AGENDA ITEM

DATE: 29 October 2012
SUBJECT: Functional Classified Highway Network
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BACKGROUND: Federal law requires each state to have a Functional Classified Highway Network. This network shows all highways of statewide significance. Highways include Interstates, Freeways, Expressways, Principal Arterials, Minor Arterials, Collectors, and Minor Collectors (in rural areas). Additions and changes to the network can occur annually, but usually with the release of the decennial census, updates happen every 10 years. Only highways on this system are eligible for federal transportation funds.

IMPORTAND NOTE: The Statewide Functional Classification Highway Network will not reflect every municipal transportation map. Each jurisdiction creates their transportation map showing the level of importance of each road in relation to their local setting. What is an Arterial in one town, is considered a Collector in another, and might be a local road in another. Federal Guidelines outline what the Functional Classification Highway Network should be; basically it is the regional network or significant highways.

PROCESS: UDOT manages the process of updating the network. Mountainland staff works with the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to review the current map and makes suggestions of additions and changes. UDOT reviews these changes to certify they meet federal guidelines. FHWA approves the final map submitted by UDOT.

CHANGES TO MAP FROM LAST REVIEW: MPO staff has been working with UDOT over the last year to update the map with the proposed corridors that the MPO TAC Committee reviewed in Oct 2012. During this time a change to the rules of allowing minor collectors in urban areas was discovered. Prior to this process, minor collectors were only allowed in the rural areas of the state (basically none in Utah County). The proposed map has on it proposed minor collectors that were added to the county.

RECOMMENDATION: MPO staff recommends that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee review and approve the proposed changes and additions to the Functional Classification System in Utah County.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee approve the changes and additions to the Functionally Classified Highway Network Map.

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ATTACHMENT: Functional Classification Maps (4)