1986**

Identifier: TC6/1995

Extent: Subseries (1): 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Subseries (2): 1.25 cubic feet (22 sound tape reels; in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: In two subseries: (1) Administrative public hearing files (2) Public hearing audio files

Notes: Series 2 digitized and transcribed.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/987911297>

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**Chairman's correspondence files**

Identifier: TC6/2028

**Attorney subject files**

Identifier: TC6/2037

**Department subject files – Administrative/Executive Director**

Identifier: TC6/2052

**Department subject files – Administrative/Finance**

Identifier: TC6/2083

**Project files**

Identifier: TC6/2149

**Detailed cumulative general ledger**

Identifier: TC6/2215

**Program planning research and evaluation records, 1958-ongoing**

Identifier: TC6/2394

**Contract legal files, 1970-1986**

Identifier: TC6/2413

Extent: 1 document box

**Tobin Bridge historical files, 1947-1964**

Identifier: TC6/1995

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## **Record Group Number: TC7**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1922, c 534 entrusted regulation of operation of aircraft to the registrar of motor vehicles, who appointed an advisory board of aeronautical experts to determine fitness for pilot licenses. St 1939, c 393 established the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, serving under the governor, to supervise and control all aeronautical activities and facilities in the Commonwealth, including management and maintenance of those owned or managed by the Commonwealth as otherwise provided by law. St 1941, c 695, s 13 limited such management and maintenance to advisory powers only, giving actual management powers to the Bureau of Airport Management (Division of Waterways, Dept. of Public Works)

St 1946, c 582 and c 583 reconstituted the commission, and restored to it managerial powers over airports owned by the Commonwealth (c 582, s 4) except as otherwise provided (i.e., Boston's Logan Airport under the Bureau of Airport Management (s 5)). St 1948, c 637 transferred all such functions to the State Airport Management Board (superseded by the Massachusetts Port Authority per St 1956, c 465, s 5)

St 1969, c 704, s 3 placed the commission within the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Its jurisdiction includes public use airports, seaplane bases, and private use landing areas. It is responsible for airport development and improvements, aviation safety, aircraft accident investigation, navigational aids, and statewide aviation planning. It certifies airports and heliports, licenses airport managers, conducts annual airport inspections, and enforces safety regulations. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 6, ss 57-59 and c 90, ss 39-40.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505863>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1941-1969**

Identifier: TC7/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 160.

Reports for 1943-1945, 1948-1958 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419895>

## **Logan Airport construction and planning file, 1946-1963**

Identifier: TC7/1767X  
Extent: 1 document box

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## **Record Group Number: TC9**

## **Record Group Name: Mystic River Bridge Authority (Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1946, c 562 created the Mystic River Bridge Authority as a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality consisting of four gubernatorial appointees serving staggered eight-year terms and the state commissioner of public works ex officio, to construct, maintain, repair, and operate the Mystic River (now Tobin) Bridge between Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts; its powers included the acquisition of real property by purchase or eminent domain, issuance of revenue bonds, and collection of tolls. St 1956, c 465, which created the Massachusetts Port Authority, provided (as amended by St 1958, c 599) for the refunding by it of outstanding Mystic River Bridge revenue bonds, the subsequent dissolution of the Mystic River Bridge Authority, and the vesting of bridge title with the Massachusetts Port Authority, which process was completed in Feb. 1959.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132228>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Administration subject files, 1950-1959**

Identifier: TC9/581X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject/correspondent.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts Port Authority, July 1984.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556624>

#### **Land taking files, 1948-1949**

Identifier: TC9/1948X  
Extent: 10.52 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alpha/numerically by parcel.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts Port Authority, March-May 1993.  
Scheduled as part of: Mystic River Bridge Authority [files]  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82210838>

### **Minutes, 1946-1958**

Identifier: TC9/1949X  
Extent: 1946-1949: 0.23 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 box)  
1950-1958: Microfiches in 1 box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Massachusetts Port Authority, May-September, 1993.  
Scheduled as part of: Mystic River Bridge Authority [files]  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82210838>

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## **Record Group Number: TC10**

## **Record Group Name: Port of Boston Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts St 1929, c 229 established the Boston Port Authority, a board consisting of two gubernatorial appointees and three appointees by the mayor of Boston, to investigate matters relating to the port of Boston. The membership was enlarged and responsibilities redefined by St 1938, c 453. St 1945, c 619 replaced the Boston Port Authority with the Port of Boston Authority, consisting of five gubernatorial appointees. St 1951, c 457 transferred from the authority to the Dept. of Public Works responsibility for certain sections of tidewater as specified in the act. St 1953, 608 replaced the Port of Boston Authority with the Port of Boston Commission, also consisting of five gubernatorial appointees. Per St 1956, c 465 (revised by St 1958, c 599), effective Feb. 1959, the Port of Boston Commission was absorbed into and replaced by the Massachusetts Port Authority.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429195> ,  
<http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520678>

## **Related Series:**

### **Port of Boston Authority/Commission minutes, 1945-1959**

Identifier: TC10/2617X

Extent: 10 volumes (1 and partial record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Massachusetts Port Authority, May 1997.  
Box 1 (also includes minutes of the State Airport Management Board (M-Ar)2616X)): 1945-1951. Box 2: 1952-1959.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/869287860>

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