

Finding aid for the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) board files Collection 380

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority.
Title	Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) board files
Date [inclusive]	1985-1993
Extent	4.25 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This collection contains records collected by Rev. Dennis Morrow while he was on the board of the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA). GRATA was formerly known as the Grand Rapids Transit Authority (GRTA) and subsequently as the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) and The Rapid. The organization is the authority providing public transportation for the Grand Rapids, Michigan metro area.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

In 1963, the bus system in Grand Rapids became publicly owned and was named the Grand Rapids Transit Authority (GRTA). In 1977, the group was reorganized as the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA), reflecting the regional focus of the bus service. In 2000, another reorganization resulted in the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP). Shortly after, the ITP launched a new marketing campaign calling the bus service The Rapid. The ITP/Rapid serves the Grand Rapids metro area. Among the services offered in 2011 by The Rapid are the public bus system, West Michigan Rideshare and the GO!Bus for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Rev. Dennis Morrow is a local historian and pastor in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids. Among other things, he serves as Chaplain for the Police and Fire Departments, Archivist for the Diocese Archives and as a volunteer at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of documents from Rev. Dennis Morrow during his time on the board of GRATA. The documents contain details of the operations, management, analysis and finances of GRATA from 1985-1993. The material includes reports, meeting minutes, newsletters, newspaper clippings and pamphlets.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department May 2011

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Dennis W. Morrow, accession number 1994.036.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- records (documents)

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Buses -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Local transit -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Transportation -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Series I: Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence 1987-1993

Scope and Contents note

This series includes inter-departmental letters as well as other correspondence. Occasional small reports or financial statements are also included. Arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
August-October 1987	1	1
November 1987-May 1988	1	2
June-October 1988	1	3
November 1988-February 1989	1	4
March-June 1989	1	5
July-November 1989	1	6
December 1989-March 1990	2	1
April-June 1990	2	2

Series II: Board Meeting Agendas

July-October 1990	2	3
November 1990-January 1991	2	4
February-April 1991	2	5
May-August 1991	2	6
August-October 1991	3	1
November-December 1991	3	2
January-May 1992	3	3
June-December 1992	3	4
January-March 1993	3	5
April-August 1993	3	6

Series II: Board Meeting Agendas 1987-1993**Scope and Contents note**

The board meeting agenda packets include the agenda for the next board meeting, minutes from the previous meeting, committee minutes and relevant correspondence and/or reports. Some of the items attached to the board meeting agendas may be duplicates with other series (ie, correspondence). Arranged chronologically.

Series II: Board Meeting Agendas

	Box	Folder
September & November, 1987	4	1
December 1987 and January 1988	4	2
February & March 1988	4	3
April & May 1988	4	4
June & July 1988	4	5
August & November 1988	4	6
December 1988 & January 1989	5	1
February & March 1989	5	2
April & May 1989	5	3
June & July 1989	5	4
August & September 1989	5	5
October & December 1989	5	6
January & February 1990	6	1

Series II: Board Meeting Agendas

April & May 1990	6	2
July & August 1990	6	3
September & October 1990	6	4
December 1990 & January 1991	6	5
February & March 1991	6	6
April & May 1991	6	7
June & July 1991	7	1
August & September 1991	7	2
October & December 1991	7	3
January & February 1992	7	4
March & May 1992	7	5
June & August 1992	7	6
September & October 1992	8	1
December 1992 & January 1993	8	2

Series III: Reports

February & March 1993	8	3
April 1993	8	4
May & June 1993	8	5

Series III: Reports

Scope and Contents note

Subseries A: GRATA – Reports prepared by or for GRATA

Subseries B: Financial – Financial reports prepared for GRATA

Subseries C: Miscellaneous – Reports prepared for or about other transportation agencies

Subseries A: GRATA

	Box	Folder
Summary Sheet, Routine Grants, no date	9	1
Metro Station, Downtown Grand Rapids, no date	9	2
Triennial Review Report, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, 1985	9	3
Local Financing of Public Transit in the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area, Midwest Planning Associates, March 1986	9	4

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Subseries A: GRATA

	Box	Folder
GRATA Service Restructuring and Improvement Study, Final Report, ATE Management & Service Company, Inc., September 1986		9
Maintenance Department Packets (Organization Identification, Preventative Maintenance, Miscellaneous Maintenance), 1987	9	5
Report on Route Service Restructuring, GRATA, December 1987	9	6
Ridesharing reports, 1987-1989	9	7
Evaluation of Organization Structures and Service Delivery Options for Specialized Transportation Services, Comsis Corporation, May 1988 [GO! Bus]	9	8
Board Briefing Session: Information on GRATA Route Service and Ridership, Information on GO! Bus Service and Ridership; June 16, 1988	9	9
Usage of and Attitudes Toward Ridesharing Among Applicants to the Computer Connection Ridesharing Program, Independent Research Associates, Inc., November 1988	9	10
SPIRIT Proposal (Solving Problems, Increasing Rewards in Transportation), January 1990 [Gainsharing/Scanlon]	9	11
“Down the Road... The Future of Public Transportation in the Greater Grand Rapids Area,” Citizens League of Greater Grand Rapids, April 1990	9	12

Annual reports

Transportation Task Force Report, Greater Grand Rapids Economic Area Team (GGREAT), December 14, 1990	9	13
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Annual reports

	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids and Environs Transportation Study (GRETS) / GRATA: 1987	9	14
GRATA: 1990-1991, 1992	9	14
Greater Grand Rapids Economic Area Team (GGREAT): 1990	9	14

Subseries B: Financial Reports**Report on Examination of Financial Statements and Additional Information, Touche Ross International**

	Box	Folder
Year Ended September 30, 1986	10	1
Year Ended September 30, 1987	10	2
Year Ended September 30, 1988	10	3

Financial Statements and Additional Information and Independent Auditor's Report, Touche Ross International/Deloitte & Touche

Miscellaneous

	Box	Folder
Year Ended September 30, 1989	10	4
Years Ended September 30, 1990 and 1989	10	5
Years Ended September 30, 1991 and 1990	10	6
Years Ended September 30, 1992 and 1991	10	7
Miscellaneous	Box 10	Folder 8
Subseries C: Miscellaneous		
	Box	Folder
Service Routes: reports and articles relating to Sweden and Madison, WI	10	9
The Emperor's New Clothes: Transit Privatization and Public Policy, Economic Policy Institute, 1989 (with letter to GRATA board from Amalgamated Transit Union)	10	10
Series IV: Newsletters		
Scope and Contents note		
Contains two newsletters produced by GRATA, Spirit (an internal gainsharing newsletter) and Gratis (a public newsletter/magazine).		
	Box	Folder
Gratis, published by GRATA 1988-1989	8	6

Series V: Miscellaneous

Scope and Contents note

Includes: November/December 1988, January/February 1989, March/April 1989, May/June 1989, July/August 1989, September/October 1989

Gainsharing Newsletter / Spirit 1989-1990

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Scope and Contents note

Includes: May 25, 1989; July 10, 1989; September 7, 1989; October 23, 1989; December 14, 1989; January 31, 1990

Series V: Miscellaneous

Scope and Contents note

Contains GRATA pamphlets, newspaper clippings, a publicity packet for Ride Line, a Rider Survey and a Christmas card.

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GRATA Pamphlets

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Newspaper Clippings

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Publicity Packet, Ride Line, June 1991

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Miscellaneous: GRATA Rider Survey, no date; Christmas card, Lois Mosely to Dennis Morrow, 1990

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