

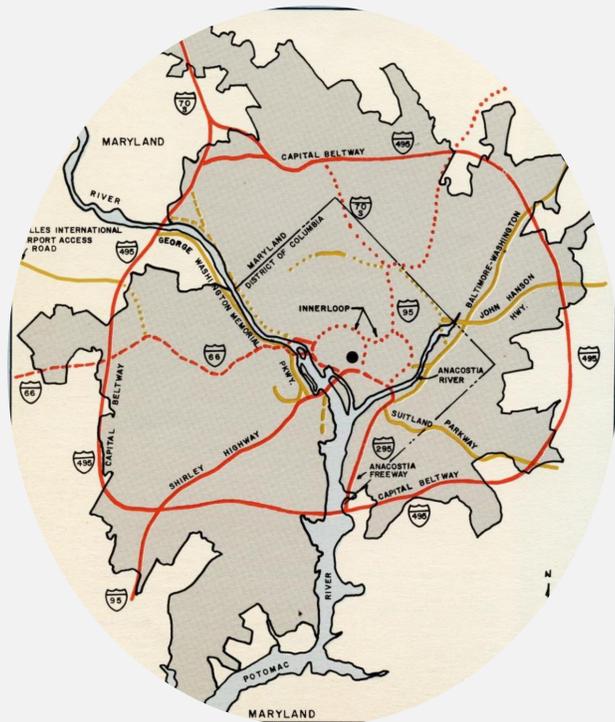
# Digitization in the District Department of Transportation

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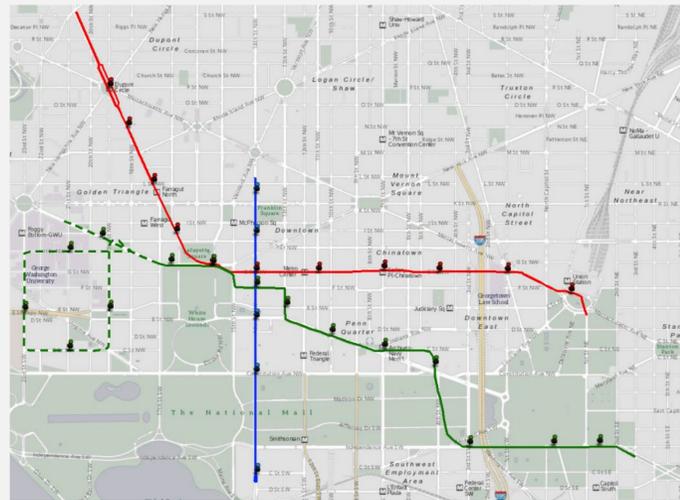
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## Library Progress

- Created digitization workflow for processing research reports, DDOT publications, maps, and other ephemera already housed within the library. Started adding PDFs to the online EOS catalog, with several historical reports now available and more to be cataloged.
- Scanned over 1,000 photographs for submission into the online archive and digital repository, working to eliminate all remaining photograph book binders from the shelves. The online archive now contains almost 5,000 photographs.
- Introduced geolocations to the photo archive, tagging items with their mapped location and featuring it on an interactive map of D.C. and on each item's page.



Proposed Routes of the Inner Loop Highway System, as it would have connected to the beltway and other interstates.



Proposed Underground Streetcar Subway Routes from the 1940s.

## DDOT Mission Statement:

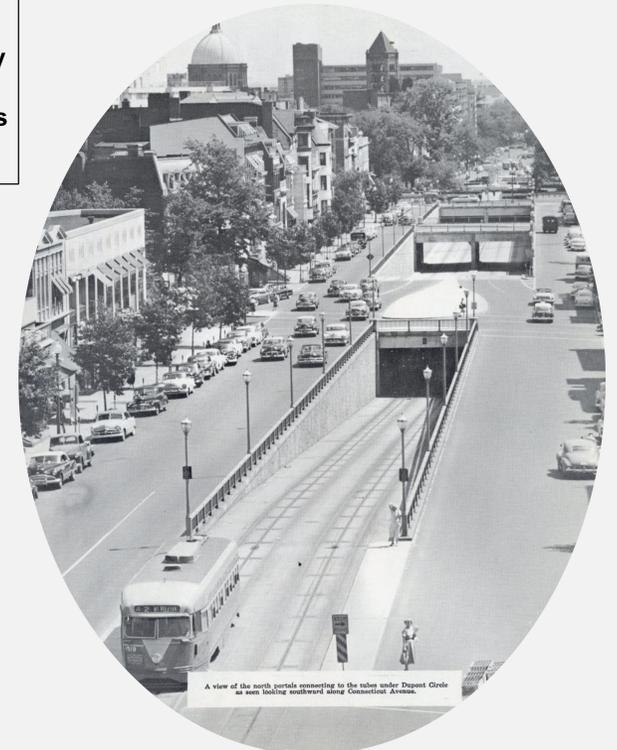
The mission of the District of Columbia government's Department of Transportation (DDOT) is to enhance the quality of life for District residents and visitors by ensuring that people, goods, and information move efficiently and safely with minimal adverse impact on residents and the environment.



The Memorial Bridge was built with a drawbridge originally, but this bascule is now being replaced by a joint DDOT and Federal Project.



Corner of 15th St NW and F St NW in the early 20th Century.



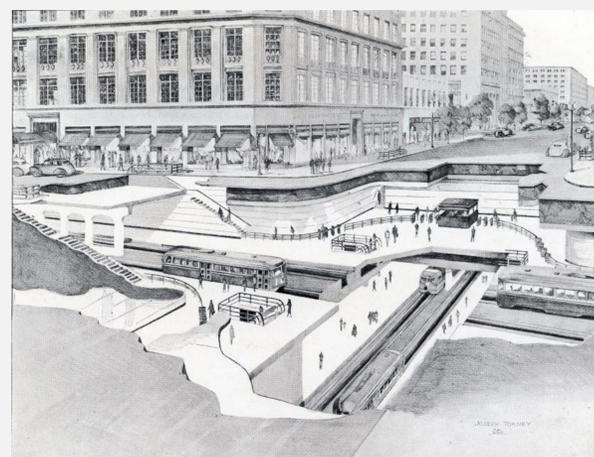
Dupont Circle Underground Streetcar Tunnels.

## Digital Exhibits

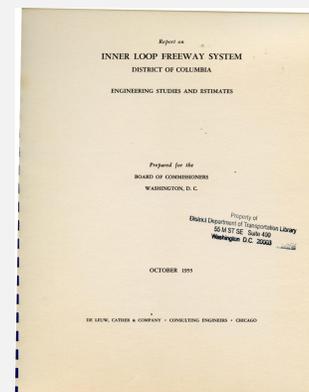
- Created digital exhibits on the history of transportation in Washington, D.C. These helped amplify the library's holdings and give others in the department a chance to see our offerings. It led to other online exhibits to coincide with initiatives from varying parts of the agency.
- Incorporated elements from our photo archive, archived materials, and research reports to put more of the library's assets out into the public realm. Also created GIS maps to coincide with these exhibits to include in future projects.
- Utilized historical research reports and engineering documents to write accurate histories of transportation in the District. I digitized these documents and uploaded them to the online catalog, linking them to the photo archive to create synergy across the library's platforms.



Union Station as it appeared in the 1960s before its extensive changes began. This remains the intermodal hub of D.C. and DDOT continues to work on extending its reach.



Proposed Underground Streetcar Subway Station



One of many research reports OCR'd and use for our exhibits.