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PURPOSE

To establish department policy and procedure relating to the functional classification of the Alaska's roads, streets, and land and marine highways.

POLICY

It is the policy of the department that public roads in Alaska, including the Marine Highway System, be functionally classified. The term "public roads" means any road or street under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel. The functional classification shall be updated periodically to reflect any changes in travel generators, economic conditions, major developments or other elements which would affect the functional classification of those routes involved. The state shall cooperate with appropriate local officials, or the appropriate Federal agency in the case of areas under Federal jurisdiction, in developing and updating the functional classification. Concurrence by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the results of or revisions to the functional classification of the public road system is required.

PROCEDURE

Functional classification changes can be initiated by Statewide Planning, Regional Planning or the Marine Highway System. If initiated by the Regions or Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS), these proposed changes are forwarded to the Statewide Planning Division. If initiated by Statewide Planning, the Statewide Planning Division will coordinate with the Regions and AMHS. The Regions are responsible for coordinating with local governments and other agencies. The Statewide Planning Division reviews and recommends functional classification changes to the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner, with budget oversight, has final authority.

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Proposed functional classifications will be evaluated according to the guidelines contained in the Federal Highway Administration Manual, Highway Functional Classification - Concepts, Criteria, and Procedures, revised March, 1989.

Statewide Planning will develop a written guideline to clarify any special situations for classifying public roads in Alaska.

AUTHORITY

Section 103 of Title 23 U.S.C, under Functional Reclassification of Highways, mandates that each State functionally classify the roads and streets in the State. FHWA provided guidance to the States in a memorandum dated February 10, 1992, to carry out that directive. In this memo, FHWA specifies that the Federal Manual, Highway Functional Classification - Concepts, Criteria and Procedures, revised in 1989, be used for conducting the functional classification. 23 CFR 470.105 also addresses the State Highway Agency's primary responsibility for statewide highway functional classification.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY

Director, Statewide Planning

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