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Attachment: Functional Class Packet

Two roadways have a proposed change to its federal functional classification. 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 Ozarks Transportation Organization has requested the following changes to the federal functional classification system.

- 1) **Roadway Name** – West Ave., US 60 to Miller Rd
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector

Reasoning – This short segment of West Ave provides a connection between US 60 and Miller Road, an important east/west corridor in Republic. Residents along Charles St and Miller Road can access US 60 from West Ave. Previously, Miller Rd connected to US 60 0.17mi to the west of West Ave, but this connection was removed with the expansion of US 60. West Ave now serves as the access point to US 60.

- 2) **Roadway Name** – Miller Rd., Western Terminus to West Ave
Current Functional Classification – Major Collector
Requested Functional Classification – Local
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector

Reasoning – After access to US 60 from Miller Rd was removed with previous road improvements, Miller Rd no longer met the requirements of a Minor Collector. Therefore, it is requested to lower the classification to a Local Road.

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The public comment period will end at 5 pm on January 18, 2023. 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 19, 2023, at noon, at 2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807.

For more information, contact: Natasha Longpine, Transportation Planning Manager, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3042.

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