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## MORPC adopts Functional Classifications for Area Roadways

**(Columbus - July 9, 2015)** Ever wonder what roadways qualify for federal transportation funding? Every 10 years, following the Census, adjustment to the Columbus urban area boundary are made and the Federal Functional Classifications of roadways are reviewed for needed changes due to growth, new roads and connectivity. The functional class/federal-aid highway system identifies routes eligible for federal-aid. Minor Collectors within the Urbanized Area and all Major Collectors, Arterials, Freeways/Expressways, and Interstates are eligible for Federal transportation funds.

The Functional Classification review was focused on MORPC's transportation planning area which includes Delaware and Franklin counties, Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County, New Albany, Pataskala and Etna Township in Licking County and Jerome Township in Union County. Roadways outside of this area were also reviewed for connectivity purposes.

All roads will now be classified into the following seven categories:

- 1 = Interstate
- 2 = Other Freeways and Expressways (*New category for rural areas. Under previous scheme, a rural non-interstate freeway/expressway was classified as a Rural Principal Arterial.*)
- 3 = Other Principal Arterial
- 4 = Minor Arterial
- 5 = Major Collector
- 6 = Minor Collector (*New category for urban areas. NOTE: Minor Collectors in urban areas are Federal aid eligible, whereas Minor Collectors in rural areas are NOT.*)
- 7 = Local (*Not Federal-aid eligible*)

A map of the updated Federal Functional Classifications show these systems (and the Urbanized Area boundaries) for the MORPC transportation area and surrounding areas such as Newark, Lancaster, Marysville, London, Circleville, and Ashville-South Bloomfield urban areas, and for the surrounding rural areas in Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties. The map can be found at [www.morpc.org/transportation/highway/federal-aid-highway-classification-system](http://www.morpc.org/transportation/highway/federal-aid-highway-classification-system).

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