

MnDOT Right of Way Division Photographic Mountings Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number: B508, Accession # 2019.003.0001 - 2019.003.0007

Collection repository: Hennepin History Museum

2303 Third Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Collection title: MnDOT

Dates: 1955 -- 1975

Extent: **6 boxes total.** 4.84 linear feet.

4 oversized folders total. Contained in one oversized folder.

Creator: Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), formerly known as Minnesota Department of Highways

Language of the Material: English

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The planning for Minnesota's state highway system began in 1905 when the Minnesota legislature created the State Highway Commission. In 1917, the Highway Commission became the Department of Highways and Charles M. Babcock was appointed the department's first commissioner. The funding for a 70-trunk highway system plan passed legislation in 1921. The Department was charged with constructing and maintaining the new highway system, including acquiring Right of Ways for projects. In the mid-1950s, the Minnesota state highway system would also be impacted by laws enacted by Congress setting up funding for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

In the late 1960s, several departments split off from the Department of Highways to the newly-formed Department of Public Safety. In 1976, the Department of Highways experienced another name change, becoming the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). Currently, the department develops and implements policies, plans, and programs for aeronautics, highways, motor carriers, ports, public transit, railroads, and pipelines. The department also constructs, maintains, and regulates transportation facilities and services.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The material in this collection was created by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, formerly known as the Department of Highways, as part of the highway Right of Way highway construction projects. The Right of Way studies featured in this collection document one step in the process of land acquisition required for highway development and re-development. Many of the structures featured in the photo collection are no longer standing and some of the highways have been re-routed or re-named as well.

The collection is housed in six boxes with oversized documents (all floorplans) housed separately in oversized folders. Placeholders within the boxes describe where each oversized item can be found within the folders. The oversized items are not considered a separate series and retain their accession numbers from their original location within the main collection. The collection is divided by project highway name and arranged alphabetically and numerically by street name or street number and then numerically by property address. The information for each property address may include any or all of the following: forms from the Minnesota Department of Highways Right of Way Division outlining the composition of the structure(s) located at the address; floorplans of the structures; photographs of the exterior of the structures, often a set of three or more including a front view, back view and outbuilding or garage view; other miscellaneous information about the property.

The collection is arranged in seven series with no sub-series. The series include:

- Series 1: Highway 55/Hiawatha
- Series 2: Interstate Highway 94
- Series 3: Highway 100
- Series 4: Highway 12
- Series 5: Highway 36
- Series 6: Highway 55/Olson Memorial Highway
- Series 7: Highway 169

Series 1: Highway 55/Hiawatha. This series includes documents and photos of Right of Way studies for the segment of Highway 55 running south from downtown Minneapolis. Series items date between 1962 – 1975. While the entire Highway 55 route is designated as the Olson Memorial Highway, the part of Highway 55 southeast of downtown is known as Hiawatha Avenue.

Series 2: Interstate Highway 94. This series includes documents and photos of Right of Way studies for the segment of Interstate Highway 94 extending from downtown Minneapolis heading west through North Minneapolis. The series items are dated between 1960 – 1978.

Series 3: Highway 100. This series includes documents and photos of Right of Way studies for properties adjacent to Highway 100 from 1959 – 1974.

Series 4: Highway 12. This small series includes documents and photos of Right of Way studies for Highway 12 from 1966 – 1969. The properties studied were mainly located around the cities of Wayzata and Hopkins in Minnesota.

Series 5: Highway 36. This small series includes documents and photos of Right of Way studies for Highway 36 from 1964 – 1967. The properties studied were located at Cedar Avenue and Longfellow Avenue South and Old Shakopee Road East.

Series 6: Highway 55/Olson Memorial Highway. This small series includes documents and photos of the segment of Highway 55 running west from downtown Minneapolis. Series items date from 1964 – 1971.

Series 7: Highway 169. This small series includes documents and photos of Right of Way studies for Highway 169 in the Eden Prairie area between 1965 – 1966.

USAGE NOTE

This collection contains loose photographs and documents housed together within folders. Please use caution when handling folders as items can shift and become separated.

ACCESS

Unrestricted: The collection is open to researchers and has no restrictions.

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RELATED MATERIAL

Additional material on the Minnesota Department of Transportation can be found here:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation library, St. Paul, MN – <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/library/>
- Minnesota Historical Society – <http://www.mnhs.org>
- PBS documentary about Highway 100: *Highway 100 “Lilac Drive”* <https://www.tpt.org/highway-100-lilac-drive/>

ACQUISITION

The collection was donated to the museum in 1983 by an office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

COLLECTION INVENTORY**Series 1: Highway 55/Hiawatha**

Box	Folder	Streets
1	1	Cedar Avenue South Crosby Place Franklin Avenue
1	2	Hiawatha Avenue South, 2401 – 2538
1	3	Hiawatha Avenue South, 2541 – 2947
1	4	Hiawatha Avenue South, 2982 – 3051
1	5	Hiawatha Avenue South, 3100 – 3142
1	6	Hiawatha Avenue South, 3146 – 3320
1	7	Hiawatha Avenue South, 3324 – 3544
1	8	Hiawatha Avenue South, 3550 – 3752
1	9	Hiawatha Avenue South, 3800 – 4008
1	10	Hiawatha Avenue South, 4012 – 4218
1	11	Hiawatha Avenue South, 4222 – 4608
1	12	Hiawatha Avenue South, 4632 – 4708
1	13	Hiawatha Avenue South, 4720 – 4934
1	14	East Lake Street, 2200 – 2229
1	15	East Lake Street, 2300 – 2521 East Minnehaha Parkway, 4001 Minnehaha Avenue South, 3000 – 3010
1	16	Nokomis Avenue South, 3808 – 3848
1	17	Nokomis Avenue South, 3852 – 3933
1	18	Riverview Road, 5303 – 5332
1	19	Riverview Road, 5335 – 5355
1	20	Riverview Road, 5356 – 5372
1	21	Riverview Road, 5375 – 5395
1	22	East 22 nd Street East 24 th Street East 25 th Street East 31 st Street, 2220 – 2311
1	23	East 31 st Street, 2325 – 2329
1	24	East 33 rd Street East 34 th Street East 35 th Street East 37 th Street East 38 th Street
1	25	East 42 nd Street 45 th Street South East 54 th Street
1	26	22 nd Avenue South, 2820 – 3049
1	27	23 rd Avenue South, 2936 – 3033
1	28	23 rd Avenue South, 3034 – 3119

Highway 55/Hiawatha, cont.

Box	Folder	Streets
2	1	24 th Avenue South, 3048 – 3133
2	2	24 th Avenue South, 3134 – 3223
2	3	24 th Avenue South, 3142 – 3223
2	4	25 th Avenue South, 3210 – 3235
2	5	25 th Avenue South, 3238 – 3301
2	6	25 th Avenue South, 3305 – 3327
2	7	26 th Avenue South, 3304 – 3340
2	8	26 th Avenue South, 3344 – 3403
2	9	26 th Avenue South, 3410 – 3435
2	10	27 th Avenue South, 3400 – 3450
2	11	27 th Avenue South, 3454 – 3517
2	12	27 th Avenue South, 3519 – 3539
2	13	28 th Avenue South, 3500 – 3532
2	14	28 th Avenue South, 3536 – 3609
2	15	28 th Avenue South, 3615 – 3641
2	16	29 th Avenue South, 3616 – 3656
2	17	29 th Avenue South, 3659 – 3733
2	18	30 th Avenue South, 3712 – 3752
2	19	30 th Avenue South, 3801 – 3833
2	20	31 st Avenue South, 3910 – 3950
2	21	31 st Avenue South, 3954 – 4035
2	22	32 nd Avenue South, 4020 – 4056
2	23	32 nd Avenue South, 4100 – 4121
2	24	32 nd Avenue South, 4125 – 4149
2	25	33 rd Avenue South, 4128 – 4223
2	26	33 rd Avenue South, 4227 – 4253
2	27	34 th Avenue South, 4234 – 4305
2	28	34 th Avenue South, 4308 – 4325
2	29	34 th Avenue South, 4329 – 4357
2	30	35 th Avenue South, 4336 – 4404
2	31	35 th Avenue South, 4408 – 4431
2	32	35 th Avenue South, 4405 – 4601
2	33	36 th Avenue South, 4442 – 4520
2	34	36 th Avenue South, 4524 – 4530
2	35	36 th Avenue South, 4550 – 4615
2	36	37 th Avenue South, 4604 – 4629 42 nd Avenue South, 4900 – 4912

Series 2: Interstate Highway 94

Box	Folder	Streets
3	1	Aldrich Avenue South, 806 – 914 Aldrich Avenue North, 802 – 1110
3	2	Aldrich Avenue North, 1111 – 1130
3	3	Aldrich Avenue North, 1131 – 1143
3	4	Aldrich Avenue North, 1144 – 1217
3	5	West Broadway Avenue Bryant Avenue North Camden Avenue North
3	6	Lyndale Avenue North, 700 – 1005
3	7	Lyndale Avenue North, 1019 – 1125
3	8	Lyndale Avenue North, 1126 – 1142
3	9	Lyndale Avenue North, 1143 – 1228
3	10	Lyndale Avenue North, 4100 – 4177
3	11	Lyndale Avenue North, 4204 – 5101
3	12	Lyndale Avenue North, 5105 – 5255
3	13	Lyndale Avenue North, 5301 – 5740
3	14	Lyndale Avenue North, 5749 – 5850
3	15	Lyndale Avenue North, 5900 – 6128
3	16	Lyndale Place North Napco Avenue
3	17	Plymouth Avenue North, 321 – 519
3	18	Plymouth Avenue North, 521 – 625
3	19	Plymouth Avenue North, 701 – 815 Plymouth Avenue North and Bryant Avenue, Southeast quadrant
3	20	Washington Avenue North, 4031 – 4148
3	21	Washington Avenue North, 4149 – 4177 Willow Lane, 6200 – 6230
3	22	4 th Street North, 1011 – 1128
3	23	4 th Street North, 1130 – 1216
3	24	4 th Street North, 3642 – 5332
3	25	4 th Street North, 5336 – 5436
3	26	4 th Street North, 5440 – 5548
3	27	North 5 th Street, 1162 – 1214
3	28	6 th Street North, 1117 – 1159
3	29	6 th Street North, 1161 – 1225
3	30	6 th Street North, 3826 – 3959
3	31	7 th Street North, 715 – 1128
4	1	4 th – 11 th Avenue North
4	2	12 th Avenue North, 315 – 612
4	3	12 th Avenue North, 615 – 828
4	4	14 th – 45 th Avenue North
4	5	52 nd – 55 th Avenue North
4	6	55 th – 58 th Avenue North

Series 3: Highway 100

Box	Folder	Streets
4	7	Abercrombie Drive Arcadia Avenue Duggan Plaza Excelsior Blvd. Glenwood Avenue Highway 100
4	8	Lake Drive Lakeland Avenue North Lilac Drive, 2012 – 3343
4	9	Lilac Drive, 3357 – 5700
4	10	Minnewawa Avenue Normandale Court
4	11	Normandale Road, 5025 – 5508
4	12	Normandale Road, 5512 – 5600
4	13	Normandale Road, 5620 – 6117
4	14	Normandale Road, 6120 – 6133
4	15	Normandale Road, 6333 – 6501
4	16	Normandale Road, 6508 – 6630
4	17	Normandale Road, 6712 – 6812 Normandale Road and 70th Street
4	18	Orchard Avenue Perry Avenue Quail Avenue
4	19	Regent Avenue Richmond Drive Ryan Avenue
4	20	Sherwood Avenue, 6324 Toledo Avenue, 4229 – 4316
4	21	Unity Avenue North, 3616 – 3832
4	22	Unity Avenue North, 3836 – 3920
4	23	Unity Avenue North, 3928 – 4008
4	24	Unity Avenue North, 4018 – 4056
4	25	Unity Avenue North, 4100 – 4140
4	26	Valley View Road, 4835 Vera Cruz Avenue North, 2901 – 2915
4	27	Vera Cruz Avenue North, 2917 – 2929
4	28	Vera Cruz Avenue North, 2939 – 3031
4	29	Vera Cruz Avenue North, 3039 – 3101
5	1	Vera Cruz Avenue North, 3111 – 3333
5	2	Vera Cruz Avenue North, 3419 – 3555
5	3	Vera Cruz Avenue North, 3601 – 3445

Highway 100, cont.

Box	Folder	Streets
5	4	Vernon Avenue Welcome Avenue Webster Avenue Wooddale Avenue
5	5	3 rd Street North, 1033 – 5115
5	6	3 rd Street North, 5119 – 5149
5	7	39 th Street 59 th Street 60 th Street 62 nd Street 70 th Street
5	8	36 th Avenue North 39 th Avenue North 42 nd Avenue North 62 nd Avenues North
5	9	North 11 th Street North 12 th Street Chestnut Avenue Miscellaneous - Suburban Liquor. No address. 6 photos. - Independent School District 281 Robbinsdale High School/Junior High. 3 photos taken at 42 nd Avenue North. - Sjelin, Paul. No address. Outbuilding photos.

Series 4: Highway 12

6	1	Barry Avenue, 326 – 347 East Beaver Dam Street, 344 – 627
6	2	Broadway Avenue, 409 – 508 Broadway Avenue, Parcel 47. Zahner, Ruth.
6	3	Bushaway Road, 103 North Central Avenue, 309 – 339
6	4	North Central Avenue, 341 – 437 Chestnut, 1106 – 1114
6	5	Ferndale Avenue Gardner Street East Gleason Lake Road Hopkins Crossroad Kobbe Road Merrivale Avenue South Plymouth Road
6	6	Wayzata Boulevard, 197 – 12721
6	7	Wayzata Boulevard, 13004 – 16618 South Westwood Lane, 151

Series 5: Highway 36

6	8	Cedar Avenue Longfellow Avenue South Old Shakopee Road East (includes property that burned down.)
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Series 6: Highway 55/Olson Memorial Highway

6	9	49 th Avenue North, 5205 Lakeland Avenue, 4258 – 4837
6	10	Ruff's Lane Anoka Brooklyn Park Osseo

Series 7: Highway 169

6	11	Rural Route 1 Chaska Eden Prairie Road, 8318 – 8420
6	12	Scenic Heights Road, 15210 and Parcel 20 Trunk Highway 5, Hopkins



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