



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: March 4, 2016

RE: **Resolution No. 2016-009 Functional Classification Amendment Recommendations**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve two revisions to functional classification system, which will add 1.8 miles to the federal-aid system. Specifically, the item will approve the functional classification changes to Industrial Parkway/W. 160th Street and Wiley/Kenilworth Avenue.

The NOACA Transportation Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee recommend this action.

BACKGROUND

Functional Classification is the grouping of roads, streets, and highways in a hierarchy based on the type of highway service they provide. Streets and highways are part of an interconnected network, and each one plays a role in moving traffic throughout the system. Generally, streets and highways provide either traffic mobility or land access and can be ranked in terms of the proportion of each of those services they perform.

In June 2014 the NOACA Board of Directors approved Resolution Number 2014-025, which created a NOACA functional classification policy for the review of proposed functional classification revisions. The policy requires all proposed functional classification revisions to be evaluated thoroughly prior to making a recommendation to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Evaluation is based on guidelines suggested by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Evaluation criteria includes:

- Lane widths
- Shoulder widths
- Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)
- Access
- Speed limit
- Parallel spacing of routes
- Area type
- Percentage of mileage by functional classification (by region, by county)
- Functional classification density analysis

The City of Cleveland has requested a functional classification change for Industrial Parkway/W.160th Street between Puritas Avenue and W.150th Street; and Wiley/Kenilworth Avenue between Columbus Road and W.14th Street. Both streets are requested to be changed from local streets to minor collectors. These requests have been reviewed against the Board adopted functional classification criteria, and are recommended for revision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

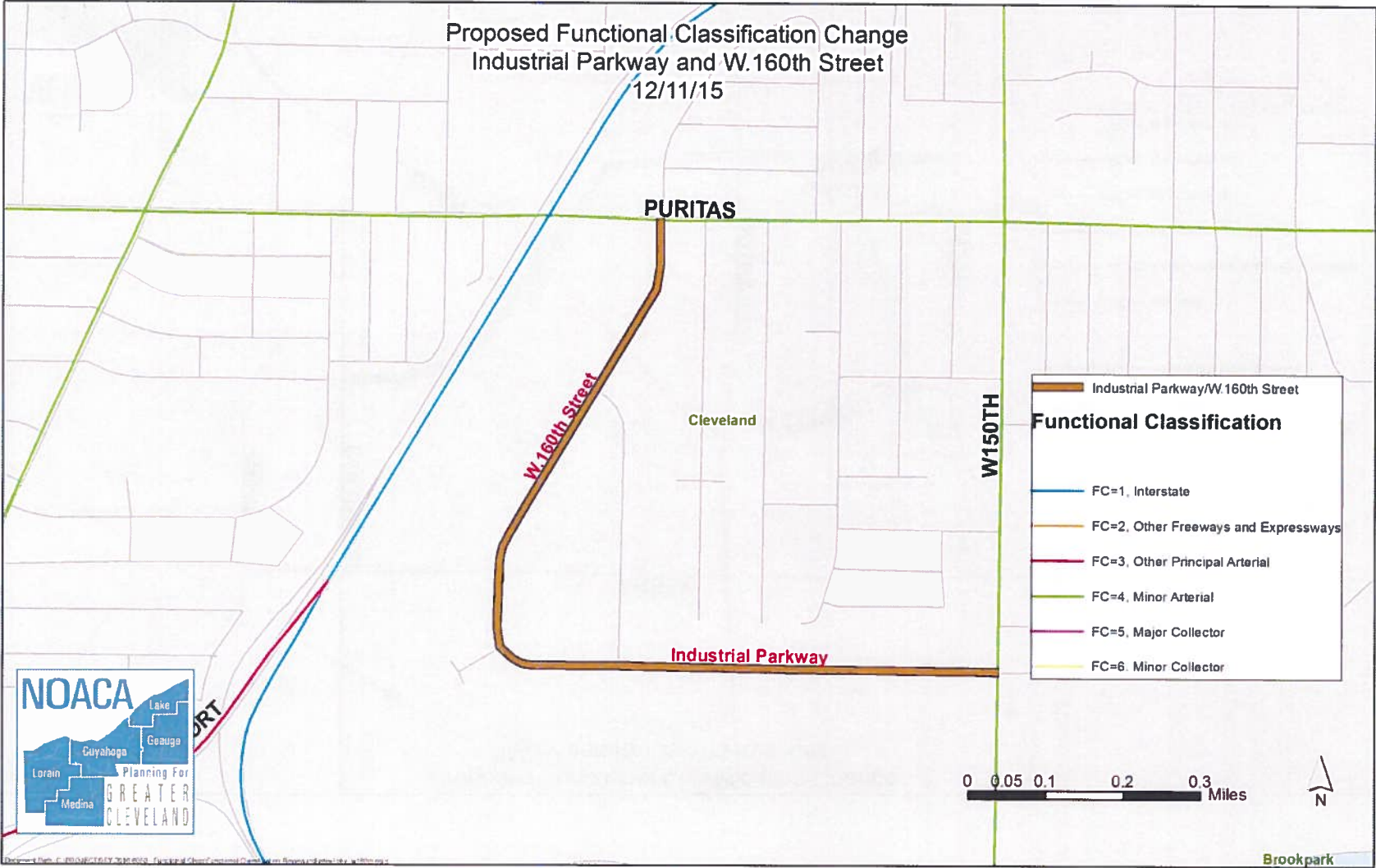
There is no immediate financial impact, however the approval of the functional classification recommendations will add additional federal-aid eligible mileage to the transportation system.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, these recommendations will be forwarded to ODOT and FHWA for further review and implementation.

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Attachment 1



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, functional Classification is the grouping of roads, streets, and highways in a hierarchy based on the type of highway service they provide; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014 the NOACA Board of Directors approved Resolution Number 2014-025, which created a NOACA functional classification policy for the review of proposed functional classification revisions; and

WHEREAS, the policy requires all proposed functional classification revisions to be evaluated thoroughly prior to making a recommendation to the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, after applying the evaluation criteria of lane widths, shoulder widths, average annual daily traffic (AADT), access, speed limit, parallel spacing of routes, area type, percentage of mileage by functional classification (by region, by county) and functional classification density analysis to the two proposed amendments, (Industrial Parkway/W.160th Street between Puritas Avenue and W.150th Street; and Wiley/Kenilworth Avenue between Columbus Road and W.14th Street). Both roadway segments are recommended for functional classification revision, which will result in an additional 1.8 miles to the federal-aid system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1: Functional classification recommendations contained in attachment 1 are approved.

Section 2: The Executive Director is authorized to submit the functional classification recommendations to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Section 3: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 11th day of March 2016.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 3/11/16