History of the Portation Project
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1971 - first written
1972 January 30 - I attempted to patent it; the lawyer informed me that nothing here is patentable; instead he “notarized” it
1973 - sent to Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications; no interest
1973 - entered “Toronto Idea” competition and displayed at Nathan Philips Square; no interest
1973 - sent to Bombardier; no interest
1980 - computer simulations programmed by Jerry Zarycki
2009 March - updated and rewritten. In the earlier version, boxes communicated with each other on wires; in this version, boxes communicate using low-power transmission.
2009 March 22 - Rhys Goldstein suggested an improvement to the direction control
2010 July 21 - submitted to Transportation Research Board; rejected on 2010 October 15
2010 - given to University of Toronto professors Baher Abdulhai and Amer Shalaby; no interest
2011 April - sent to technology writers Stuart F. Brown and Michael Moyer; no interest
2013 January - given to University of Waterloo professors William Malek, Steve Lambert, Amir Khajepour; no interest
2015 November 30 and 2016 June 11 - added artwork by Ryan Elliott
2016 September 21 - sent to Bill Gates; no reply

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