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Historical Note:

Reference staff at the Thomas Jefferson Library (TJL), University of Missouri-St. Louis created this artificial collection in the 1970s as a reference guide for the St. Louis Metropolitan Region's government and municipal services. TJL staff donated the materials to the St. Louis Research Center in 1992.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series and 1 subseries:

East-West Gateway Coordinating Council
 Mass Transit Program for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area
Subject Files

Scope and Content Note:

East-West Gateway Coordinating Council

This series contains reports published by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, a metropolitan planning organization that acts as a local think-tank for state and St. Louis region policymakers. Materials of interest in this series include *Alternative Patterns for Growth: The St. Louis Region*, published in 1970. The report presented regional policymakers with five plans for development in the region that the authors labeled as the following: "Present Trends," "Multiple Centers," "Radial Corridors," "Centers and Radial Corridors Combined," and "Local Concepts Combined." The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1970 to 1978.

The Mass Transit Program for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area subseries consists of reports evaluating mass transit systems to meet the needs of St. Louis Area residents during an era when the population was migrating away from densely populated city centers. For example, Phase I Report: Identification of Alternative Transit Systems identifies several mass transit alternatives—freeway buses, commuter rail, rapid rail, and light rail—and evaluates their impact on the environment, government finances, socioeconomic factors, land use, and level of service. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically and published by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council in 1978.

Subject Files

This series consists of reports, factsheets, pamphlets, reports, directories, meeting minutes, and newsletters regarding numerous aspects of the St. Louis Metropolitan Region, including city planning, civil defense, the St. Louis County charter, law enforcement, and historic preservation. Materials of interest include meeting minutes of the St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission. Founded by the St. Louis County government in 1957, the Commission's mission is to identify historic properties within St. Louis County and encourage citizens and municipal governments to preserve historic buildings. The meeting minutes (1957-1964) chronicle the Commission's early efforts to preserve Jefferson Barracks, the Daniel Bissel House, and St. Ferdinand Catholic Church in Florissant, Missouri. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically, dating from 1957 to 1984.

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