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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

An Inventory of Its Subject Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Dept. of Highways.
Series Title: Subject files,
Dates: 1923-1976.
Abstract: The department's central subject file.
Quantity: 9.0 cu. ft. (9 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The department's central subject file, containing information of interest to personnel throughout the department, primarily on programmatic and policy matters and on special or long-standing projects.

Among the topical foci in the files are highway and roadside use and maintenance, bridges, federal aid, flood damage, planning for trunk highways and expressways, traffic safety, the Great River Road and other interstate cooperative programs, acquisition of rights of way, and departmental organization and administration.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

Alphabetical by topic.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Aerial photography in road surveying--Minnesota.
Bridges--Minnesota.
Express highways--Minnesota.
Federal aid to transportation--Minnesota.
Flood damage--Minnesota.
Forest roads--Minnesota.
Great River Road.
Highway planning--Minnesota.
Memorial highways--Minnesota.
Railroads--Minnesota--Crossings.
Roadside improvement--Minnesota.
Roads--Minnesota--Design and construction.
Roads--Minnesota--Northwest Angle.
Roads--Minnesota--Planning.
Roads--Minnesota--Repair and maintenance.
Roads--Minnesota--Snow and ice control.
Traffic safety--Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota. State Mapping Advisory Board.
Minnesota Safety Council.
Missouri Basin Inter-agency Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Provenance note: This appears to be the Highway Department's central subject file, contributed to by a number of departmental administrators, engineers, planners, public relations personnel, and others. Many folders and documents are stamped "General Files," "Central Files," or similar. To it have been added several files that were transferred to the State Archives separately from the main set of subject files, but most of which were labelled or stamped in similar fashion. Also interfiled into this series are a few correspondence files of special assistant attorney general John R. Murphy, dealing with highway-related policy and legal matters.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
103.C.12.1B	1	Access to Frontage Roads and Trunk Highways, 1950-1965. Aerial Photography, 1959-1971. Aerial Photography and Surveying, 1939-1958. 2 folders. Airports: Correspondence, 1947-1976. Air Space over Rights of Way, 1962-1970. Alaskan Highway, 1941-1958. Archaeological Salvage Program, 1956-1972. Bicycle Trails, 1971-1975. Boundary Area Commission: Minn.-Wisconsin, 1966-1974. Boundary Monuments, 1959-1971. Bridges: [See also: Bridge Division: Miscellaneous records (cataloged separately)] Clearances-Navigational and Trunk Highways, 1946-1968. 3 folders. Correspondence, 1936-1971. 5 folders.
103.C.12.2F	2	Correspondence, 1972-1975. 2 folders. Interstate, 1945-1973. 2 folders. Loading, 1942-1945. Minnesota River, 1941-1967. Red River of the North, 1949-1972. 2 folders. [Includes photos] Strategic, 1941-1942. Zumbrota Covered Bridges, 1928-1972. [includes photos] Building, Highway Department, 1948-1981. Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1968-1974. Cold Climate Research, 1966-1967. Community Planning and Roadside Parking Areas, 1960-1974. Contractors: Miscellaneous, 1961-1970. Creativity Task Force, 1966-1971. Damage to State Equipment, 1952-1966. (Special assistant attorney general file) Decentralization, 1961-1962. Disaster Fund, 1958-1973. District Boundary Data, 1972. Driver License Activities Report, 1968.

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103.C.12.2F	2	Economic Growth Centers, 1971-1974. Economic Impact Study Research, 1957-1959. Emergency Orders #1-80, 1943-1974. Erosion Control: Roadside Mowing, Seeding and Sodding, 1963-1972. Experimental City, 1967. Expressway: Corridor Study, T.H. 12, 7, 212 and Highway 10 Organization, 1967-1969. Explosives, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials, 1942-1973.
103.C.12.3B	3	Federal Highway Act of 1973, 1973-1974. 2 folders. Federal Highway Safety Act, 1971-1973. Federal Aid, 1923-1972. 4 folders. Federal Aid Apportionments, 1972. Federal Aid Funds, 1948-1976. 6 folders. Federal Aid Legislation, 1955-1956. Federal Aid 1954 Secondary Road Plan, 1954-1963. Federal Aid Secondary Distribution Study Committee, 1962-1963. Federal Aid: Urban, 1949-1975.
103.C.12.4F	4	Flood Damage, 1948-1949. Floods, 1952-1957, 1970-1975. 6 folders. [includes photos] [See also: Maintenance Division: Flood damage claim files, 1950-1953 (cataloged separately)] 1952. 2 folders. 1953-1957. 2 folders. 1970-1975. 2 folders. Floods: Aitkin County, 1948-1950. Red River Valley, 1947-1951. St. Louis County, 1946. Flood Relief Program: 1950-1951. 1965-1968. 3 folders. Forest Highways, Bureau of Public Roads, 1935-1963. 3 folders. Fort Snelling, 1968-1969. Gas Tax, 1961-1972. Geometric Design for Interstate Highways, 1945-1957. Goals and Objectives, 1965-1973. Governor's Aesthetic [Environment] Program, 1977. Governor's Traffic Safety Conference, 1950-1956. Governor's Official Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee, 1964-1966. Grand Portage Indian Reservation: Land Use Planning, 1963.

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103.C.12.5B	5	<p>Great River Road, 1962-1977. 4 folders.</p> <p>Great River Road Special Scenic Roads and Parkways Easements, 1963-1967.</p> <p>Green Thumb Task Force, 1965-1973.</p> <p>Haul Roads, 1953-1964.</p> <p>Hiawatha Trail, 1965-1967.</p> <p>Highway "D", 1957-1972.</p> <p>Proposed cross-state highway from Duluth to Moorhead.</p> <p>Highway Department Organization Structure, 1957.</p> <p>"Report on Minnesota Highway Department Organization Structure," submitted by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Highway Administration, May 22, 1957. Typescript.</p> <p>Highway Manual, 1952. 1 volume, mimeographed.</p> <p>Policies regarding Highway Department employment.</p> <p>Indian Reservations, 1950-1971.</p> <p>Insurance Coverage, 1945-1965.</p> <p>(Special assistant attorney general file)</p> <p>Interstate Highways Additions, Changes and Designations, 1954-1964.</p> <p>Junkyards, 1961-1977.</p> <p>Juror's Fees, 1960-1966.</p> <p>(Special assistant attorney general file)</p> <p>Justice Court and Justice of the Peace, 1954-1963.</p> <p>(Special assistant attorney general file)</p> <p>Labor and Management Committee Meeting, 1944, 1956.</p> <p>Land Acquisition, 1958-1975.</p> <p>Land Survey Task Force, 1965.</p> <p>Legislative, 1961-1973.</p> <p>Legislative Study Commission, 1954. 1 expansion folder.</p> <p>Litterbug Program, 1942-1973. [includes photos]</p> <p>Load Restrictions, 1961-1967.</p>
103.C.12.6F	6	<p>Maintenance Work Improvement Program, 1964-1972. 2 folders.</p> <p>Mass Transit Planning: Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Commission, 1962-1964.</p> <p>Mass Transit Terminals, 1959-1972.</p> <p>Memorial Drive: Blue Star, 1967-1970.</p> <p>Memorial Drive: Evergreen, 1946-1947, 1957-1958. 2 folders.</p> <p>Rohweder Memorial Highway, 1959-1967.</p> <p>Metropolitan Transit, 1958-1977.</p>

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103.C.12.6F	6	<p>Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission, 1963-1977. Minnesota Safety Council, 1953-1955. Scattered items: membership list, correspondence, memos, reports, minutes, newspaper clippings.</p> <p>Minnesota State Mapping Advisory Board [Geographic Board], 1944-1968. 2 folders.</p> <p>Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission, 1965-1968. Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee, 1952-1958. 3 folders. Minutes; Highway Department correspondence and memos.</p> <p>Mobile Home Study, 1964-1975. Re feasibility of changing policy re movement of 12-foot wide mobile homes over trunk highways.</p> <p>Mosquito Control, 1949-1966. Motor Scooter, 1963. (Special assistant attorney general file)</p> <p>Municipal Court, 1947-1963. (Special assistant attorney general file)</p> <p>Municipalities: Policy on Cooperation by, 1948-1971. 2 folders. Noise Abatement, 1969-1976. Northwest Angle Road, 1959-1961. 2 folders. Correspondence, memos, study reports, and maps re a proposed road.</p>
103.C.12.7B	7	<p>Northwest Angle Road, 1962-1968. 3 folders.</p> <p>Operations Review Files: The Operations Review files concern inspection and review of highway construction projects.</p> <p>Operations Review Reports, 1967. Includes photos.</p> <p>Operations Review Team, 1964-1971. Operations Review Team Reports, 1964. 1 expansion folder. Includes photos.</p> <p>Organization and Management Study, 1961-1971. 3 folders. Parkways, 1938-1957. Patrol Fine Money, 1957-1966. (Special assistant attorney general correspondence)</p>

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103.C.12.7B	7	Photogrammetric Unit: Development and Objectives [report], 1960. Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, 1965-1966. Railroad Grade Crossings, 1958-1973. 3 folders. Includes annual and biennial reports. Relief Labor, 1938-1962. Right of Way Acquisition, 1944-1973. 3 folders.
103.C.12.8F	8	Right of Way Acquisition, 1944-1973. 2 folders. Right of Way Encroachments on Trunk Highway, 1953-1964. Right of Way Procedures and Organization, 1962-1971. 3 folders. River Basin Projects, 1951-1962. Roadside Advertising, 1943-1971. 2 folders. Roadside Development, 1932-1973. Safety Improvement, 1965-1969. 2 folders. Safety Task Force and Safety Advisory Committee, 1961-1964. Services Provided by the Department, 1962-1966. Skjervold, Paul A. (Deputy Attorney General): Statement to Legislative Interim Commission on Highways, [1959?]. Smith, Eugene B.: Memos, 1957-1960. Administrative director. Largely regarding personnel matters. Snow and Ice Control, 1930-1975. 4 folders. Snowmobiles, 1966-1972. State Aid: General, 1956-1976. State Aid: Municipal Screening Committee, 1957-1970. State Fair, 1957-1971. Strategic Highway Network, 1940-1942. 2 folders. Subpoenas, 1955.
103.C.12.9B	9	Task Force on Districts 5 and 9 Study: Correspondence, 1962-1966. Reports, 1962-1963. 1 expansion folder. Timber on Highway Department Lands, 1956. Traffic Census Observation on Trunk Highway #1, 1922. Trailers: Overweight, Brakes, etc., 1962-1966. (Special assistant attorney general file) Trails, 1971. Transportation Task Force, 1967-1974. 4 folders. Transportation of War Materials and Supplies, 1943. Truck Weights and Lengths, 1949-1973. Trunk Highways Additions, Changes and Designations, 1939-1969. Trunk Highway Improvement Status, 1933-1948. Trunk Highway Needs Commission, 1962-1970.

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103.C.12.9B	9	Unions, 1945-1972. 4 folders. Urban Areas, 1945-1956. Utilities, 1941-1973. 3 folders. Utility Correspondence, 1963-1967. (Special assistant attorney general file) Voyageurs National Park, 1971-1977. Weather Service, 1962-1976. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 1969-1973. Youth Corps Projects, 1965.