

Traffic Topics Webinar

Roadway Functional Classification

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Presenter: Howard Preston

Howard is a senior transportation engineer with more than 42 years of professional experience. He began his career working with MnDOT, where he helped develop MnDOT's HSIP. Following his experience working at MnDOT, Howard has worked for private engineering companies, where he has gained decades of experience serving as the project manager on a multitude of safety projects. He has experience managing teams of transportation engineers, designers, and planners. The focus of Howard's career is highway traffic safety, as he has published research reports documenting the effects on safety associated with access management, street light installation, alternative left-turn lane designs, dynamic signage at curves, and advanced EMS technologies.

He has extensive experience helping local agencies in Minnesota, including authoring local safety plans statewide, Traffic Safety Fundamentals Handbook, pedestrian/bicycle safety handbook, sign maintenance handbook and Road Safety Audit's. Howard was the Principal Investigator for the development of the FHWA's *Systemic Safety Project Selection Tool*. In addition, he has experience working on SHSPs for Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nevada."



Presentation Overview

The presentation will provide an overview of the topic of Roadway Functional Classification. Roadways in fact serve a variety of functions, from a focus on moving traffic between places to providing access to abutting property. Understanding functional classification is an important first step in helping both describe any road system deficiencies and in developing alternative improvements. The presentation will include a description of typical system components, system characteristics and a discussion of design considerations.

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