

# Engineering Department Bridge Records, 1902-1964

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Engineering Dept. Engineering Services
<b>Title</b>	Engineering Department Bridge Records
<b>Dates</b>	1902-1964 (inclusive) 1902 1964
<b>Quantity</b>	2.2 cubic ft., (6 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	2614-06
<b>Summary</b>	Reports, specifications, correspondence, and estimates documenting Seattle Engineering Department construction of bridges.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Historical Note

The Seattle Engineering Department (SED) maintained the City's streets and bridges, designed and oversaw construction of public works projects, provided traffic and transportation planning, and operated the sewer and solid waste utility. The position of City Surveyor was created in 1873 to survey the City, establish boundaries and street grades, and administer condemnation processes. This position was renamed City Engineer in 1890.

In 1931, the Engineering Department absorbed part of the Department of Public Utilities, and in 1936, it assumed the responsibilities of the Department of Streets and Sewers and the Traffic Department. In 1997, the water, solid waste, drainage, and wastewater utilities from the Engineering and Water departments were merged with the Engineering Services Division of SED and the Customer Service Call Center and Construction Engineering Sections of City Light to form Seattle Public Utilities. The traffic and transportation functions of the Engineering Department were consolidated in the Seattle Transportation Department.

# Content Description

The Engineering Department Bridge Files date from 1902 to 1964 and contain correspondence, reports, estimates, specifications, permits, drawings and testing data concerning bridge construction, planking, and grading. Also included is correspondence with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding permits for bridge construction. Records relate primarily to the bridges spanning the Lake Washington Ship Canal and to the first Lake Washington bridge.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Seattle Engineering Department Bridge Records, Record Series 2614-06. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Records are arranged alphabetically by name of bridge.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Seattle Engineering Department Bridge Records, 1902-1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	California Avenue Bridge Across Fauntleroy Creek	1911
1/2	Dearborn Street Bridge, Weekly Progress Reports	1917
1/3	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1915-1916
1/4	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1916
1/5	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1916
1/6	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1916-1917

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1/7	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1917-1918
1/8	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1918
1/9	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1918
2/1	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1918-1919
2/2	Eastlake Avenue Bridge	1919-1926
2/3	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Approaches	1917-1929
2/4	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Bills of Lading	1916-1917
2/5	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Estimates	1917-1920
2/6	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Inspection Reports	1916
2/7	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Inspection Reports	1917
2/8	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Progress Reports	1916-1919
2/9	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Robert W. Hunt and Company	1915-1917
3/1	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Specifications	1916
3/2	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, United States Steel Products Company	1916-1918
3/3	Eastlake Avenue Bridge, Westinghouse Company	1916-1918
3/4	15th Avenue Northwest Bridge	1914-1917
3/5	15th Avenue Northwest Bridge	1915-1916
3/6	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1912-1915
3/7	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1915
3/8	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1915-1916
4/1	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1916

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
4/2	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1916
4/3	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1916
4/4	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1916-1917
4/5	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1917
4/6	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1917
4/7	Fremont Avenue Bridge	1917-1932
5/1	Fremont Avenue Bridge, Estimates	1915-1917
5/2	Fremont Avenue Bridge, Inspection Reports	1915-1916
5/3	Fremont Avenue Bridge, Inspection Reports and Materials	1915-1916
5/4	Fremont Avenue Bridge, Specifications	1915
5/5	Fremont Avenue Bridge, Weekly Progress Reports	1916-1917
5/6	26th Avenue Northeast Bridge	1909-1910
6/1	Lake Washington Ship Canal Bridges	1902-1913
6/2	1st Ave S. Bridge Permit	1909-1916
6/3	8th Ave S. (Commercial Waterway No. 1) Bridge Permit	1914-1916
6/4	Ballard Bridge Permit	1909-1914
6/5	Fremont Bridge Permit	1912-1915
6/6	W. Garfield St. Bridge (Smith's Cove Waterway) Permit	1910
6/7	Lake Union - Stoneway Bridge Permit	1910
6/8	Lake Washington Toll Bridge Drawings	1917-1939
6/9	Lake Washington Toll Bridge, Seattle Approach Test Results	1938-1940

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/10	Lake Washington Toll Bridge Correspondence	1938-1964
6/11	Montlake Bridge Permit	1908-1924
6/12	Spokane St. Bridge Permit	1908-1925
6/13	University Bridge Permit	1909-1931
6/14	W. Wheeler St and Smith's Cove Waterways Trestle Bridge Permit	1910-1915

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Bridges--Washington (State)--Seattle--Design and construction  
 Lacey V. Murrow Bridge (Mercer Island and Seattle, Wash.)

### Geographical Names :

Fremont Bridge (Seattle, Wash.)  
 Lake Washington Ship Canal (Seattle, Wash.)  
 Seattle (Wash.)--Buildings, structures, etc.

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