

AGENDA ITEM #8: REVISING FUNCTIONAL CLASS DESIGNATIONS

SUBJECT:

HRTPO staff has compiled TTAC functional class recommendations submitted in response to VDOT's December 27, 2012 draft revision to all functional class (FC) systems.

BACKGROUND:

September 2012:

- VDOT submitted Principal Arterial (PA) system changes to FHWA.
- FHWA released NHS maps reflecting the PA changes submitted by state DOTs.

October 2012 TTAC meeting, HRTPO staff:

- Reviewed FHWA FC guidelines and FC recommendations HRTPO staff made in 2006.
- Examined high-volume Minor Arterials and existing classification maps for gaps.
- Prepared recommended additions to region's PA system and presented to TTAC.
- Following the October 2012 TTAC meeting, HRTPO staff reviewed VDOT's September 20, 2012 changes to the Principal Arterial system.

November 2012 TTAC meeting:

- Ben Mannell (VDOT) made a functional class presentation to TTAC.
- HRTPO staff recommended:
 1. Upgrades to PA status (for Warwick Boulevard and First Colonial Road).
 2. Restoration of PA status (for Virginia Beach Boulevard/Laskin Road and Military Highway).
 3. Additional minor changes to NHS maps.

December, 2012:

- VDOT submitted draft changes to all functional class systems to HRTPO staff.
- HRTPO staff prepared the VDOT files for easy consumption by TTAC, e.g. adding "From" and "To" for certain segments.

January, 2013:

- HRTPO staff distributed VDOT's December 27, 2012 draft changes to TTAC members for review.
- HRTPO staff compiled comments from TTAC members.

February 2013:

- HRTPO staff presented the compiled TTAC comments and collected additional comments at the February TTAC meeting.
- HRTPO staff prepared maps reflecting the TTAC recommendations.

The following map documents are enclosed for your review prior to the meeting:

- 1) "2005 Functional Classification" (VDOT)
- 2) "Draft 3-6-13 TTAC Functional Class Recommendations" (HRTPO)

Enclosure 8-A – 2005 Functional Classification

Enclosure 8-B – Draft 2013 TTAC Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve enclosed TTAC functional class recommendations for HRTPO Board consideration and submittal to VDOT.