

Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Transportation Policy Board (TPB)  
AGENDA ITEM IV  
Change in Functional Classification for FM 996

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June 25, 2010

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Recommend approval of the Functional Classification change request

**BACKGROUND:**

Functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes or systems relative to the character of service they are intended to provide.

Functional classification is used in transportation planning, in roadway design and for the allocation of state and federal roadway improvement funds. It was introduced by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the late 1960s, which developed guidelines for local governments and planning organizations to use in maintaining the functional classification system in their own jurisdictions.

Traffic patterns on a roadway and/or the roadway's functions can change over time. If the functional classification system for a specific jurisdiction is not updated on a regular basis, roadway improvements may be designed using inappropriate design standards or eligibility for Federal Funding could be at risk.

Each incorporated entity is responsible for initiating the requests to change the functional classification of its streets as necessary to be consistent with approved FHWA guidelines.

**ANALYSIS:**

FM 996 connects to FM 120 at its north end and FM 1417 at its east termini. There is a high concentration of residences on the north end of the route in the City of Pottsboro. FM 996 serves as one of the main routes for citizens on the south side of Pottsboro to commute to Sherman and Denison. FM 996 currently carries 1,000 ADT with 5.1% trucks. This roadway intersects with and serves as the collector for thirteen (13) county roads and city streets.

The TxDOT Paris District is requesting a change in functional classification for FM 996 from FM 120 to FM 1417. Due to increased traffic volumes, TxDOT proposes changing the functional classification from Rural Minor Collector to Rural Major Collector.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of a resolution in support of the change in functional classification for FM 996 for the limits shown above.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Map – Attachment "A"

<b>TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> N/A	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Staff recommends approval.
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