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Abstract

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Creator

Bodell, Dorothy H., 1931-2008

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0.6 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

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Historical Note

The "Smart" Road is a project designed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to build a roadway as a direct link between Blacksburg and Roanoke, Virginia. The roadway was deemed necessary to alleviate congestion on the existing Route 460, particularly the portion that travels from Interstate 81 through Christiansburg to Blacksburg. The roadway would also serve as a test site for IVHS, or Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems, "smart highway" technology. It was originally proposed that the roadway would be constructed as a four-lane facility on new alignments from I-81, approximately one mile north of its intersections with State Route 641, to the intersections of U.S. Business and Bypass Routes 460. The proposed highway would pass through the Ellett Valley of Montgomery County, Virginia.

In 1994 a citizen's advisory committee was formed to advise VDOT about the environmental and social ramifications of building the new roadway, as well as its overall design. Issues the committee investigated included how an endangered species, the smooth coneflower, would be affected by the construction of the highway; the impact on the air quality of the Ellett Valley; impact on caves and karsts in the area; the destruction of cemeteries; and the flooding potential in the Roanoake River.

Scope and Content

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Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Final Environment Impact Statement, Blacksburg/Roanoke Connector

Unit Date 1993

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Letter to Dorothy Bodell inviting her to join the "Smart" Road Committee

Unit Date 1994-12

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Phase 1 Cultural Resources Survey of the Two New Proposed Alignments for the "Smart" Highway

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Pamphlets on the "Smart" Road

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"Smart" - 060-Fol, Bike Trail Estimates

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Meeting minutes

Unit Date 1995-03-1995-11

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Project Schedule Status Screen

Unit Date 1995-05

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Property Owners Along Southern Alignment

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U.S. Department of the Interior, re: "Smart" Highway Biological Opinion

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Resolutions of the Members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the "Smart" Road

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Agricultural and Forestal Districts and the "Smart" Highway

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Air Quality Analysis, Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Fishburn Notes, Diagrams

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Concerns of the Citizens Advisory Committee about the "Smart" Road

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Newspaper clippings about the "Smart" Road

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Letters in Favor of the "Smart" Road

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Miscellaneous literature

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Email correspondence of the "Smart" Road Committee

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Special Notice and Application Form for the Department of Transportation, "Smart" Road

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Meeting minutes, information about "Smart" Road

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Meeting minutes, Proposition for "Smart" Road

Unit Date 1996-07-1996-10

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Meeting minutes

Unit Date 1997-01-1997-07

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Environmental Reevaluation "Smart" Road

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Photocopied article about "Smart" Road, Executive Summary of Response to VDOT, and Bodell's letter of resignation from the committee

Unit Date 1997

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Information about the HKD Tower Snowgun

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Phone listings of members of the citizen's advisory committee

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Southern Alignment

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