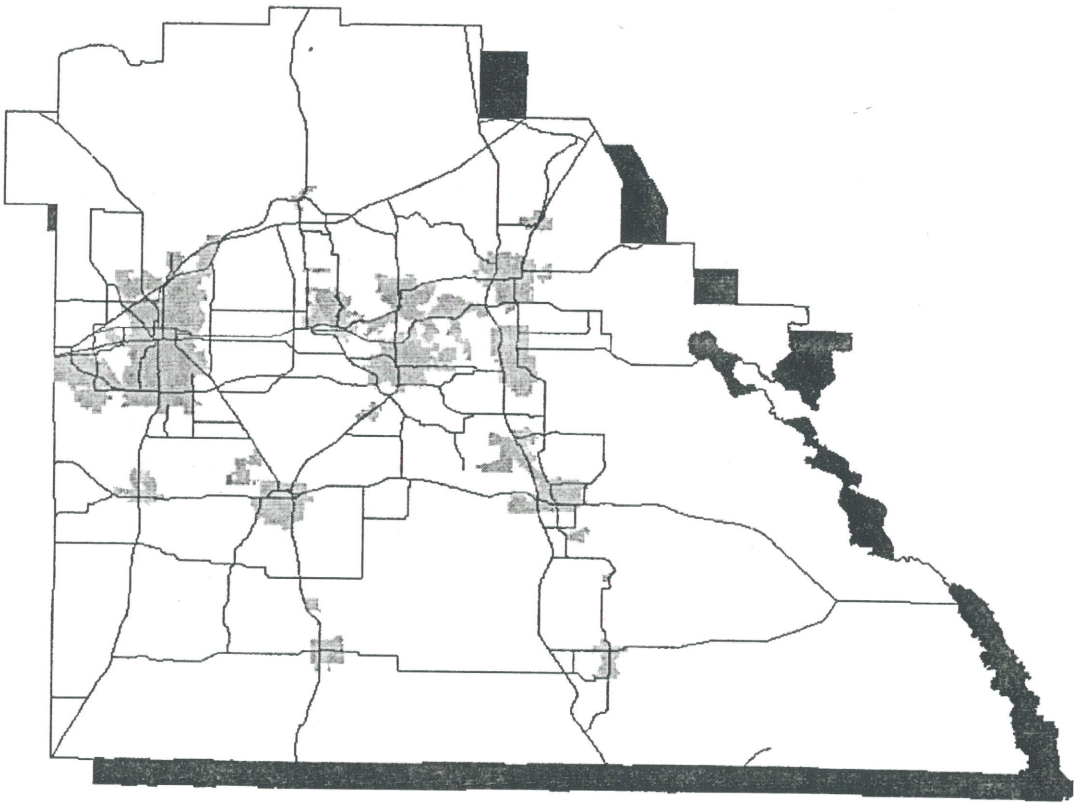


Functional Classification of County Roads



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Polk County BoCC



COUNTY ROAD FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Criteria

Functional classification is the grouping of roads according to the use they receive or how they operate within the overall road system, e.g., through-travel or access to property. Arterial, collector and local roads form an integrated system of roads. The respective classifications are used for highway design standards and land use regulations, among other purposes. The functional classification of County roads is recorded in the County Road Inventory.

The Polk County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has adopted a functional classification system and criteria for the classification of County roads. This is attached as Exhibit "A." The functional classification includes the following road classes: Principal Arterial, Minor Arterial, Urban Collector, Rural Major Collector, Rural Minor Collector, Local Residential, and Local Commercial.

The "trip purposes" delineated in Exhibit "A." are used to determine functional classification -- a road class is assigned where one or more of the listed criteria is met. The road system definitions, as well as, the volume, spacing, and mileage criteria are used as a presumptive guide in assigning functional class.

The Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) adopts and maintains the following map boundaries: Census-Adjusted Urbanized Areas and Urban Areas. For the collector road system, a road located within one of the above referenced boundaries shall be classified as urban. A road located outside these boundaries shall be classified as rural.

Process

1. The Polk County Public Works Director shall appoint a Functional Classification Committee with the following representation (# of members): Transportation Division, (2); Engineering Division, (2); and Planning Division, (1). The purpose of this committee shall be to evaluate County roads based on the criteria contained in Exhibit "A." and to recommend the appropriate functional classification.
2. The Functional Classification Committee shall develop and submit a work plan to the Public Works Director for the classification of all County roads by December 31, 1998, based on the criteria adopted as part of Exhibit "A." Under the direction of the Public Works Director, the committee shall evaluate the functional classification of all County roads as part of a systematic update. The committee's recommendation(s) on functional classification shall be forwarded to the BoCC for its review and approval.
3. On a continuing basis, the Functional Classification Committee shall meet, as necessary, and as directed by the Public Works Director, to evaluate newly constructed roads or individual existing roads. The committee's recommendation(s) on functional classification shall be forwarded to the BoCC for its review and approval.

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