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Re: Mn/DOT 2009 Functional Classification Update

Dear Mr. Sorel:

We have reviewed the maps and tables describing the Minnesota Roadway Functional Classification System that were provided to us with Mr. Sorel's August 21, 2009 letter. This recent submittal and information will replace the former 1993 system of record within Minnesota. We hereby approve this submittal as the current Minnesota Highway Functional Classification System for the purposes of planning, and as the basis for Federal-aid eligibility.

We appreciate the efforts of the Minnesota Functional Classification Update Advisory Committee in undertaking this comprehensive review. We also acknowledge the work of this group in providing direction on the application of FHWA's Guidance on Highway Functional Classification. We note the prevalence of your adherence to these guidelines; however we encourage you to look for mileage decreases within the statewide urban collector system, in order to comply with existing guidance of not exceeding 10.0%. This most recent Functional Classification submittal identifies 11.3% of the total mileage on the urban collector system.

We note that the public road mileage has also been revised during this update to the overall State and local highway system. We commend your implementation of a new process for documenting these changes and for recording any future Functional Classification changes in a timely manner. We anticipate that an electronic process to complete future changes can be documented and implemented in this current calendar year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-291-6109 or Jerry Liibbe at 651-291-6111.

Sincerely,

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Minnesota Department of Transportation

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February 24, 2010

Minnesota County Engineers Association
City Engineer Association of Minnesota

RE: Mn/DOT Functional Classification Update

Dear MN County and City Engineers,

The FHWA has approved the Minnesota Roadway Functional Classification Update as of February 9, 2010. As stated in the accompanying approval letter from FHWA the Functional Classification system is used for the purpose of planning and is the basis for eligibility for Federal Aid highway funds. While the Functional Classification system should be generally stable, there is opportunity to modify the current system using the change process outlined at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/functionalclass.html> should significant changes to the function of the road occur. Please continue to work with your RDC and/or MPO should modifications to roadway functional classification become necessary.

The National Weather service is forecasting a high probability of spring flooding in parts of Minnesota. Functional Classification will be used by the FHWA to determine eligibility for Federal Emergency Relief funds should roads be damaged by flooding or other natural disaster.

The maps and data of the approved Minnesota Functional Classification system are located at:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/functionalclass.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Abby McKenzie'.

Abby McKenzie, Director

Office of Capital Programs & Performance Measures

Enclosure: FHWA Letter

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cc: MPO Directors, RDC Directors, DSAE, District Engineers, District Planners, John Lindemer, Shawn Chambers, Patty Elness, Ed Idzorek, Rick Kjonass, Bob Hofstad, Jonette Kreidelweiss, Peter Morey, Thomas Martin, Dave Janisch, Teresa Chapman

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