

## Guide to the Las Vegas Monorail Records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Title:</b>	Las Vegas Monorail Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00539
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1971-1980
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.23 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Las Vegas Monorail Records (1971-1980) consist of articles, newspaper clippings, agency reports, and correspondence concerning the 1970s effort to construct a Las Vegas, Nevada mass-transit monorail system. Materials document the project conception, development, and ultimate failure throughout the 1970s.

### Preferred Citation Note

Las Vegas Monorail Records, 1971-1980. MS-00539. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Note

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In the early 1970s, Las Vegas, Nevada transit authorities designed a mass-transit monorail system that would connect the Downtown and Las Vegas Strip areas with McCarran Airport. While the plan progressed significantly throughout the 1970s, it ultimately stalled and was abandoned amid concerns of cost and need. Additionally, the national Watergate Scandal of the mid-1970s damaged the project's possibility of completion, as some of its private developers were associated with President Nixon.

In the early 2000s, plans for a Las Vegas Monorail were renewed. In 2004, the first phase of the Las Vegas Monorail was completed and opened to the public. Much like the 1970s plan, the monorail system aimed to connect the Downtown and Strip areas with McCarran Airport and possibly

the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) campus. As of 2014, the monorail serves only the immediate Strip area.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2007; accession number 2007-028.

### Processing Note

Material was processed by UNLV Special Collections staff in 2007. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description

to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017 Joyce Moore completed the finding aid and published it.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Bruce Turner Collection on Transportation and Water in Southern Nevada, 1986-2013.  
MS-00648. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Transportation -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Las Vegas Monorail System

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers	
Airtrans magazines, 1971 September	box 01	folder 01
LTV Aerospace Corporation: promotional booklet and brochures, undated	box 01	folder 02
"Monocab" promotional article, undated	box 01	folder 03
Joint Venture Agreement, 1971 December 30	box 01	folder 04
Trust Indenture Agreement, 1972 April	box 01	folder 05

"Monocab": Las Vegas Patronage Study, 1972 October

	box 01	folder 06
Newsclippings and articles, 1973	box 01	folder 07
Nevada Legislature booklet and Senate Bill 418 proposal, 1973	box 01	folder 08
Letter: Bernard Malamud to Senator John Foley, 1973 March 18	box 01	folder 09
Monorail Operation and Maintenance Agreement, 1973 November 05	box 01	folder 10
Nevada Open Spaces Council, Incorporated brochures, 1973	box 01	folder 11
Monorail Environmental Impact Assessment Report, 1973	box 01	folder 12
Newsclipping, 1973 August 05	box 01	folder 13
Newsclippings, undated	box 01	folder 14
Newsclippings, 1973	box 01	folder 15
Consumers League of Nevada: newsclippings and brochure, 1973	box 01	folder 16
Satirical "Meeting Minutes", undated	box 01	folder 17
Monorail Feasibility Report, 1974	box 01	folder 18
Newsclippings, 1974	box 01	folder 19
Anti-monorail argument, undated	box 01	folder 20
Correspondence and reports, 1973-1974	box 01	folder 21
Las Vegas PRT Financial Feasibility Study, 1974 March	box 01	folder 22
Newsclippings, 1974-1975	box 01	folder 24
"Gambling With a Loser," Transportation Research, Volume 14A, 1980	box 01	folder 25
Solicitations: Clark County, Nevada Board of Commissioners, 1974	box 01	folder 23