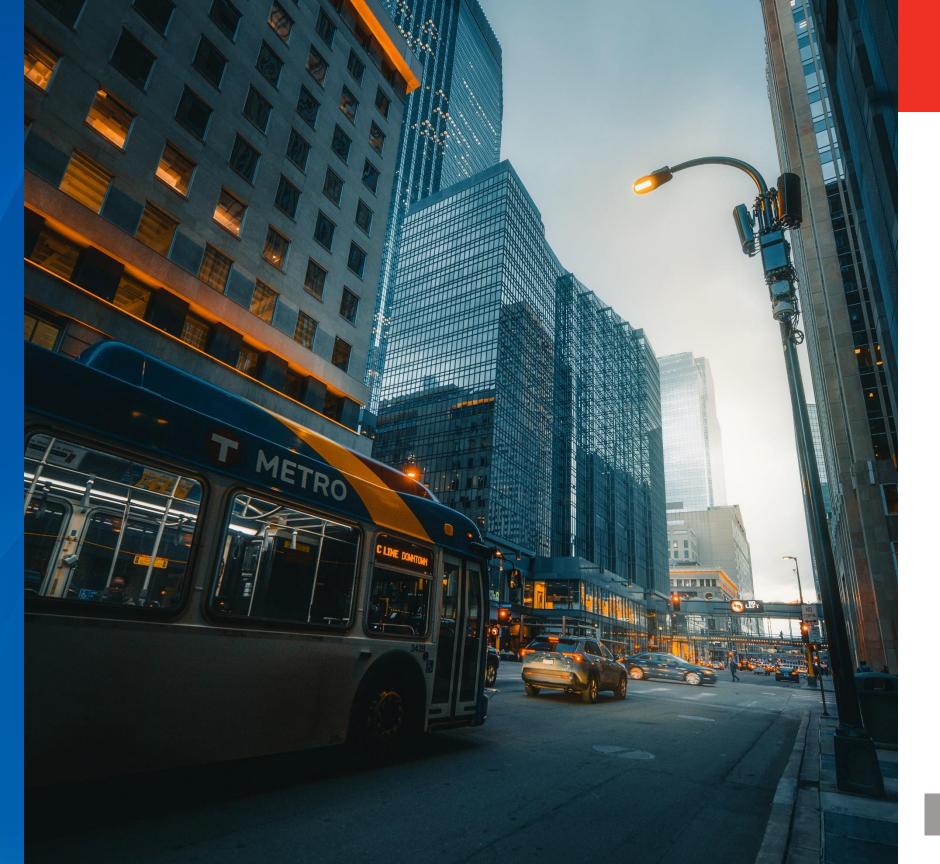
Functional Classification Study – TAC Planning



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Study Overview

Today's Presentation

- Introduction of consultant team and experience
- Study purpose
- Schedule
- Key tasks and deliverables
- Brainstorming activity process change form and Appendix D
- Current activities and questions



Study Purpose



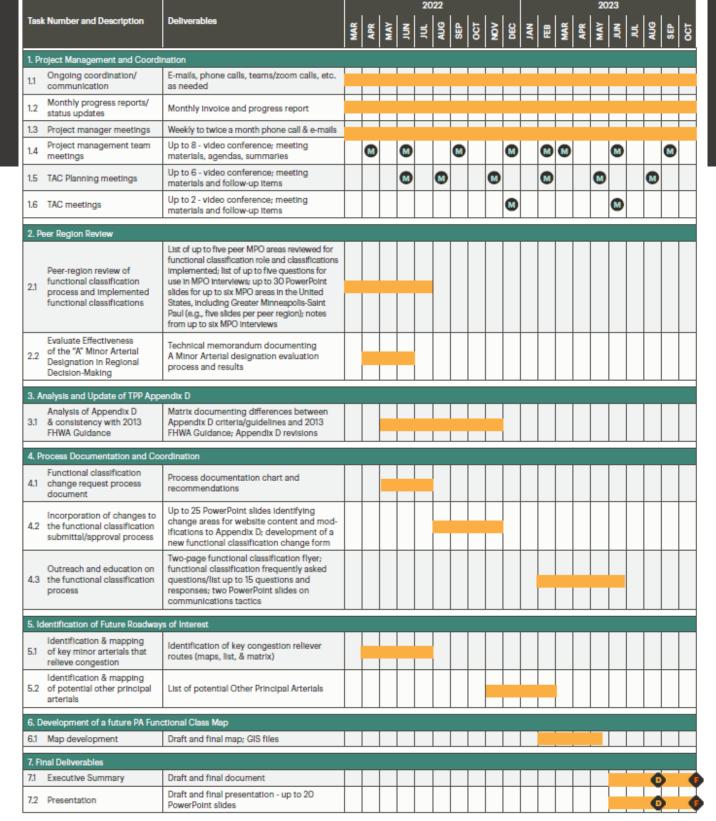
Overview

This study has been initiated to provide the framework for updating the functional classification in the Twin Cities metropolitan area so it is consistent with federal guidance and to incorporate the new framework into the Council's Transportation Policy Plan (TPP).

Establishing the framework includes thinking through and documenting how state and local agencies will identify and process potential functional classification change requests.

Development of the new framework also requires consideration of the existing A-Minor arterial network and its value to the region.

Study Schedule



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Key Tasks and Deliverables – Task 1

Project Management - 1

- Project management team meetings (6 – 8)
- TAC Planning meetings (6)
- TAC meetings (1-2)
- TAB (1)





Peer Region Review – Task 2

- Peer region review of functional classification process and implemented functional classification
 - 5 peer MPO areas
 - Baltimore, MD
 - Pittsburgh, PA
 - Denver, CO
 - · Seattle, WA
 - St. Louis, MO
 - Questions and interviews
- Evaluate effectiveness of the A-Minor arterial designation in regional decision-making
 - Technical memo

Key Tasks and Deliverables

Analysis and Update of TPP Appendix D – Task 3

- Analysis of Appendix D and Consistency with FHWA guidance
 - Matrix documenting differences between documents
 - Recommendations for changes
 - Revisions to Appendix D guidance





Process Documentation and Coordination – Task 4

- Functional classification change request process document
 - Chart of existing process
 - Identify potential changes (peer region)
 - Revise chart based on input
- Changes to the functional classification submittal approval process
 - Develop changes for Appendix D
 - Develop new functional classification change form
- Outreach and education on the functional classification process
 - Develop FAQ list regarding functional classification revision process
 - Flyer announcing changes to revision process

Identification of Future Roadways of Interest – Task 5

- Identification and mapping of key minor arterials that relieve congestion
 - Approach to this process
- Identification and mapping of potential other principal arterials
 - Review of MnDOT "other PA" list
 - Review of city and county lists
 - List of routes consistent with FHWA guidance





Development of a Future PA Functional Class Map – Task 6

- Future PA functional classification map
 - Draft and final maps
 - GIS files

Key Tasks and Deliverables – Final

Final Deliverables – Task 7

- Executive Summary
 - Draft and final
- Presentations
 - Draft and final



Brainstorming Exercise



Appendix D

- Areas of confusion for users
- Inconsistent route designations (existing principal arterials or minor arterials)
- Other concerns

Functional Class Change Request

- Frequency of use how often do you review requests? Is it centered around regional solicitation time periods or comprehensive plan updates? Other?
- Areas of confusion for users. What works well?
- Is it generally easy for people to use?
- Any complaints about form or process?
- Do people follow-up with comp plan changes?
- Any other concerns?

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Current Activities

Task Activities

- Peer region comparison
- Review of "A" system
- Document comparison FHWA and Appendix D



Questions

Any Comments/Questions?