

RESOLUTION 2020-14

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM (NHS) MODIFICATIONS

Whereas; the National Highway System (NHS) is a network of major roadways critical to the regional, statewide, and national movement of people and goods designated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in coordination with local officials,

Whereas; the Intermodal Connector system identifies the most direct access route between the NHS and major intermodal facilities, as defined by FHWA in Appendix D to Subpart A of 23 CFR 470, and the main NHS,

Whereas; the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TxDOT-TPP), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration - Texas Division (FHWA Texas) has completed a comprehensive review of the NHS in Texas, including the Intermodal Connectors and main NHS, to produce recommended modifications to the system,

Whereas; TxDOT-TPP has developed these modifications in coordination with FHWA-Texas and the staff of the three former MPOs that now comprise the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (RGVMPO) staff,

Whereas; the addition or removal of NHS designation from a roadway does not affect ownership or maintenance of the roadway,

Whereas; downgrading the Federal Functional Classification of a roadway from Principal Arterial – Other to Minor Arterial or other functional classification automatically removes it from the NHS unless it provides access to a qualifying intermodal facility,

Now therefore be it resolved, that RGVMPO supports the following modifications to the Functional Classification System and NHS:

- Old Port Isabel Rd from SH 48 to FM 802 -Remove from NHS & agree w/downgrade to minor arterial
- Price Rd from BUS 77 to SH 48 – Remove from NHS **but keep FC of principal arterial**
- SH 345 from I-69 SBFR to US 77 -Remove from NHS & agree w/downgrading to minor arterial
- Business 77 from SL 499 to IH 69 – Remove from NHS **but keep FC of principal arterial**
- FM 1426 (Raul Longoria Rd) from E Earling Rd to W Owassa Rd -Remove from NHS **but keep FC of principal arterial**
- FM 1924 (Mile 3 Rd) from SH 364 to FM 492 -Remove from NHS & agree w/downgrade to minor arterial
- FM 494 (Shary Rd) from BU 83 to SH 107 -Remove from NHS **but keep FC of principal arterial**
- FM 88 (Texas Blvd) from BU 83 to I-2 WBFR -Remove from NHS & agree w/downgrade to minor arterial
- Main St (Spur 433) from BU 83 to I-2 -Remove from NHS & agree w/downgrade to minor arterial
- Veteran's Blvd (I Rd) from BU 83 to SH 495 -Remove from NHS & agree w/downgrade to minor arterial

ADDING TO THE NHS:

1. SH 48 from FM 511 to SH 100 (15.1 miles)
2. US 281 from San Pedro Rd to FM 1577 (4.9 miles)
3. FM 509 from North of Harvest St to Business 77 (9.6 miles) – Upgrade to Principal Arterial – Other from Minor Arterial
4. US 281 (Military) from FM 1577 to CR 9000 (15.5 miles)
5. FM 1015 from Business 83 to IH-2 (0.6 miles)
6. FM 396 from South of CR 2702 (at the river) to North of FM 494 (2.2 miles)
7. FM 493 from Donna Rio Bravo International Bridge to SH 107 (16.5 miles)
8. US 281 (Military) from CR 9000 to CR 1710 (5.6 miles)

Total miles added = 70 miles

The functional classification upgrade from Minor Arterial to Principal Arterial – Other and addition to the NHS of the following corridors:

- FM 509 from North of Harvest St to Business 77

The removal of the following intermodal facility connectors from the NHS

- Port of Brownsville connector SH 48 between the entrance to the Fishing Harbor and FM 511. The roadway is being added to the main NHS.
- Rio Grande Valley International Airport Connector Rebel Dr between the Airport and State Loop 499

The modification of the following intermodal facility connectors from the NHS

- McAllen Miller International Airport connector from Bicentennial Blvd between Jackson Ave @US 83 and the Airport to Bicentennial Blvd from Wichita Ave to US 83 and Wichita Ave from Bicentennial Blvd to SH 336

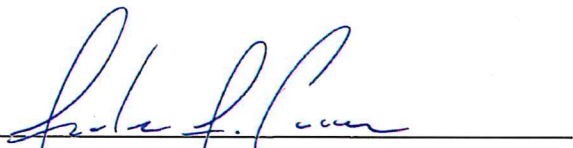
We certify that the above Resolution was Adopted on this 30th day of September, 2020, at a Transportation Planning Policy Board Meeting of the RGVMPPO.



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