FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) provides a framework for identifying the role of a roadway in moving vehicles through the network of highways. The FFCS groups roadways into seven categories according to the service they are intended to provide: Interstates, Other Freeways & Expressways, Other Principal Arterials, Minor Arterials, Major Collectors, Minor Collectors, and Local Roads. The FFCS is used in determining the eligibility of funding under the Federal-aid program.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont and Houston Districts are requesting to add the following two roadway segments to the Federal Functional Classification system. (Please see the attached documents from TxDOT here for more information, including maps.)

<u>Hatcherville Rd From FM 1942N to Liberty C/L</u>: Update FFCS to add Hatcherville Road in Chambers County from FM 1942 N to Liberty County Line (C/L) as a Major Collector facility.

IH 10W (Eastbound and Westbound) Frontage Roads between FM 359 and Cane Island Parkway: Update FFCS to add IH 10W Frontage Roads eastbound for 4.0 miles from FM 359 to Pederson Road as well as westbound for 5.56 miles from the Waller County/Fort Bend County Line to FM 359 as Major Collector facilities.

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution 2024-16.





APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEAUMONT AND HOUSTON DISTRICTS TO ADD PROPOSED HATCHERVILLE ROAD FROM FM 1942N TO LIBERTY COUNTY LINE AND PROPOSED IH 10W EASTBOUND FROM FM 359 TO PEDERSON ROAD AND PROPOSED IH 10W WESTBOUND FROM FORT BEND COUNTY LINE TO FM 359 TO THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFCATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Chambers County is proposing to reconstruct Hatcherville Road from FM 1942N to Liberty County Line as a reconstruction of the existing 2-lane roadway; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT Houston District is proposing to construct IH 10W eastbound and westbound frontage roads from FM 359 to Cane Island Parkway as 2-lane frontage roads on new location; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Hatcherville Road from FM 1942N to Liberty County Line is proposed to be added to the federal functional classification system as a major collector; and

WHEREAS, the proposed IH 10W eastbound frontage roads from FM 359 to Pederson Road and IH 10W westbound frontage roads from Fort Bend County Line to FM 359 is proposed be added to the federal functional classification system as a major collector; and

WHEREAS, the proposed functional classification designations for Hatcherville Road from FM 1942N to Liberty County Line as well as the IH 10W eastbound frontage roads from FM 359 to Pederson Road and IH 10W westbound frontage roads from Fort Bend County Line to FM 359 are consistent with FHWA Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA THAT THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEAUMONT DISTRICT AND HOUSTON DISTRICT REQUEST TO ADD THE PROPOSED HATCHERVILLE ROAD FROM FM 1942N TO LIBERTY COUNTY LINE AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED IH 10W EASTBOUND FROM FM 359 TO PEDERSON ROAD AND PROPOSED IH 10W WESTBOUND FROM FORT BEND COUNTY LINE TO FM 359 BE ADDED TO THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AS MAJOR COLLECTOR DESIGNATIONS.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of June 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman Transportation Policy Council ATTEST:

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary Transportation Policy Council