

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL

No. 2010-61

DATE: October 6, 2010
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: 2011 Regional Solicitation: Revising the Regional Functional Classification System for Highways

MOTION: That the TAB initiates a process to re-conceptualize the functional classification system after development of the 2011 Regional Solicitation has concluded.

DISCUSSION: It has been twenty years since the Transportation Advisory Board adopted the "A" Minor Arterial system and it may be time to evaluate and revise its functional classification system. Now would be a wise time to begin to re-evaluate the system since the policy context is different today.

This project would require a substantial amount of time and effort that is not available prior to the adoption of the 2011 Regional Solicitation. Such an effort would likely be led by the TAB Policy and TAC Planning Committees and would need to involve a study of the existing functional classification system and how past federally-funded projects have performed at meeting their intent. It would also be an opportunity to re-evaluate roadway definitions and their alignment with current policy directions taking into account shifting geographic and development conditions.

The TAC Planning Committee could initiate this work at the beginning of 2011. The new functional classification system should be adopted by spring of 2012 to allow enough time to revise the Regional Solicitation for 2013.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Funding and Programming Committee	Review and Recommend	September 16, 2010
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	October 6, 2010
TAB Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Approve	

