Ronald Reagan’s first term as Governor of California, the executive branch of California state government was organized into four agencies. The Business and Transportation Agency included the departments responsible for constructing the state’s mass transportation and highway systems, registered vehicles, issued driver’s licenses, regulated financial services, and issued various licenses that allowed businesses and individuals to conduct business in California.

The following State departments reported to the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency: Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Aeronautics, State Banking Department, Department of Corporations, Department of California Highway Patrol, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Insurance, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Public Works, Department of Real Estate, Department of Savings and Loan.

Thhis collection is arranged into three series. Given the size and responsibilities of this agency, the collection is unusually small. There are no correspondence files and subject files as you would expect to find in a collection of this type. The material reflects the activities of only one of its Secretaries, Gordon Luce, which is incomplete and appears to have been received after the fact. It has yet to be determined if the activities of the other Secretaries and this agency is documented elsewhere in the Reagan Gubernatorial Papers.

SERIES I: GORDON LUCE FILES, 1967-1969 (-1 l.ft., Box 1)

These files consist of items regarding Gordon Luce, who served as Secretary of the Business and Transportation agency from 1967 to 1969. This material appears to have been received from Luce after Governor Reagan left office in 1974. There is a file of original letters from Reagan to Luce most of which were received after 1969. The materials also consists of press releases and newspaper clippings regarding Luce and the Agency, photographs, a campaign brochure, a May 1969 summary of the accomplishments of the Agency, and a copy of a report by the Governor’s Task Force on Transportation.

SERIES II: ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARIES, 1966-1973 (-1 l.ft., Box 1-2)

This series consists of the memorandums and papers each department within the Business and Transportation Agency prepared reporting on the goals and accomplishments of said department. Many of the summaries dealt with the progress made on implementing the recommendations that had been made in the Governor’s Survey on Efficiency and Cost Control. There are also summaries regarding the progress made in implementing new legislation that effected the departments. This material includes a detailed report issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles covering 1967 through 1973.
SERIES III: PUBLICATIONS, 1967-1974 (1 l.ft., Boxes 2-4)

This series consists of a variety of publications that were prepared by many, but not all, of the departments within the Business and Transportation Agency. Most of the publications are from the Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) and the Department of Public Works. Many of the publications consist of reports that are required by state law.

SERIES I: GORDON LUCE FILES
Box 1
Luce, Gordon C. Correspondence with Reagan (Originals)
Business & Transportation Agency Correspondence
Business and Transportation Agency – Photos
Press Releases re B&T Agency Matters and Secretary Luce
Press Clips re B&T Agency Matters and Secretary Luce
The Reason for Reagan
Thirty Month Accomplishment Summary from Business and Transportation Agency – May 1969
Report of the Governor’s Task Force on Transportation

SERIES II: ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARIES
Box 1, cont.
Business and Transportation Agency [Binder 1] (1)-(4)
Business and Transportation Agency [Binder 2] (1)-(5)
Department of Motor Vehicles, 1967-1973 (1)-(5)

Box 2
Department of Motor Vehicles, 1967-1973 (6)-(12)

SERIES III: PUBLICATIONS
Box 2, cont.
Summary of Findings and Conclusions on State, Regional, and Local Roles and Responsibilities in Transportation, 01/15/1973
Transbay Terminal: Transbay Transit Terminal Transportation Study, 1974
Corridor Study – Sacramento, Stockton, and San Francisco Bay Area, 1973
Phase II A Report: Sacramento, Stockton, and San Francisco Bay Area Corridor Study, 1974 (1)(2)
A New Direction for the Highway Program, July 1984 (1)(2)
California Transportation Plan: Progress Report, April 1974
California Transportation Plan: Progress Report, April 1974 (Supplement, June 1974)
South Coast Air Basin Vehicle Mile Reduction Background Data, July 1973
Action Plan for Transportation Planning and Development, June 1973
Elevation: Transit Systems Proposals, 05/31/1974
State Highway Needs: Section 188.8 Report, April 1974
Box 3
Los Angeles Area Freeway Surveillance and Control Project, First Annual Report, January 1971
Los Angeles Area Freeway Surveillance and Control Project, Third Annual Report, February 1973
Los Angeles Area Freeway Surveillance and Control Project, Fourth Annual Report, August 1974
Review of the Feasibility of the Movement of Factory Built Housing Units Greater than 12 Feet Wide Over State Highways, July 1973
Triple Trailer Study in California, March 1972
Route 64 (Whitnall) Corridor Study, August 1973
Study of Congestion on Firestone Boulevard between the Cities of South Gate and Downey, May 1974
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Highway Lanes for Exclusive Use of Buses and High-Occupancy Vehicles, March 1974
State Scenic Highway System: Progress and Recommendations, January 1967
Off Highway Vehicle Gas Tax Revenue Distribution, August 1973
Feasibility Study of Relocating One Roadway or Replanting Palm Trees on Route 101 in Camarillo, May 1970
A Study on Need for Installing Additional Directional Signs to Konocti Bay, June 1973
Study of Upgrading the Pasadena Freeway Between Route 5 and Pasadena, March 1973
Interim Report: Access Routes Between Route 11 (Habor Freeway-Gaffey Street) and Route 123 (Western Avenue) in San Pedro, January 1972
California County Road and City Street Progress 1968 to 1972, and Needs to 1982, Section 2156 Study, Third Quadrennial Report, March 1973
Feasibility of Including the Relocated Aubur-Foresthill Road within the State Highway System, April 1973

Box 4
Department of Public Works Annual Report, 1967
Publications

Department of Public Works Annual Report, 1968 & 1969
Department of Public Works, 1970 Annual Report
Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works
   Pertaining To the Division of Highways, 06/30/1970
Goals, Policies and Objectives for the Highway Transportation Program, May 1972
California Transportation Program, 1973-1974 – Fiscal Year Objectives
Sample – State Highway Budget by Programs 1972-1973 Fiscal Year, October 1971