Records Management Advice

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Using Records Retention Schedules:

Which Retention Schedules Do Metropolitan Planning Organizations Use?

Purpose: Provide guidance to metropolitan planning organizations on which records retention schedules to use.

Metropolitan planning organizations need to use the following records retention schedules:

1. Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE)

This schedule covers records that are commonly created/received by most government agencies (including metropolitan planning organizations), such as records relating to:

- Annexation plans
- Audits
- Board meetings
- Contracts and agreements
- Customer comments
- Facilities management
- Financial transactions and accounting
- Grants/bonds
- Human resources

- Information systems/technology
- Internal reporting
- Legal affairs
- Marketing and promotion
- Media coverage
- Payroll
- Planning files
- Policies and procedures
- Public records requests

Records with minimal retention value (transitory records) are also covered in the Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE).

2. Transit Records Retention Schedule

This schedule covers records relating to the functions of providing transit services, such as:

- ADA/paratransit
- Daily route operations
- Dispatch radio transmissions
- Fare rate development
- Rideshare/vanpool
- Route scheduling

Additional advice regarding the management of public records is available from Washington State Archives: