

MEMO

TO: Chairperson Wetzel and Commission Members
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.
DATE: July 20, 2023
RE: Public Works Commission Meeting of July 25, 2023

Agenda Item:

- Review and take possible action: Approve revised highway functional classification map for the City of Watertown

BACKGROUND:

The State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) maintains functional classification maps for communities throughout the State showing which roads are classified as arterial streets, collector streets, and local streets. Typically, every decade these maps are updated to reflect changes due to new construction, new development, increased street use, etc. Updates to functional classification maps need to be approved at the local, state, and federal levels. Functional classification of a roadway can affect if a street is eligible to receive federal grant dollars through a WisDOT administered funding program.

The Public Works Commission reviewed the draft updated functional classification map in February of 2022 and approved proposed map changes suggested by WisDOT and the City Engineering Division. Following the passage of a resolution by the Common Council further approving the functional classification map, WisDOT forwarded the map to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for final approval. FHWA suggested that Gypsy Road in the Town of Watertown and West Street between E. Horseshoe Road and Gypsy Road be classified as local roads vs. collectors as they appeared in the revised and City/WisDOT approved functional classification map.

After an extensive review of Watertown's functional classification map with WisDOT and FHWA, the City's Engineering Division is recommending the approval of the attached revised functional classification map. The revision reclassifies Gypsy Road as a local road but maintains collector roadway status of West Street between E. Horseshoe Road and Gypsy Road. The draft resolution, table of proposed roadway classification changes, and draft functional classification map are attached for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

Review and take possible action: Approve updated Highway Functional Classification map for the City of Watertown

- Draft resolution
- Proposed table of proposed roadway classification changes
- Revised functional classification map