

ROAD CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to state highway system classification.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies provisions related to roads included in the definition of a state highway.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

72-4-102.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **72-4-102.5** is amended to read:

72-4-102.5. Definitions -- Rulemaking -- Criteria for state highways.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "arterial highway" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

(b) "collector highway," "collector road," or "collector street" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

(c) "local street" or "local road" means a highway that is not an arterial highway or a collector highway and that is under the jurisdiction of a county or municipality;

(d) "major collector highway," "major collector road," or "major collector street" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

(e) "minor collector road" or "minor collector street" has the same meaning as provided

33 under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

34 (f) "minor arterial highway" or "minor arterial street" has the same meaning as
35 provided under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

36 (g) "principal arterial highway" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal
37 Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

38 (h) "rural area" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway
39 Administration Functional Classification Guidelines;

40 (i) "tourist area" means an area of the state frequented by tourists for the purpose of
41 visiting national parks, national recreation areas, national monuments, or state parks; and

42 (j) "urban area" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway
43 Administration Functional Classification Guidelines.

44 (2) (a) Subject to the provisions of Title 72, Chapter 3, Highway Jurisdiction and
45 Classification Act, and this chapter, a state highway shall meet the criteria provided under this
46 section.

47 (b) The highway authorities of this state or their representatives shall cooperate to
48 match the criteria provided under this section with the state highways designated under this
49 title.

50 (c) The primary function of state highways is to provide for the safe and efficient
51 movement of traffic, while providing access to property is a secondary function.

52 (d) The primary function of county and municipal highways is to provide access to
53 property.

54 (e) For purposes of this section, if a highway is within 10 miles of a location identified
55 under this section, the location is considered to be served by that highway.

56 (3) A state highway shall:

57 (a) serve a statewide purpose by accommodating interstate movement of traffic or
58 interregion movement of traffic within the state;

59 (b) primarily move higher traffic volumes over longer distances than highways under
60 local jurisdiction;

61 (c) connect major population centers;

62 (d) be spaced so that:

63 (i) all developed areas in the state are within a reasonable distance of a state highway;

64 and

65 (ii) duplicative state routes are avoided;

66 (e) provide state highway system continuity and efficiency of state highway system
67 operation and maintenance activities;

68 (f) include all interstate routes, all expressways, and all highways on the National
69 Highway System as designated by the Federal Highway Administration under 23 C.F.R.
70 Section 470, Subpart A, as of January 1, 2005; and

71 (g) exclude parking lots, driving ranges, and campus roads.

72 (4) [~~In addition to~~] Consistent with the provisions of Subsection (3), in rural areas a
73 state highway [~~shall~~] may:

74 (a) include all minor arterial highways;

75 (b) include a major collector highway that:

76 (i) serves a county seat;

77 (ii) serves a municipality with a population of 1,000 or more;

78 (iii) serves a major industrial, commercial, or recreation areas that generate traffic
79 volumes equivalent to a population of 1,000 or more;

80 (iv) provides continuity for the state highway system by providing major connections
81 between other state highways;

82 (v) provides service between two or more counties; or

83 (vi) serves a compelling statewide public safety interest; and

84 (c) exclude all minor collector streets and local roads.

85 (5) [~~In addition to~~] Consistent with the provisions of Subsection (3), in urban areas a
86 state highway [~~shall~~] may:

87 (a) include all principal arterial highways;

88 (b) include a minor arterial highway that:

89 (i) provides continuity for the state highway system by providing major connections
90 between other state highways;

91 (ii) is a route that is expected to be a principal arterial highway within 10 years; or

92 (iii) is needed to provide access to state highways; and

93 (c) exclude all collector highways and local roads.

94 (6) In addition to the provisions of Subsections (3) and (4), in tourist areas, a state

- 95 highway:
- 96 (a) shall include a highway that:
- 97 (i) serves a national park or a national recreational area; or
- 98 (ii) serves a national monument with visitation greater than 100,000 per year; or
- 99 (b) may include a highway that:
- 100 (i) serves a state park with visitation greater than 100,000 per year; or
- 101 (ii) serves a recreation site with visitation greater than 100,000 per year.
- 102 (7) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
- 103 the department shall make rules:
- 104 (i) establishing and defining a functional classification of highways for the purpose of
- 105 implementing this section;
- 106 (ii) defining and designating regionally significant arterial highways; and
- 107 (iii) establishing an access management policy consistent with the functional
- 108 classification of roadways.
- 109 (b) The definitions under Subsection (7)(a) shall provide a separate functional
- 110 classification system for urban and rural highways recognizing the unique differences in the
- 111 character of services provided by urban and rural highways.
- 112 (c) The rules under Subsection (7)(a):
- 113 (i) shall conform as nearly as practical to the Federal Highway Administration
- 114 Functional Classification Guidelines; and
- 115 (ii) may incorporate by reference, in whole or in part, the federal guidelines under
- 116 Subsection (7)(c)(i).