

AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASS (FFC) RECLASSIFICATION  
REQUEST**

**BACKGROUND:**

Federal Functional Classification (FFC) is the grouping of roadway segments into different categories according to the character of service they are intended to provide. Classifications of roadway include Arterial, Collector, and Local. A roadway's FFC carries with it expectations about roadway design, including its speed, capacity, and relationship to existing and future land use development. Additionally, it is required that roads be classified as Arterials or Collectors to utilize Federal funds.

AAMPO staff periodically reviews roadway segments in the region's road network for appropriate changes to the FFC. Now that the S Grand Ave roadway extension project is complete, updates are needed to change the FFC for S Grand Ave from Stonehaven Dr to S 16<sup>th</sup> St.

The following changes are being requested to the AAMPO region's FFC system:

Revise the federal functional classification from Future Local Arterial to Minor Arterial for the following (as shown in Attachment A):

- 0.63mi of S Grand Ave from Stonehaven Dr to 1400 S Grand Ave (Coldwater Golf Course)

Revise the federal functional classification from Local to Minor Arterial for the following (as shown in Attachment A):

- 0.09mi of S Grand Ave from 1400 S Grand Ave (Coldwater Golf Course) to S 16<sup>th</sup> St

**With the segments identified, the next step in the FFC reclassification process is formally requesting the Iowa DOT to request the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to reclassify the roadway segments.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Formally request the Iowa DOT to request the FHWA to update the FFC to Minor Arterial for S Grand Ave from Stonehaven Dr to S 16<sup>th</sup> St.

2. Formally request the Iowa DOT to request the FHWA to update the FFC to Minor Arterial for S Grand Ave from Stonehaven Dr to S 16th St, with Transportation Policy Committee modifications.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

**A recent review by AAMPO staff indicated that this segment of S Grand Ave should have its FFC reclassified due to the recent completion of the roadway extension project.**

Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted.

**Attachment A**  
**Requested Federal Function Classification (FFC) for**  
**S Grand Ave (Stonehaven Dr – S 16<sup>th</sup> St)**

