

# Engineering Department Seattle Bridges Photograph Album, 1910-1932

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Engineering Dept.
<b>Title</b>	Engineering Department Seattle Bridges Photograph Album
<b>Dates</b>	1910-1932 (inclusive) 1910 1932
<b>Quantity</b>	.5 cubic ft., ((1 box)), (83 digitized images)
<b>Collection Number</b>	2613-23
<b>Summary</b>	Photographs of Seattle Engineering Department work on bridges, overpasses, and viaducts. Neighborhoods pictured include the Industrial District, University District, and Downtown.
<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 images in this collection, taken by the Seattle Engineering Department, illustrate bridges, overpasses, and viaducts in the Seattle area as well as work that the Engineering Department performed on the structures. Structural materials, signs, neighboring businesses, Engineering Department employees at work, streetcars, and waterways are depicted in the photographs. Neighborhoods include the Industrial District, University District, and Downtown.

Photographs are pasted on black paper and each page is labeled and dated. The sizes of the prints vary from 3 1/2 x 5 to 5 x7. The majority of the images are available online. [View 2613-23 online](#)

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Title of image, date. Item number.] Seattle Engineering Department Bridge Photographs, Record Series 2613-23. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Photographs are grouped according to neighborhood and arranged alphabetically by neighborhood name.

### Processing Note

Pages were removed from albums and placed in folders.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
<a href="#">Box/Folder</a>		
1/1	Admiral Way at Fairmont Avenue	1927-1928
1/2	Admiral Place Viaduct	1931-1932
1/3	Bell Street Bridge	1914; 1931
1/4	Fremont Bridge	1936

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/5	West Garfield Street Bridge	1910; 1930
1/6	George Washington Memorial Bridge/Aurora Bridge	1932
1/7	Harbor Avenue S.W.	1929-1930
1/8	Lawton Way Reconstruction	1929
1/9	E. Marginal Way (at Hanford Street)	1932
1/10	Montlake Bridge	1914; 1925
1/11	Sand Point Way/Princeton Avenue Viaduct	1930
1/12	West Spokane Street Bridge No. 1 and No. 2	1928-1930
1/13	West Spokane Street Bridge No. 2	1930
1/14	Youngstown Place Trestle	1929-1930
1/15	Second Avenue Extension	1928-1929
1/16	Eighth Avenue South Viaduct at Argo	1928
1/17	Twelfth Avenue South Bridge	n.d.
1/18	Various: includes Lenora Street Viaduct and Tunnel Shield for Eighth Avenue South	1931-1936

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Bridge construction--Washington (State)--Seattle--Photographs  
 Viaducts--Design and construction--Washington (State)--Seattle--Photographs

### Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.) Engineering Department

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Buildings, structures, etc.--Photographs

### Form or Genre Terms :

Photographic prints

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