Subject: **INFORMATION:** FHWA Functional Classification Guidelines, 2013 Edition – Your Further Distribution To States And MPOs Is Requested

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The new document incorporates the results of a detailed study on the state of the practice, the classification of Principal Arterial – Other Freeways and Expressways in rural areas, the distinction between Major and Minor Collectors, target percentages for system extent and travel, and the adjustment of Census urban area boundaries (urbanized areas and small urban areas).

The attached outline depicts the changes between the 2013 edition and the 1989 edition section by section. For further information contact Spencer Stevens (Office of Planning) at 202-366-0149 spencer.stevens@dot.gov or Joseph Hausman (Office of Policy) at 202-366-5047 joseph.hausman@dot.gov.

Attachment

Section 1 – Introduction

- Background and introduction of the seven functional classes

Section 2 – Concepts

- Functional classification concepts
- Other important factors related to functional classification
- Importance of system continuity

Section 3 – Criteria

- Definitions and characteristics
- A real world example
- Revised VMT and mileage guidelines

Section 4 – Procedures

- Identifying the functional classification of a roadway network
- Good practices
- Geographic information systems (GIS)
- Partners in the functional classification process
- Suggested procedural tasks

Section 5 – Applications

- Secondary functional classification uses
- Relationship between functional classification and design
- Emerging/other functional classification systems

Section 6 – Urban Boundaries

- Defining urban and rural
- Relationship to functional classification
- Developing adjusted urban area boundaries
- Procedural tasks for adjusted urban area boundaries