

Department of Highways State Documents

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Summary Information

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Date: Majority of material found within 1966

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Materials:

Scope and Contents

The Department of Highways worked to cooperate with the Commonwealth's political subdivisions in the improvement and maintenance of highways. The department was given exclusive authority and jurisdiction over state highways and general supervisory powers over all roads financed in whole or in part by state funds.

The publications of the Department of Highways contain standards. Selected topics from these publications include roadway construction standards. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1966.

Biographical / Historical

The Department of Highways was created on May 31, 1903. The highway system of Pennsylvania was officially created on May 31, 1911 under the direction of the Sproul Act. Legislation passed in 1911 reorganized the Highway Department, providing for a system of highways to be maintained solely by the state and for a highway network financed on both the state and local level. The Department of Highways was abolished on May 6, 1970 and replaced by the Department of Transportation.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Department of Transportation (successor agency)

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Highways at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit: <https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class10>.

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