

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE HIGHWAY SYSTEMS FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION FOR CHARLES, FREDERICK, MONTGOMERY, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES, AND THE CITIES OF GAITHERSBURG AND GREENBELT IN MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Census March 17, 2022, notice issued decennial 2020 urbanized area information, and each State is federally directed (FHWA 23 CFR 450.312, 470.105 and 109, and guidance) to use the information and undertake a thorough update, as appropriate, of urban/urbanized area boundaries, and/or highway system functional classifications in cooperation with Metropolitan Planning Organizations and/or localities; and

WHEREAS, functional classifications of highway systems affect transportation planning in that the categories (local, minor collector, major collector, minor arterial, principle arterial, principle arterial freeway, or principle arterial interstate) are used with highway design standards, highway construction funds or maintenance payments, access management standards, traffic calming eligibility, statistical reporting, and certain outdoor advertising controls; and

WHEREAS, periodic reviews and, as appropriate, updates of urban/urbanized area boundaries and/or functional classifications of highway systems generally are warranted in concert with U.S. Census updates for urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation has proposed an update to the functional classification of highways in Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties and the Cities of Gaithersburg and Greenbelt, that reflect the 2020 Census information, and the TPB staff has reviewed and recommended approval of these updates presented in the accompanying summary maps, which are attached to each concurrence letter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the proposed updates to the Maryland highway system functional classifications presented in the attached materials.

Adopted by the TPB Steering Committee at its meeting on Friday, May 1, 2026.