



FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to implement Board policy 4060 authorizing the Director to functionally classify roads and streets and maintain a statewide map identifying urban limits.

Legal Authority:

- Idaho Code 40-310(1) - The Board shall determine which highways in the state, or sections of highways, shall be designated and accepted as a part of the State Highway System.
- Idaho Code 40-310(3) - The Board has authority to abandon any highway and remove it from the State Highway System.
- Idaho Code 40-310(6) – The Board shall cause to be made and kept; surveys, studies, maps, plans and specifications for state highways, and so far as practicable, of all highways in the state.
- Federal Highways Administration Manual of Functional Classification (2013) - each state Transportation Department should be responsible for maintaining the official functional classification designation of all roads (state and local) within the State.

Establishing or revising functionally classified roads and streets, and maintaining a statewide map identifying urban limits shall be coordinated by the Division of Engineering Services Administrator or designee.

Functional classification and urban limit procedures shall be contained within the Idaho Transportation Department Systems Manual. Procedures shall be established covering the following:

- Coordination of functional street systems with appropriate state and local comprehensive and transportation plans;
- Public hearings to provide for input on systems establishment or modification (optional - based on need as determined by local jurisdictions). The following entities have responsibility for conducting hearings:
 - *Rural Systems* - Agency having jurisdiction over affected road segment
 - *Urban Systems* - City (non-urbanized), County, Highway District, or
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization (urbanized), or
 - Coordinated effort thereof;
- Documentation required in support of any new or revised boundary or system.

The Division of Engineering Services Administrator or designee shall ensure that proposals submitted by local entities comply with applicable federal and state regulations and guidelines before submitting the proposals to FHWA for concurrence. When input is not received from local jurisdictions, the Division of Engineering Services Administrator or designee shall establish urban limits and functional classifications to meet FHWA requirements. District Engineers are responsible for Department approval of the functional classification system map for urbanized and urban areas, as well as rural local systems.

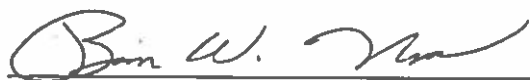
To provide for a functionally classified system covering a planning horizon of five to ten years, the following activities shall be accomplished:

- **Local Major Update** - After each census, the local functional classification system shall be reviewed and updated to reflect anticipated functional usage with a ten-year target date. The Division of Engineering Services shall prepare initial update proposals and transmit them to local jurisdictions and to the corresponding District.
- **The State Highway System shall be reviewed on at least an annual basis.**
- **Special Cases** - If a request is made to revise the current approved system, revisions shall be made on a case-by-case basis. A local highway jurisdiction may request a change by contacting the District Engineer or the Division of Engineering Services Administrator.
- **Designated Alignments for State Highways** – When a project expanding the state highway system enters the Idaho Transportation Investment Program, such location shall receive classification based on anticipated future use of the facility. The location shall then be shown with the new classification in the linear referencing system and on the official functional classification maps. Funding sources for interim projects on the existing route should reflect the anticipated future functional classification of the existing route.

The linear referencing system shall serve as the official record of approved functional classification designations and urban limits.

Revisions to the functional classification of the State Highway System shall be consistent with the approved Corridor Plan when one has been completed, and coordinated with the highway access control plan, and other applicable transportation plans.

The Division of Engineering Services Administrator or designee shall present an updated functional classification map of the State Highway System to the Board for approval in June of each year.



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