TRANSPORTATION
DURING THE EISENHOWER ERA

A Guide to the Historical Holdings in the
Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

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Dwight D. Eisenhower was witness to tremendous changes in transportation during his lifetime. In his boyhood years, horse-drawn wagons were a primary method of local travel in Abilene and trips for any distance were taken by train. By the end of his presidency he was overseeing a space program that was working to put satellites and astronauts in orbit around the earth.

The 34th President experienced many forms of travel during his life. As a young adult, Eisenhower became familiar with automobiles and acquired his first roadster in 1916. In 1919 he participated in a transcontinental Army truck convoy which crossed the United States following the route of the old Lincoln Highway. The convoy traveled 3,251 miles in 62 days and averaged about six miles per hour.

Ike and Mamie Eisenhower traveled to military posts in Panama, Europe, and the Philippines via ocean liners in the 1920s and 1930s. In the late 1930s Dwight Eisenhower learned to fly single-engine aircraft in the Philippines and obtained a pilot’s license.

World War II and the 1940s saw further developments in propeller-driven aircraft and jet fighters. General Eisenhower used a variety of aircraft to travel to many different military outposts. He also experienced the value of a good highway system when he viewed the German autobahns. By the 1950s further improvements in propeller-driven aircraft, as well as the introduction of helicopters and jet liners made travel quicker and more convenient. Eisenhower was the first president to fly in the jet version of Air Force One.

All of these developments led to significant changes the federal government had to address in the field of transportation. By the 1950s the areas of aviation and highway use were experiencing tremendous expansion, while railroad passenger traffic and the U.S. Merchant Marine were on the decline. The files of the Eisenhower Library document the efforts of the Eisenhower Administration and Congress to confront these developments and problems. This is a guide to those historical holdings.
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Introduction

In the area of transportation the Eisenhower Administration was confronted with numerous monumental changes that were greatly altering the movement of people and goods in America and around the world. Increasing numbers of automobiles and trucks were clogging the nation’s inadequate highways. Growing numbers of air travelers and aircraft were filling airports and putting a strain on the air traffic control system. Railroads were in trouble as the number of passengers rapidly declined. The U.S. Merchant Marine was struggling due to increased competition from foreign ships that could operate more cheaply.

The Administration made a number of efforts to define a consistent, organized transportation policy. The Presidential Advisory Committee on Transport Policy and Organization was established in 1954 and submitted a report to the President in April 1955. The President’s Advisory Committee on Government Organization (Hoover Committee) also issued a report on transportation policy and organization. A transportation study group issued a report in 1958, and the Department of Commerce produced a report in 1960, “Federal Transportation Policy and Program.” In 1959-60 the proposal that a department of transportation be established was discussed, but President Eisenhower did not support this concept.

The files of the Eisenhower Library document the steps taken by the Administration to establish a national transportation policy. Instead of creating a separate department, it relied on advisory committees, special assistants, and new regulatory agencies to implement changes in transport policy.
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ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Introduction

The most prominent public works/transportation project of the Eisenhower Administration was the development of the interstate highway system. The White House staff, the President, and Congress spent considerable time and effort in developing a highway program to respond to the growing demand for better roads.

Motor vehicle registrations in the U.S. totaled 34,373,000 in 1946. By 1952 the number had increased to 53,258,570, and in 1960 the total was 73,901,470 vehicles. The popularity of the personal passenger car and the growth of the bus and trucking industries led to considerable congestion on the nation’s roads and highways.

Besides relieving congestion, an improved highway system would make travel easier and safer, encourage the efficient flow of goods, and provide the military with a road system capable of handling heavy vehicles. The President’s Advisory Committee on a National Highway Program (Clay Committee) was established in 1954 and after hearings produced a report recommending a ten-year highway program. John Bragdon, the President’s Special Assistant for Public Works, worked diligently on a series of plans for a national interstate highway system. Congress argued over how to finance the highway system for two years. A compromise was eventually reached and the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 was passed and signed into law on June 29, 1956. H.R. 10660 authorized the construction of a 41,000 mile interstate system over a ten-year period.

The records of the Clay Committee and John Bragdon, as well as the Papers of the President and the White House Central Files contain excellent documentation on the development of the interstate system. Although Eisenhower whole-heartedly approved the development of the interstate system, he became somewhat disenchanted with the routing of the interstates through many urban areas. In July 1959 he requested a review of the highway program, and the Bragdon Records contain over 2,000 pages of materials relating to this review.

The Library’s files also have information on state and local efforts at road construction, plus federal assistance for specific bridges, toll roads, and turnpikes. The development of the Pan American, or Inter-American, Highway is also noted.

The growing problem of auto accidents led to efforts to promote safe driving. An annual Safe Driving Day was promoted by the Administration. The President’s Highway Safety Conference met in 1954. The President’s Action Committee for Traffic Safety organized regional conferences, and an Interdepartmental Highway Safety Board was set up in 1960. The Governors’ Conference also issued a report on highway problems.
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Introduction

From the mid-1800s to the end of World War II railroads were an important factor in unifying our growing country, encouraging westward expansion and development, and providing an efficient system for people and goods to move from one end of the country to the other. At the end World War II, railroads reached an important turning point. In 1945 railroads had 46,253 locomotives in service, 38,633 passenger cars, and 1,439,000 employees. They carried 897,384,000 passengers and 2,961,789,000 tons of freight that year. During the next fifteen years railroads experienced a precipitous decline in passenger traffic and a lesser decline in freight carried. The popularity of personal automobiles, the growth of air travel, and the development of the trucking industry were three reasons for the decline. By 1959 railroads had 31,539 locomotives and 27,419 passenger cars in service and 827,716 employees. They carried only 353,647,411 passengers that year and 2,417,397, 400 tons of freight.

During the Eisenhower Administration a Railroad Study Group was established to review the railroad situation, and various recommendations were proposed to help railroads. A Presidential Advisory Committee on Transport Policy and
Organization was set up to develop a more comprehensive transportation policy. A Cabinet Paper, memos, and reports discussed the problems of America’s railroads, and Congress passed legislation aimed at strengthening the railroad industry by guaranteeing loans and modifying rates and rules.

The files of the Eisenhower Library document these efforts to check the decline of the railroads. The operations of the Interstate Commerce Commission in regulating railroads and the work of the Railroad Retirement Board are also well-covered in our records. Railroad strikes and labor disputes are additional subjects referred to in our files.

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CIVIL AVIATION

Introduction

Following the end of World War II the field of civil aviation witnessed a period of great expansion and growth. In 1946 America’s scheduled airlines had a little over 800 airplanes in service, and they carried 8.3 million passengers. By 1953 this had increased to nearly 1,400 planes, and the number of passengers had jumped to about thirty million a year. During the eight years of the Eisenhower Administration this trend continued, and by 1961 the scheduled airlines had nearly 1,900 planes and were transporting over fifty million passengers on domestic and international flights. Passenger aircraft grew larger in the 1940s and 1950s as four-engine propeller aircraft were introduced and later with the development of the jet airliner. These developments placed a lot of stress on airports and the nation’s air navigation system. Occasional air disasters led to industry and public pressure to improve aviation facilities. Congress responded with legislation to provide government aid to airports and subsidies and guaranteed loans to airlines.

In 1956 the House Government Operations Committee conducted an investigation of aviation practices and issued a report, “The Federal Role in Aviation.” The report was critical of the role of the Civil Aeronautics Agency. The Airways Modernization Board was established in 1957 to develop traffic controls for military and civilian planes. The most significant legislation during the Eisenhower Administration was the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (S. 3880, PL 85-726). It created the Federal Aviation Agency and put it in charge of regulating U.S. air space and developing air navigation facilities and air traffic rules. General Elwood Quesada, a World War II associate of Dwight D. Eisenhower, became the first administrator of this agency.

Many of the developments in civil aviation in the 1950s are documented in the files of the Eisenhower Library. The work of the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Air
Coordinating Committee, and the Airways Modernization Board, as well as the creation of the Federal Aviation Agency, are among the topics covered in our files. Detailed CAB reports on important airline route cases and materials relating to legislation that provided aid and subsidies to airlines and airports are another prominent feature of the records of the Eisenhower Administration.

President Eisenhower enjoyed flying and took great interest in the advances aviation had made. He was the first president who had been a licensed pilot, the first president to fly in a helicopter, and the first president to fly in a jetliner. During the eight years of his administration, he traveled over 300,000 miles on aircraft. His official presidential plane was a Lockheed Constellation, the Columbine, but he also utilized helicopters and Aero-Commanders for short trips and Boeing 707s for overseas trips in 1959-60.

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**MARITIME INDUSTRY**

Introduction

The maritime industry profited from a number of programs during the Eisenhower Administration, including the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, improvements to many ports, harbors, rivers, and canals, as well as government subsidies and loan guarantees for shipbuilders and operators. These efforts were not enough to stop the rapid decline of the U.S. merchant fleet.

In 1946 there were 4,861 U.S. flag merchant vessels with a gross tonnage of 35.4 million tons. U.S. vessels represented 65% of the tonnage of ships visiting U.S. ports. By 1952 the number of U.S. ships had declined to 3,440 with a gross tonnage of 25.7 million tons, and they constituted only 36% of the net tonnage of ships entering and leaving U.S. ports. Eight years later U.S. ships made up only 19% of the tonnage of vessels clearing U.S. ports. In 1961 the number of U.S. merchant ships had dropped to 2,926 with gross tonnage of 23.7 million tons.

During the Eisenhower Administration, Congress passed a number of laws to assist the struggling U.S. merchant marine. One law required that 50% of
government cargoes be shipped on U.S. ships, and other legislation provided subsidies and guaranteed loans to shipbuilders and operators.

The Eisenhower Library’s files contain considerable documentation relating to the operations of the Panama Canal, the construction and opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the effort to build a nuclear-powered merchant ship. The work of the Federal Maritime Board, the Maritime Administration, the Inland Waterways Corporation, and the Panama Canal Company are documented in our holdings. Other subjects covered in our files are the problems caused by the use of “flags of convenience,” a proposal to build a “sea level canal” in Central America, various projects to improve rivers, ports, and harbors, and Project Hope, or the “Great White Fleet.”

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