

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Archives and digital collections webpage

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on **Archives and digital collections webpage**, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

Department's website: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=OPA3>

1. Mailing written comments to:
Office of Public Affairs
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way
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Madison, WI 53707-7910

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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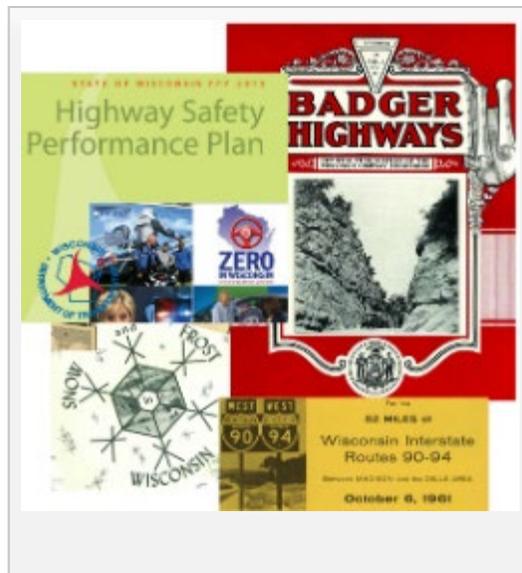
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The WisDOT Library collects and digitizes documents, photographs, pamphlets, brochures and maps relating to Wisconsin transportation history as well as the history of the agency itself. Materials pertaining to the history of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation include items relating to precursor organizations, including the State Highway Commission of Wisconsin, the Aeronautics Commission and the Motor Vehicle Department. Some of the topics covered include historic highways and bridges, scenic byways, roadside signs and attractions, rail, bicycling, aeronautics, transit, safety and law enforcement.

Wisconsin Digital Archives

The [Wisconsin Digital Archives](#) is a collaborative effort managed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The purpose of the collection is to comply with 35.83 Wis. Stats., as amended by 1991 Wisconsin Act 285, which requires Wisconsin state agencies to provide copies of their publications, regardless of format, to Resources for Libraries & Lifelong Learning for distribution to libraries through the Wisconsin Document Depository Program. The Wisconsin Document Depository Program collects and distributes state documents in print and electronic formats to Wisconsin libraries; preserves and makes available a record of major state government programs; and assures the availability of state documents for use by the public throughout Wisconsin now and in the future.



Recollection Wisconsin

The WisDOT Library is a participant in [Recollection Wisconsin](#), a cooperative digital effort which provides Wisconsin residents and audiences worldwide with free access to a growing set of historical resources from the collections of libraries, archives, museums and historical societies across the state. Please visit the WisDOT Library's [digital collections](#).

WisDOT physical archives at the Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society has numerous Wisconsin DOT archival records. The collection contains:

- Paper records
- Photographic prints and negatives
- Maps and aerial photographs
- 35mm video reels and optical discs containing Photolog records
- Active Records Disposition Authorizations (RDAs) which mandate transfer of records from WisDOT to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

To search the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHI) Archives, please consult the [ArCat](#) online catalog. The University of Wisconsin's Digital Collection also provides searching for [descriptive finding aids](#) - another effective way for discovering Wisconsin's transportation history.

Some of the main records documenting much of Wisconsin's organizational transportation history are described below. Direct links to each collection's finding aids (analogous to a table of contents with summary or abstract) are also provided. Viewing the actual records requires visiting the Wisconsin Historical Society's Archives Reading Room. Please contact the [Archives](#) website for questions about hours of operation, directions, services and holdings. If you have a specific inquiry, you may contact [Library-Archives reference staff](#) directly.

Wisconsin DOT Archives finding aids

Note: Many of the records are of precursor agencies to Wisconsin DOT, which was officially formed in 1967.

Administration / General

- [Controlled Correspondence, 1993-2007](#)
Secretary's Office, Department of Transportation
Series 2872
- [Division of Highways - General Correspondence and Subject File, 1918-2000](#) (includes over 700 Highway Commission Maps, 1916-1969)
Division of Highways
Series 918
- [Minutes of the Highway Commission and Division, 1911-1987](#). Division of Highways and Transportation Services
Series 917
- [Minutes of the Transportation Commission, 1978-1983](#).
Wisconsin Transportation Commission
Series 2252
- [Mississippi River Parkway Commission records, 1934-1980, 1993-1996](#).
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Series 2340
- [Secretary's Subject File, 1964-1996](#)
Department of Transportation
Series 2341
- [Subject File, 1930-1968](#)
State Highway Commission
Series 1924

Aeronautics

- [Civil Aeronautics Board Case Records, 1946-1978](#)
Division of Aeronautics
Series 1915

Bicycle / Pedestrian

- [Bicycle Coordinating Council Records, 1974-1987](#)
Division of Planning and Budget
Series 2325

Law

- [Administrative Rules, 1979-1990](#)
Office of General Counsel
Series 2621
- [Attorney Opinions, 1967-1986](#)
Office of General Counsel
Series 2354
- [Legislation Case Files, 1971-1990](#)
Office of General Counsel
Series 2306

Motor Vehicles

- [Automobile Registrations, 1905-1911](#)
Secretary of State
Series 370

- [Motor Vehicle and Dealer Registrations, 1912-1959](#)
Motor Vehicle Department
Series 1117
- [Motor Vehicle Registration Statistics, 1912-1935.](#)
Secretary of State
Series 1969/183

Planning

- [Economic Analysis File, 1972-1992](#)
Division of Planning and Budget
Series 2324
- [Highway Studies, 1929-1935](#)
Highway Commission-State Regional Planning Committee
Series 850
- [Metropolitan and Local Planning, 1950-1997](#)
Division of Planning and Budget
Series 2326
- [Statewide Planning and Special Studies - 1961-2003](#)
Divisions of Planning and Budget/Transportation Investment Management
Series 2318
- [Urban Transportation Studies, 1937-1979](#)
Division of Planning
Series 2319

Public Affairs

- [Dedication Files, 1958-1968](#)
Highway dedication programs
Division of Highways
Series 2277
- [Press Releases and Departmental Memoranda, 1955-1997, 2000-2002](#)
Office of Public Affairs
Series 2297
- [Publicity Photographs, 1960-1992](#)
Department of Transportation
Series 2729
- [Speeches, 1926-1927 & 1946-1978](#)
State Highway Commission
Series 919

Real Estate

- [Certified Town, City and Village Plats, 1946-1992](#)
Division of Highways and Transportation Services
Series 925

Roads and Highways

- [District 1 Photographs, 1929-1998](#)
Division of Transportation Districts
Series 2706
- [District 7, Rhinelander: Survey Books, 1900-1989](#)
Division of Highways and Transportation Services
Series 2371
- [Engineering Research Advisory Committee Records, 1968-1991](#)
Division of Highways and Transportation
Series 2286

- [Engineers' Project Log Books, 1911-1931](#)
State Highway Commission, District 5, La Crosse
Series 1925
- [James E. Meier Diaries, 1954-1969](#)
Division of Highways, District 9, Milwaukee
Series 2709
- [Photolog File, 1974-1995](#)
Division of Highways and Transportation Services
Series 2344
- [Prospective State and County Trunk Highway Changes, 1912-1954](#)
State Highway Commission
Series 920

State Patrol / Enforcement

- [Administrative Files, 1944-1990](#)
State Patrol 50th Anniversary History
Wisconsin State Patrol Academy
Series 2317
- [Enforcement Division General Subject and Correspondence File, 1964](#)
Motor Vehicle Department
Series 2042

Transit

- [General Correspondence, 1967-1980](#)
Bureau of Transit
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- [Mass Transit Planning and Demonstration Program, 1975-1985](#)
Bureau of Transit
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