

The National Transportation Library

Spring Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting

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About the National Transportation Library

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (1998)

- “establish and maintain a National Transportation Library, which shall contain a collection of statistical and other information needed for transportation decision making at the Federal, State, and local levels.”

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (2012)

- Acquire, preserve and manage transportation information and information products and services for use by DOT, other Federal agencies, and the public;
- Serve as the central repository for DOT research results and technical publications; and,
- Serve as the central clearinghouse for transportation data and information of the Federal Government

Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, Title II: The Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act (OPEN Government Data Act)

- Codifies and superseded M-13-13, making public and open the government default for data derived from research projects

2026: Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021 (current surface transportation reauthorization bill) expires 9/30/26.



Library Services at NTL

Library Services

- Reference
- Outreach
- Digital Repository: ROSA P
- Collection Development
- Special Collections/Archives

Reference Services

Ask-A-Librarian

- Email Reference
- Live Chat
- Voicemail
- FAQs

Reference Hot Topics

- Aviation
- Passenger Travel

Resources at:

<https://transportation.libanswers.com/>

LibGuides

NTL hosts LibGuides for NTL patrons and NTKN partners

Examples:

- USDOT History (DOT Archivist)
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation (MnDOT)
- Extreme Event Preparedness & Response for Operations (NTKN)
- Section 508 Accessibility (NTL)

Resources at:

<https://transportation.libguides.com/>

Other services

- Basic assistance with BTS data products
- ROSA P search help
- DOT office referrals
- In-house literature searches
- New DOT employee training
- Provide contracted commercial database access to DOT staff



Repository & Open Science Access Portal (ROSA P)

ROSA P is the National Transportation Library's *Repository and Open Science Access Portal*. The name ROSA P was chosen to honor the role public transportation played in the civil rights movement, along with one of the important figures, Rosa Parks. It contains 48 collections on various themes.

Visit ROSA P at:
<https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/welcome>



Search our Collections

All Collections

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Autonomous Vehicles

Research and data on Autonomous Vehicles

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CoreTrustSeal Certification 2025-2028

ROSA P has been certified as a CoreTrustSeal Trustworthy Data Repository



Newsletters Collection

Historic newsletters from the USDOT



Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2024

The Nation's transportation system, performance, contributions to the economy, and effects on people and the environment.

BTS Products

Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Railroad Administration

Federal Transit Administration

News Releases

University Transportation Centers

Volpe Center

BTS Support

- Reference Team offers web form and chat at transportation.libanswers.com
- Airline traffic, financial and on-time performance data
- Referrals to BTS specialists and non-BTS sources as needed
- Assists BTS public affairs clients, such as media and government personnel

Data Product Support

Browse Statistical Products and Data

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Browse databases, surveys, reports and other statistical products created by BTS. Use BTS tools and apps to build your own statistical tables, graphics and maps.



Statistical Products and Data: A-F

- [Information Gallery](#)
- [A-Z Index](#)
- [Airline Information for Download](#)
- [Border Crossing Data](#)
- [Commodity Flow Survey](#)
- [Confidential Close Calls Reporting](#)
- [County Transportation Profiles](#)
- [COVID-19 Transportation Statistics](#)
- [Data Inventories](#)
- [Data Spotlights](#)
- [Electric Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey \(eVIUS\)](#)
- [Freight Analysis Framework](#)
- [Freight Facts and Figures](#)



Statistical Products and Data: G-N

- [GIS Applications](#)
- [Government Transportation Financial Statistics](#)
- [Intermodal Transportation Database](#)
- [Local Area Transportation Characteristics \(LATCH dataset\)](#)
- [Monthly Transportation Statistics](#)
- [National Census of Ferry Operators](#)
- [National Transportation Statistics](#)
- [National Transportation Atlas Database](#)
- [National Transportation Data Archives](#)



Statistical Products and Data: P-Z

- [Passenger Travel Facts and Figures](#)
- [Pocket Guide](#)
- [Port Performance Freight Statistics](#)
- [SafeOCS](#)
- [State Transportation Statistics](#)
- [Supply Chain Indicators](#)
- [Tank Car Data](#)
- [TransBorder Freight Data](#)
- [Transportation Economic Trends](#)
- [Transportation Services Index](#)
- [Transportation Statistics Annual Reports](#)
- [Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey \(VIUS\)](#)

USDOT Support

- Reference Team offers web form and chat at transportation.libanswers.com
- Referrals to DOT specialists and non-BTS sources as needed
- Non-DOT sources of transportation information include: DOE,
- DOC/Census, State Dept., TSA, Customs, State DMVs

Some major sources:

1. [National Center for Statistics and Analysis \(NHTSA\)](#) – highway safety statistics
2. [Highway Statistics \(FHWA\)](#) – statistics on the number of drivers and vehicles, miles of roadway, conditions
3. [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(FHWA\)](#) – manual on highway signs, markings, etc.
4. [Analysis and Information \(FMCSA\)](#) – data on federally-regulated motor carriers
5. [Emergency Response Guidebook \(PHMSA\)](#) – guide to responding to emergencies involving hazmats
6. [OPSNET \(FAA\)](#) – airport traffic statistics (includes general aviation, military)

[Check out our brochure on finding transportation statistics at transportation.libanswers.com!](https://transportation.libanswers.com)



The TRID Database

(From the Transportation Research Board) Content may be available in full text. TRID is an integrated database that combines the records from TRB's Transportation Research Information Services (TRIS) Database and the OECD's Joint Transport Research Centre's International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD) Database. TRID provides access to 1.5 million records of transportation research worldwide.

TRID: <https://trid.trb.org> Transportation Research Board's (publicly available) bibliographic database, with **some** full-text links to ROSA P. Types of materials indexed:

- Journal Articles
- Government Reports
- Datasets
- Book Chapters, and more

Resources available for TRID users:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [About TRID](#)
- [Documentation & Training Materials](#)
- [TRID Search Help](#)
- [TRID Coverage](#)
- [TRID Serials](#)
- [TRB Research in Progress](#)
- [TRT - Transportation Research Thesaurus](#)
- [International Transport Research Documentation \(ITRD\)](#)
- [Literature Searches and Literature Reviews for Transportation Research Projects](#)

Questions or comments? E-mail tris-trb@nas.edu



Outreach

Transportation Librarians Roundtable

- The Transportation Librarians Roundtable (TLR), a monthly web conference series.
- The TLR is an initiative of the National Transportation Library (NTL).
- Co-sponsors include:
 - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO),
 - Transportation Research Board (TRB),
 - The Special Libraries Association's Transportation Division.

TLR at:

<https://transportation.libguides.com/TLR>

National Transportation Knowledge Network

NTKN leads, supports, and guides the nation's transportation knowledge networks in their efforts to organize, share, and preserve transportation information, data, and knowledge for their stakeholders in the transportation community.

Communities of Practice:

- Library Advocacy
- 508 Accessibility
- Cooperative Digitization
- Artificial Intelligence

NTKN at:

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Collection Development

Sources of Material

Documents, datasets, & products, funded and/or produced by:

- U.S. DOT agencies
- State DOTs, local agencies, metropolitan transportation organizations (MPOs), tribal road agencies, etc.
- **Other federal agencies**
- Universities and university transportation centers (UTCs)
- Professional organizations
- Private-sector sources

Works Categories

Documents, datasets, & products, funded and/or produced by:

- Textual works
- Still images
- Maps & GIS data
- Audio works
- Moving image works
- Datasets
- Websites
- Software

Access & Rights

ROSA P is indexed by popular internet search services, including:

- Google
- Bing
- Science.gov
- Google Scholar
- Google Dataset Search
- Selected items indexed in TRID
<https://trid.trb.org/>

All items in Public Domain or given explicit permission

Visit our policies page at:
<https://ntl.bts.gov/policies>



Digital Preservation

- ROSA P is home to a number of digitized historic document collections, with more on the way
- ROSA P holds a growing number of digital datasets
- NTL works with off-site contractors for digitization services, in addition to some historical items done in-house.



Investigations of Aircraft Accidents 1934-1965

791 Civil Aeronautics Board Aircraft Accident Reports, dating from 1934 to 1965



Investigations of Railroad Accidents 1911-1993

4178 United States Interstate Commerce Commission railroad accident reports, dating from 1911 to 1993



DOT Administrators' Speeches and Writings

Speeches, statements, remarks, manuscripts, and papers by U.S. Department of Transportation administrators.



Newsletters

Digitized newsletters published by and for employees across the U.S. Department of Transportation.

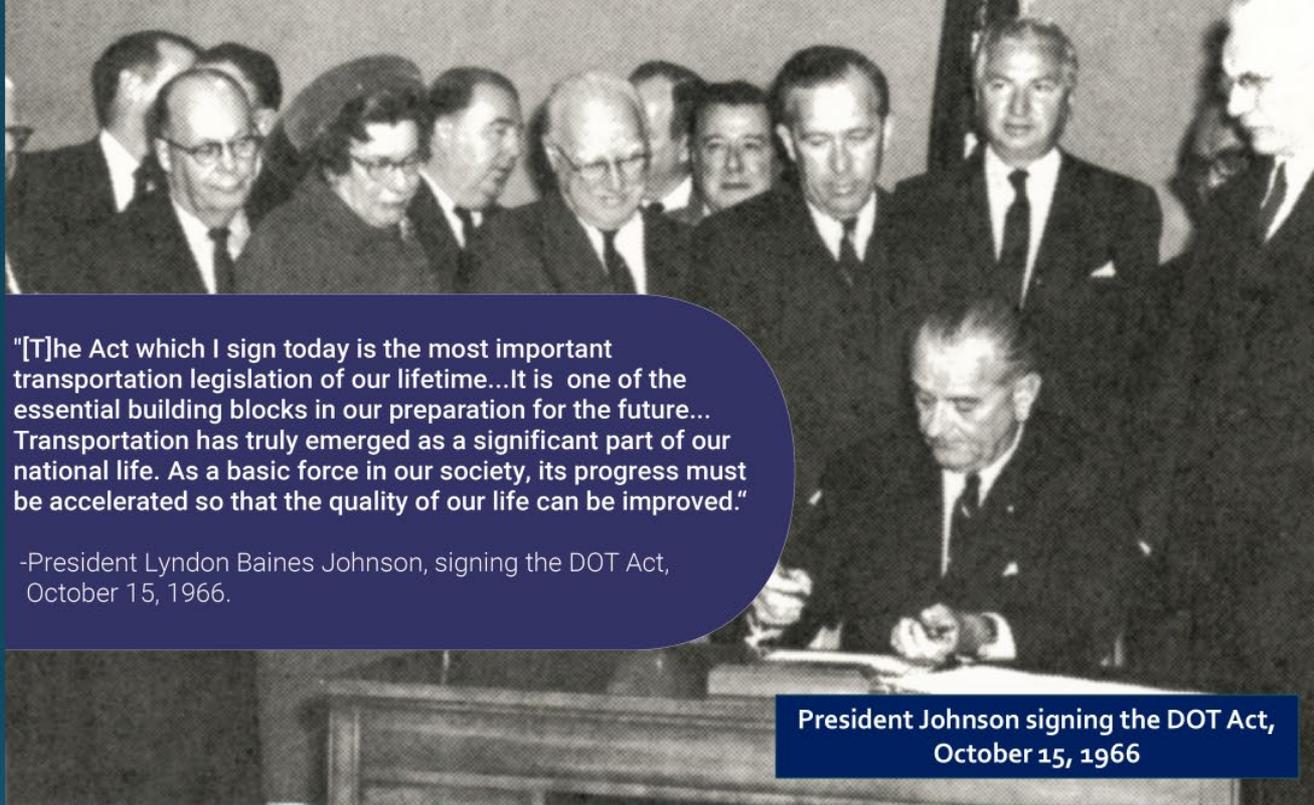


NTL Archives

A research and reference center devoted to the collection, preservation and dissemination of materials that document the history of the U.S. DOT.

Save, Secure, and Share

- 900+ linear feet of historic materials
- Collections from all U.S. DOT modes and their predecessors



"[T]he Act which I sign today is the most important transportation legislation of our lifetime...It is one of the essential building blocks in our preparation for the future... Transportation has truly emerged as a significant part of our national life. As a basic force in our society, its progress must be accelerated so that the quality of our life can be improved."

-President Lyndon Baines Johnson, signing the DOT Act, October 15, 1966.

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Website

- About
- Explore Collections
- Visiting the Archives
- Services
- U.S. DOT History
- FAQs

The screenshot shows the Bureau of Transportation Statistics website. The header is blue with the text "Bureau of Transportation Statistics" on the left and "Ask-A-Librarian" and "A-Z Index" on the right. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Topics and Geography", "Statistical Products and Data", "National Transportation Library", "Newsroom", and "About BTS". The main content area is white and features a sidebar on the left with links for "National Transportation Library", "Search ROSA P, NTL's Digital Repository", "Explore NTL's Archives", "Freight Data Dictionary", "Submit Content", and "Ask-A-Librarian". The main content area is titled "National Transportation Library (NTL) Archives" and includes the date "Tuesday, January 13, 2026". The text describes the NTL Archives, which preserve and facilitate access to historical records of DOT offices and employees. It also provides the location (1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C.), hours (By appointment only, Monday - Thursday, 10:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.), and contact information (LibAnswers). A link to "Browse Collections on ROSAP" is provided at the bottom.

Ask-A-Librarian A-Z Index

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The NTL Archives are open to all, including the public, DOT employees, students, and other researchers.

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Contact:
[LibAnswers](#)

Browse Collections on [ROSAP](#)

<https://www.bts.gov/national-transportation-library-ntl-archives>

Collections

- Annual Reports
- Artwork
- A/V - VHS, Reel Film, Audio cassettes
- Legislation documents
- Maps
- Models
- Newsletters and News Releases from all modes, 1967-2000s
- Oral Histories (audio and transcripts)
- Orders, Office of the Secretary and FAA
- Photographs
- Posters
- Scrapbooks
- Speeches by DOT Administrators
- Technical Reports
- Telephone Directories, 1967-2010



Outreach



"Mapping Out Success: a BTS Field Trip"
<https://www.bts.gov/data-spotlight/mapping-out-success-bts-field-trip>

Thank you!

Questions?



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