

**§ 470.103 Definitions.**

Except as otherwise provided in this part, terms defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a) are used in this part as so defined.

*Consultation* means that one party confers with another identified party and, prior to taking action(s), considers that party's views.

*Cooperation* means that the parties involved in carrying out the planning, programming and management systems processes work together to achieve a common goal or objective.

*Coordination* means the comparison of the transportation plans, programs, and schedules of one agency with related plans, programs, and schedules of other agencies or entities with legal standing, and adjustment of plans, programs, and schedules to achieve general consistency.

*Federal-aid highway systems* means the National Highway System and the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (the "Interstate System").

*Federal-aid highways* means highways on the Federal-aid highway systems and all other public roads not classified as local roads or rural minor collectors.

*Governor* means the chief executive of the State and includes the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

*Metropolitan planning organization (MPO)* means the forum for cooperative transportation decisionmaking for the metropolitan planning area in which the metropolitan transportation planning process required by 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303-5305 must be carried out.

*Responsible local officials* means—

(1) In urbanized areas, principal elected officials of general purpose local governments acting through the Metropolitan Planning Organization designated by the Governor, or

(2) In rural areas and urban areas not within any urbanized area, principal elected officials of general purpose local governments.

*State* means any one of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or, for purposes of functional classification of highways, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

**§ 470.105 Urban area boundaries and highway functional classification.**

(a) *Urban area boundaries.* Routes on the Federal-aid highway systems may be designated in both rural and urban areas. Guidance for determining the boundaries of urbanized and nonurbanized urban areas is provided in the "Federal-Aid Policy Guide," Chapter 4 [G 4063.0], dated December 9, 1991.<sup>1</sup>

(b) *Highway Functional Classification.* (1) The State transportation agency shall have the primary responsibility for developing and updating a state-wide highway functional classification in rural and urban areas to determine functional usage of the existing roads and streets. Guidance criteria and procedures are provided in the FHWA publication "Highway Functional Classification—Concepts, Criteria and Procedures."<sup>2</sup> The State shall cooperate with responsible local officials, or appropriate Federal agency in the case of areas under Federal jurisdiction, in developing and updating the functional classification.

(2) The results of the functional classification shall be mapped and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval and when approved shall serve as the official record for Federal-aid highways and the basis for designation of the National Highway System.

**§ 470.107 Federal-aid highway systems.**

(a) *Interstate System.* (1) The Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (Interstate System) shall consist of routes of highest importance to the Nation, built to the uniform geometric and construction standards of 23 U.S.C. 109(h), which connect, as directly as practicable, the principal metropolitan areas, cities, and industrial centers, including important routes into, through, and around urban areas, serve the national defense and, to the greatest extent possible, connect at suitable

<sup>1</sup>The "Federal-aid Policy Guide" is available for inspection and copying as prescribed in 49 CFR part 7, Appendix D.

<sup>2</sup>This publication, revised in March 1989, is available on request to the FHWA, Office of Environment and Planning, HEP-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.