

Functional Classification of Highways Subcommittee
of the
Standing Committees on Transportation
Final Report

The Functional Classification of Highways Subcommittee was created by the Committees on Transportation of the Sixty-third General Assembly during the 1969 interim study period. The following members of the Committees on Transportation were appointed to the Subcommittee:

Representative Richard Welden, Chairman
Senator Lucas J. De Koster
Senator Vernon H. Kyhl
Senator Elmer Lange
Representative Luvern W. Kehe
Representative Thomas A. Renda

The Subcommittee's assignment was to study House File 394, relating to the functional classification of highways, and its amendments and recommend any further amendments to improve the proposal.

The Subcommittee held two meetings on October 1 and November 17 to complete its assignment. The following guests attended one or both of the meetings to aid the Subcommittee in its deliberations:

Mr. R. L. Kassel, State Highway Department
Mr. G. W. Anderson, State Highway Department
Mr. W. G. Davison, Legislative Chairman, Iowa County Engineers' Association
Mr. R. G. Hileman, Public Affairs Consultant, Motor Club of Iowa
Mr. Tom McMillen, Associated General Contractors

At the conclusion of its study of House File 394, the Subcommittee agreed to the following general recommendations:

1. No streets or highways should be transferred from one jurisdiction to another under the provisions of House File 394, except as otherwise provided by law.

2. Dates should be established in House File 394 by which all streets and roads shall be classified, design and maintenance guidelines established, and a costs and needs study of each road and street classification completed. The completed study will be available to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly to facilitate the assignment of highways to the appropriate jurisdictions and the equitable distribution of road use tax funds.

The Legislative Service Bureau drafted and revised the recommended amendments at the request of the Subcommittee. A copy of the recommended amendments to House File 394 is attached and by this reference is made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD WELDEN
Subcommittee Chairman

HOUSE FILE 394

Amend House File 394, as amended and passed by the House, as follows:

1. By striking from page three (3), line four (4), the words "which provide secondary access to farmsteads, and".

2. By striking from page four (4), lines thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34), and striking from page five (5), lines one (1) through four (4), inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Adequate mileage shall be included within municipalities, state parks and institutions to provide for the continuity of the primary road systems and the county trunk systems. Such mileage shall be included in the total mileage of the particular primary or secondary road system and shall also be listed separately as an extension of such primary or secondary road system."

3. By striking from page five (5), line thirty-five (35), and striking from page six (6), lines one (1) through six (6), inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:

"3. File a copy of the proposed road classifications in the office of county engineer for public information and hold a public hearing before final approval of any road classification action. Notice of the date, the time, and the place of such hearing, and the filing of such proposed road classification for public information shall be published in an official

newspaper in general circulation throughout the affected area at least twenty days prior to the established date of the hearing."

4. By striking from page six (6), lines thirty (30) through thirty-four (34), inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 8. The functional classification board of each county shall submit its initial classification report, including appropriate maps, to the state highway commission not later than January 1, 1971.

The state highway commission, in consultation with an advisory committee, shall establish uniform design and maintenance guidelines for the respective classification systems. The advisory committee shall consist of two state senators appointed by the president of the senate, two state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, three persons appointed by the Iowa county engineers association, and three persons appointed by the league of Iowa municipalities.

Upon receipt of the initial reports of the county functional classification boards, the state highway commission, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall conduct a study to determine the estimated costs of administration, engineering, construction, and maintenance of the respective classification systems, based on the uniform design and maintenance guidelines.

Not later than September 1, 1971, the state highway commission shall submit a completed study of the classifications,

selected guidelines and estimated costs to the Iowa legislative council for referral to the standing committees on transportation of the senate and house of representatives."

5. By striking from page six (6), line thirty-five (35), and striking from page seven (7), lines one (1) through ten (10), inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to provide for or permit the transfer of any road or street of this state from the jurisdiction under whose control said road or street is on January 1, 1970, except that a transfer may be made as provided in section three hundred thirteen point two (313.2) of the Code or because of a change in the corporate limits of a city or town. Roads or streets established after January 1, 1970 shall be under the jurisdiction of the establishing authority."