

ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2021-47

DATE: October 29, 2021
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: David Burns, Planning Analyst (david.burns@metc.state.mn.us)
SUBJECT: Functional Classification Map for Use in the 2022 Regional Solicitation
REQUESTED ACTION: Recommend adoption of the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2022 Regional Solicitation
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAC recommend that TAB adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2022 Regional Solicitation

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: The regional solicitation process is a competitive process conducted biennially in order to allocate federal transportation funds on projects within the Council’s Metropolitan Planning Area. Federal rules allow recipients of these funds to focus or target them to meet defined regional needs. Funded roadway projects are required to be on roadways functionally classified by the Council as A-Minor or Principal Arterials to be eligible for federal funds in the Regional Solicitation.

MnDOT, in coordination with the Council, FHWA, and local cities and counties recently completed a comprehensive update to the functional classification system within the Council’s planning area. Additionally, the Council has classified roadways within the A-Minor designation as per Council policy. This action will put into effect the adopted changes to the functional classification system for use in the 2022 Regional Solicitation. The map, which will be available on the Council’s website, reflects the adopted changes to the functional classification system.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) maintains the roadway functional classification system for all public roads within the Metropolitan Planning Area. TAB has delegated the responsibility of approving changes to the system to the Technical Advisory Committee except for Principal Arterials, which must be approved by the Council. The TAB adopts a functional classification map with the approved changes for use in the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The proposed roadway map fit the designation criteria of Appendix D of the 2020 update of the Transportation Policy Plan. Additionally, the map reflects the approved changes made by the TAB.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: At its October 14, 2021, meeting, the TAC Planning committee unanimously recommended that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Functional Classification map for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE SCHEDULED/ COMPLETED
TAC Planning Committee	Review & Recommend	October 14, 2021
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	November 3, 2021
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	November 17, 2021

Revised Classification

- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local

