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*Attachment: Functional Class Packet*

**Six roadways have a proposed change to their federal functional classifications. The Federal Functional Classification System designates Federal Aid Highways, which are eligible for federal funding. The functional classification should match how the roadway is currently used. Roadways must have a minimum classification of Collector to be eligible for federal funding.**

***The following information is a summary of the submitted application materials.***

The City of Springfield has requested the following changes to the federal functional classification system. The application is included.

- 1) **Roadway Name** – Kansas Avenue, Walnut Lawn to Battlefield  
**Current Functional Classification** – Local  
**Requested Functional Classification** – Major Collector  
**Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector

**Reasoning** – The roadway does not currently function as a local road. It functions as a collector roadway bringing vehicles from an arterial roadway and residential areas to commercial developments. Existing demand is inconsistent with current classification.

- 2) **Roadway Name** – El Camino Alto Drive, Buena Vista Street to Monastery Street  
**Current Functional Classification** – Local  
**Requested Functional Classification** – Minor Collector  
**Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector

**Reasoning** – The roadway does not currently function as a local road. It functions as a collector roadway bringing vehicles from an arterial roadway to commercial developments. There are new apartment buildings and new commercial development planned along the corridor.

- 3) **Roadway Name** - Monastery Street  
**Current Functional Classification** – Local  
**Requested Functional Classification** – Major Collector  
**Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector

**Reasoning** – The roadway does not currently function as a local road. It functions as a collector roadway bringing vehicles from an arterial roadway and residential areas to commercial developments. Existing demand is inconsistent with current classification.

- 4) **Roadway Name** - Lakewood  
**Current Functional Classification** – New Road, El Camino Alto Drive to Republic Rd.  
**Requested Functional Classification** – Minor Collector - *All*  
**Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector - *All*

**Reasoning** – These roadways collect traffic from local roads and distributes traffic to Highway 125 and should be reclassified as Minor Collectors. Additionally, these roadways provide access from the northern residential areas of the City to the schools, shops, parks, and businesses in the City.

The City of Willard has requested the following changes to the federal functional classification system. The application is included.

- 1) **Roadway Name** - New Melville Road, Rt AB to Farm Road 103  
**Current Functional Classification** – Local  
**Requested Functional Classification** – Minor Collector  
**Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector

**Reasoning** – New Melville Road connects and augments the City’s principal collector/arterial system. This roadway collects traffic from local roads and distributes traffic to Major Collectors (i.e. Hwy AB, Miller Road, and Farm Road 103) and Arterial Roadway Hwy 160. The daily traffic along this section of New Melville Road was recently counted at 1,425 vehicles per day. New Melville Road is very similar in nature to other roadways which have federal classifications as Minor Collectors.

- 2) **Roadway Name** – Knight St. – *from Rt. AB to Miller Rd.*  
**Current Functional Classification** – Local  
**Requested Functional Classification** – Minor Collector  
**Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Local\*

**Reasoning** – Knight Street connects and augments the City’s principal collector/arterial system. This roadway collects traffic from local roads and distributes traffic to Major Collectors (i.e. Hwy AB, and Miller Road). The daily traffic along this section of Knight Street was recently counted at 1,029 vehicles per day. Knight Street is very similar in nature to other roadways which have federal classifications.

**\*Staff Comments:** Knight St in Willard is not currently shown as a collector on the OTO’s Major Thoroughfare Plan. Staff believes Knight St meets the requirements of a collector and will address the MTP inconsistency as it updates the entire MTP in the coming months.

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The public comment period will end at 5 p.m. on January 19, 2022. After reviewing recommendations and public comments, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the changes at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 2022, at noon, at 2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807.

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