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## Abstract

Cities across the United States and Canada in the years following the decline in transit patronage, and central to these efforts was the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District. The pre-war transit systems used their initial plans and feasibility studies to articulate rapid transit, one that imagined rapid transit not merely as a practical mode of transportation but as a technologically advanced tool for reshaping urban regions. This thesis emerges in an examination of the cartography, visual design, and planning of the original BART plan of 1956 and nine additional rapid transit plans from 1925 to 1968. Placing the BART plan in the broader context of urban planning illuminates both the innovations of its authors and the conceptual influences from earlier designs. These plans exhibit increasingly sophisticated and nuanced arguments for rapid transit intended to win approval in an era when increasingly preferred private automobiles for transportation. As a tool for positively shaping urban areas, this thesis reveals the potential for future development of North American cities.

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