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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 4A

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION MAPS

TYPE OF ITEM: Action

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This item seeks CRTPA Board approval of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Functional Classification maps.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Federal Functional Classification (FC) is the assignment of roads according to the service they provide in relation to the total road network. All roadways are examined every 10 years through a cooperative effort between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Offices and the local governments and must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

As with all communities, the transportation system will evolve in a ten-year period, and therefore, as changes occur on the roadway system, FC should be reviewed for necessary changes. Not updating this map would make roadways that have been constructed in the last ten years ineligible for federal funds should a natural disaster strike this area.

The FEMA FC does not supersede the functional classification of the roadway system as provided in any of the local government comprehensive plans (if they have separate FC maps) and is used exclusively to determine if Federal funds or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds will be used for road restoration after a natural disaster.

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION MAPS

The process of updating these maps was initiated in 2023 by reviewing the previous maps against the current conditions of the roadway system and adding roads that may not have existed in 2010. After this review, each county was provided opportunities to discuss the process, recommended changes, and receive comments on the maps for any other changes. Concurrently, discussions were being held with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 staff to ensure consistency amongst other areas in the district and state. Additionally, FDOT was meeting with staff from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review and approval of the changes to the maps. Once these changes were

agreed upon by all parties, the maps were distributed for signatures from the CRTPA Chair, the FDOT District 3 Secretary and FHWA in October of 2024.

Since the CRTPA Board did not have a meeting in October or November, and the September Board meeting had already occurred, staff discussed the maps and changes with the CRTPA Chair to ensure she was aware of the process.

The 2020 FC maps can be viewed using the following links:

[Gadsden County](#)

[Jefferson County](#)

[Leon County](#)

[Wakulla County](#)

OPTIONS

Option 1: Approve the 2020 Functional Classification Maps
(Recommended)

Option 2: Provide other direction.