



RESOLUTION 2020-8

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization was established to identify and support the implementation of regionally significant transportation projects to address future mobility needs of the Waco Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board is composed of representatives appointed by the elected City Councils and Counties located within the jurisdiction of the MPO as well as the Texas Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the National Highway System (NHS) is a network of major roadways critical to the regional, statewide, and national movement of people and goods designated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in coordination with local officials,

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Connector system identifies the most direct access route between the NHS and major intermodal facilities, as defined by FHWA in Appendix D to Subpart A of 23 CFR 470, and the main NHS,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TxDOT-TPP), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration - Texas Division (FHWA Texas) has completed a comprehensive review of the NHS in Texas, including the Intermodal Connectors and main NHS, to produce recommended modifications to the system,

WHEREAS, TxDOT-TPP has developed these modifications in coordination with FHWA-Texas and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization staff and Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee,

WHEREAS, the addition or removal of NHS designation from a roadway does not affect ownership or maintenance of the roadway,

WHEREAS, downgrading the Federal Functional Classification of a roadway from Principal Arterial – Other to Minor Arterial or other functional classification automatically removes it from the NHS unless it provides access to a qualifying intermodal facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICY BOARD OF THE WACO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

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That the Waco MPO Policy Board hereby supports the following modifications to the Functional Classification System and National Highway System within the Waco Metropolitan Area:

The functional classification downgrade from Principal Arterial – Other to Minor Arterial and removal from the National Highway System of the following facilities:

- US 77 (South 17th/South 18th Streets) from La Salle Ave (US Business 77) to IH-35
- FM 1695 (Hewitt Dr) from IH-35 to US 84
- Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from IH-35 to FM 3051 (Steinbeck Bend Dr)
- Loop 574 (Martin Luther King Jr Drive) from South Loop Dr (US Business 77) to IH-35
- Spur 298 (Franklin Ave) from Loop 396 (Valley Mills Dr) to US 84 (West Waco Dr)
- Loop 396 (Valley Mills Dr) from the Waco Traffic Circle to Bishop Dr
- Lake Shore Dr from Bishop Dr to FM 3051 (Steinbeck Bend Dr)
- FM 3051 (Lake Shore Dr) from Steinbeck Bend Dr (FM 3051) to US Business 77
- North Loop 340 from US Business 77 to IH-35

The functional classification upgrade from Minor Arterial to Principal Arterial – Other and addition to the National Highway System of the following facilities:

- US 77 from near FM 2837 (Rosenthal Pkwy) to the Waco MPO Boundary at the McLennan / Falls County Line in conjunction with NHS additions outside the MPO boundary.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

That all public participation requirements identified within the Waco MPO Public Participation Plan related to this action by the Policy Board were met and completed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of September, 2020.



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Chair - Waco MPO Policy Board

ATTEST:

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