

9A. 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 Federal Functional Classification system is used in determining the eligibility of funding under the Federal-aid program. Please find the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures [here](#).

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.)

Hatcherville Rd From FM 1942N to Liberty C/L: Update FFCS to add Hatcherville Rd in Chambers County from FM 1942 N to Liberty C/L as a Major Collector facility. Based on the attached request, 8,000 vehicles/day use Hatcherville Rd. Based on the Chambers County Thoroughfare plan currently under development proposes to extend Hatcherville Rd to SH 99 just north of the county line to relieve congestion on SH 146 and FM 1942. The Hatcherville Rd reconstruction project (MPOID 19078) between FM 1942 and Liberty C/L selected by TPC under "0-2" year carry over balance spend down projects in December 2023 is included in the current TIP in fiscal year 2024.

IH 10W (Eastbound and Westbound) Frontage Roads between FM 359 and Cane Island Parkway: Update FFCS to add IH 10W Frontage Roads between FM 359 and Cane Island Parkway as Major Collector facilities. The proposed new IH 10W frontage roads construction projects (MPOIDs 19023&19024) selected for funding by the TPC under Regional Goods Movement Investment Category in December 2023 are included in the current TIP in fiscal year 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED

Information and Discussion only.