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ATTN: Mr. Michael J. Moriarty, Bureau Chief of Transportation Planning

Subject: FHWA Approval of Functional Classification Change

Dear Mr. Schieber:

As requested by your July 7, 2023, letter on behalf of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed and approves the submitted request for proposed changes to the Functional Classification of roadways in Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area as described in the letter's attachments.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Matthew McDonald, Team Leader for Program Development, at (785) 273-2643.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Richard Backlund, AICP
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Dear Mr. Backlund:

The Kansas Department of Transportation requests the approval of Functional Classification changes in Flint Hill Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area. These proposed changes were approved by the Flint Hills MPO Policy Board on May 18, 2023, for areas in Manhattan, Junction City/Gearly County, Wamego and Pottawatomie County. The proposed changes are minimal, but better reflect the current traffic and travel patterns. The proposed changes in western Pottawatomie County outline several segments that are updated for future planned growth.

Maps with proposed changes and location descriptions are attached. If you have any questions or comments, contact Alan Spicer or me at (785) 296-3841.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Moriarty".

Michael J. Moriarty
Bureau Chief of Transportation Planning

Attachments



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August 2, 2023

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RE: Flint Hills MPO Roadway Functional Classification Updates

Dear Mr. Spicer:

The Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has updated the Function Class map for the City of Manhattan, KS to reflect the requested changes to College Avenue. As can be seen in the attached map, College Avenue from Claflin Road to College Heights Road has been downgraded from a Major Collector to a Minor Collector. All other changes approved by the MPO's Policy Board at the May 17, 2023 meeting are maintained. The MPO is requesting KDOT's approval and for the document to be forwarded on to FHWA and FTA for their concurrence.

These updates were based upon meetings with local jurisdictions and their staffs in public works and planning. Changes, while minimal, better reflect current traffic rates and travel patterns. In addition, the western Pottawatomie County map outlines several segments that are proposed for future classification based on planned growth.

Maps of the recommended changes are attached to this letter. Additionally, GIS shapefiles are available upon request.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this letter, please contact me at (785) 620-3070 or Tremblay@FlintHillsMPO.org.

Sincerely,



Jared Tremblay
Planning Manager

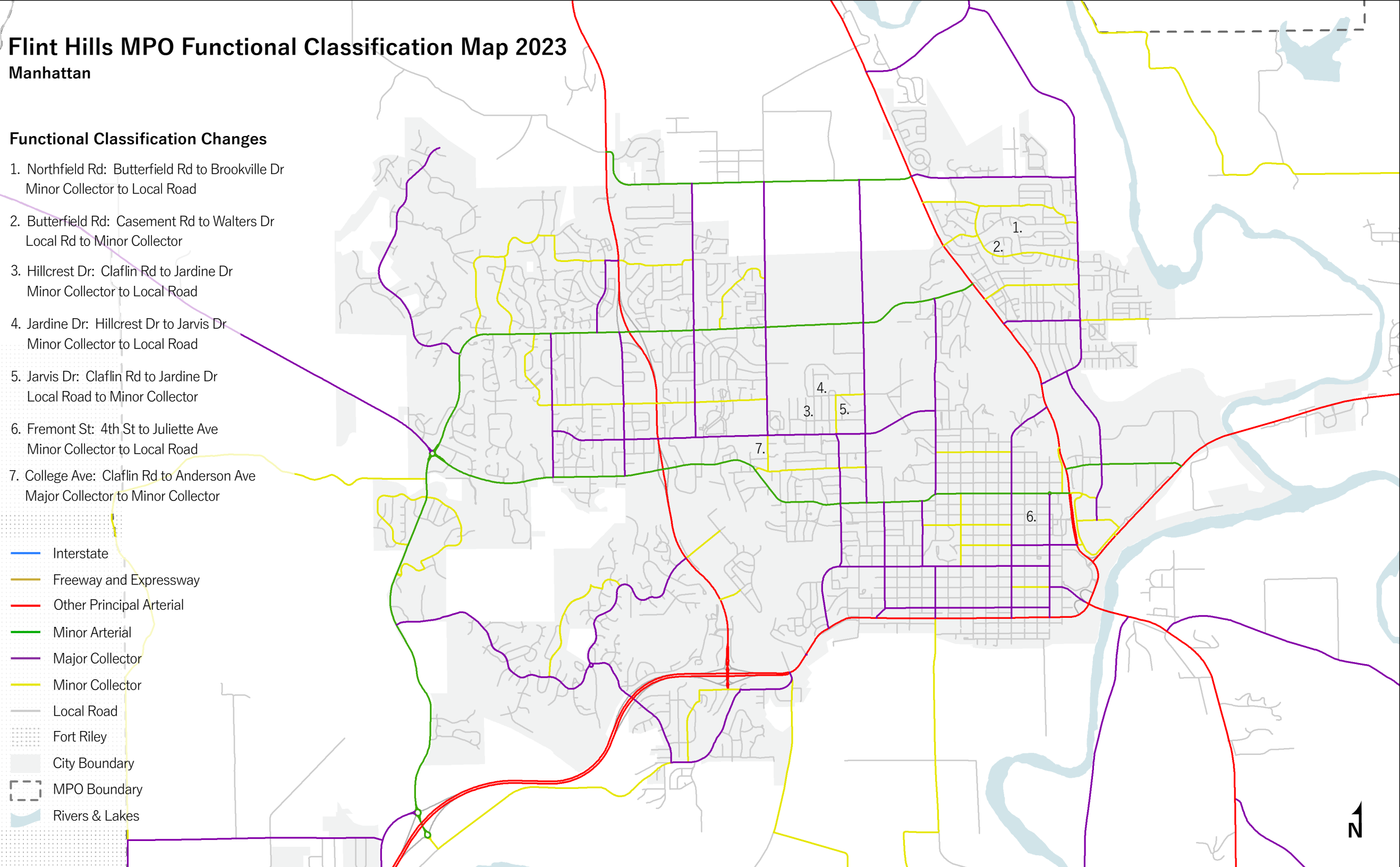
Flint Hills MPO Functional Classification Map 2023

Manhattan

Functional Classification Changes

1. Northfield Rd: Butterfield Rd to Brookville Dr
Minor Collector to Local Road
2. Butterfield Rd: Casement Rd to Walters Dr
Local Rd to Minor Collector
3. Hillcrest Dr: Claflin Rd to Jardine Dr
Minor Collector to Local Road
4. Jardine Dr: Hillcrest Dr to Jarvis Dr
Minor Collector to Local Road
5. Jarvis Dr: Claflin Rd to Jardine Dr
Local Road to Minor Collector
6. Fremont St: 4th St to Juliette Ave
Minor Collector to Local Road
7. College Ave: Claflin Rd to Anderson Ave
Major Collector to Minor Collector

- Interstate
- Freeway and Expressway
- Other Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local Road
- Fort Riley
- City Boundary
- MPO Boundary
- Rivers & Lakes



Flint Hills MPO Functional Classification Map 2023

Junction City & Geary County

Functional Classification Changes

1. Jefferson St: 18th St to 8th St
Major Collector to Local Road
2. Jefferson St: 8th St to 6th St
Major Collector to Minor Collector
3. 14th St: Washington St to Jackson St
Major Collector to Minor Collector
4. Rucker Rd: US-77 to Spring Valley Rd
Minor Collector to Major Collector
5. Rucker Rd: Spring Valley Rd to Blue Jay Way
Local Road to Major Collector
6. Blue Jay Way: Rucker Rd to K-18
New Major Collector
7. Rucker Rd: Blue Jay Way to Munson Rd
Local Road to Minor Collector
8. Munson Rd: Rucker Rd to K-18
Local Road to Minor Collector

- Interstate
- Freeway and Expressway
- Other Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local Road
- Fort Riley
- City Boundary
- MPO Boundary
- Rivers & Lakes

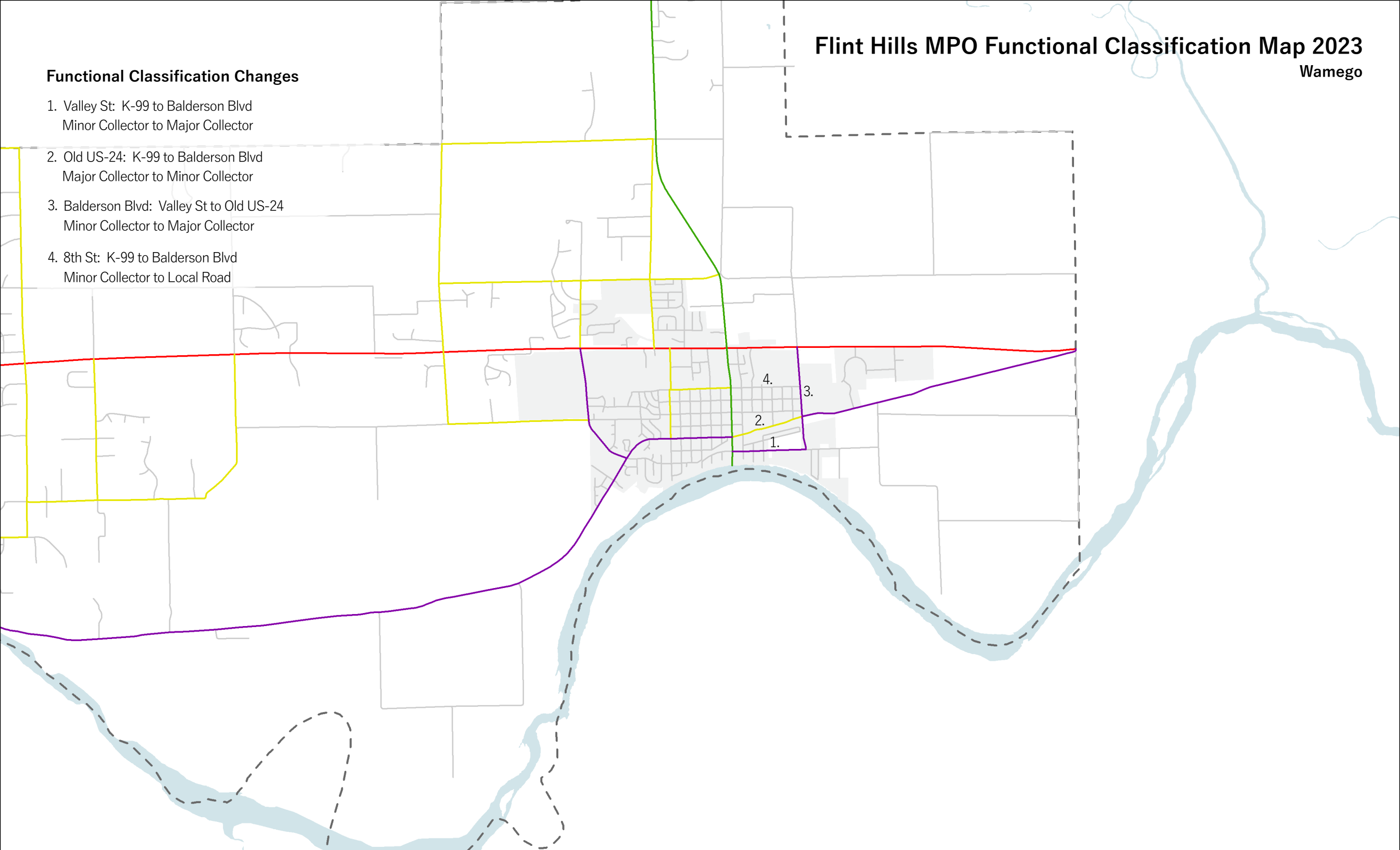


Flint Hills MPO Functional Classification Map 2023

Wamego

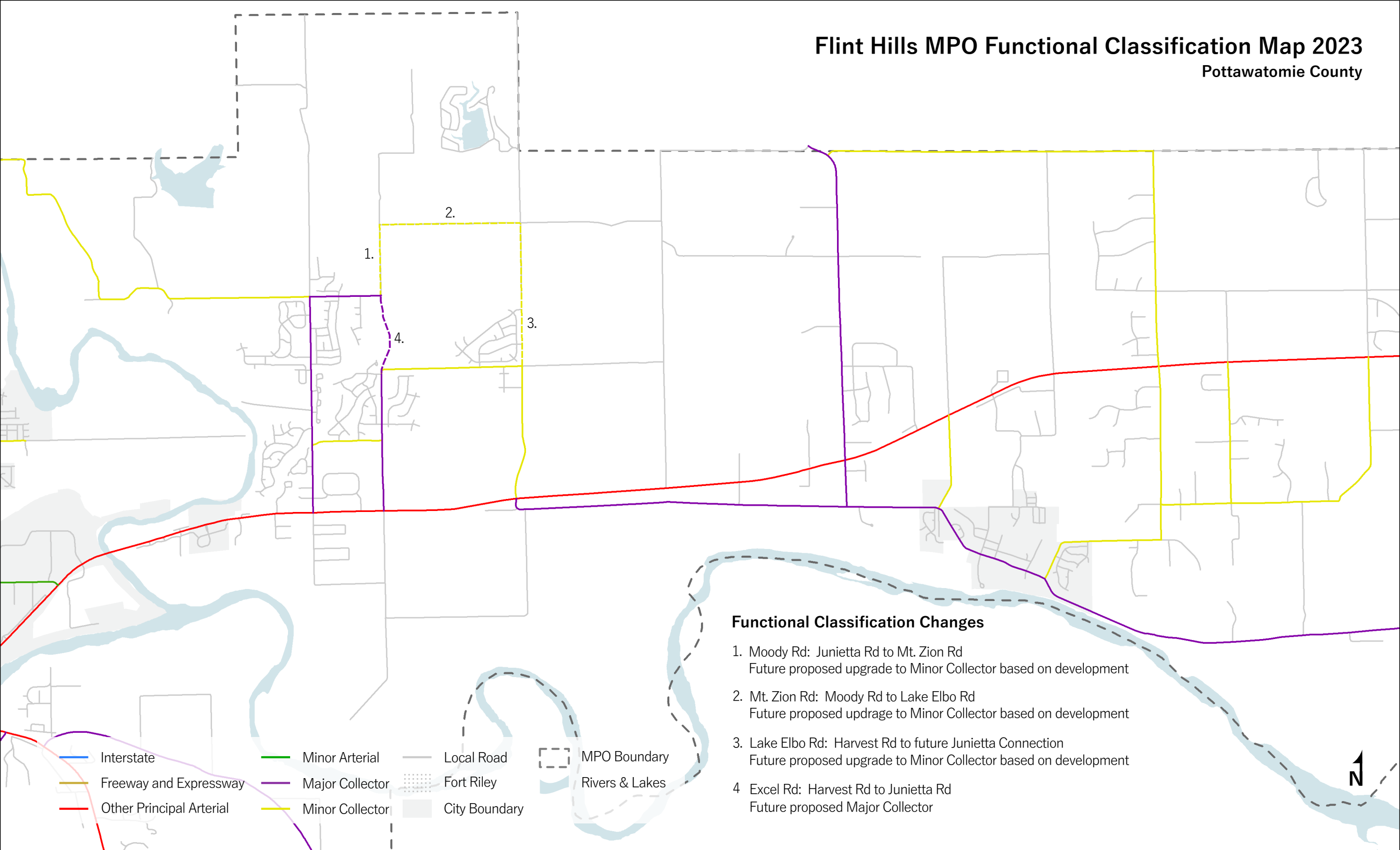
Functional Classification Changes

1. Valley St: K-99 to Balderson Blvd
Minor Collector to Major Collector
2. Old US-24: K-99 to Balderson Blvd
Major Collector to Minor Collector
3. Balderson Blvd: Valley St to Old US-24
Minor Collector to Major Collector
4. 8th St: K-99 to Balderson Blvd
Minor Collector to Local Road



Flint Hills MPO Functional Classification Map 2023

Pottawatomie County



Functional Classification Changes

1. Moody Rd: Junietta Rd to Mt. Zion Rd
Future proposed upgrade to Minor Collector based on development
2. Mt. Zion Rd: Moody Rd to Lake Elbo Rd
Future proposed upgrade to Minor Collector based on development
3. Lake Elbo Rd: Harvest Rd to future Junietta Connection
Future proposed upgrade to Minor Collector based on development
4. Excel Rd: Harvest Rd to Junietta Rd
Future proposed Major Collector

- Interstate
- Freeway and Expressway
- Other Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local Road
- Fort Riley
- City Boundary
- MPO Boundary
- Rivers & Lakes

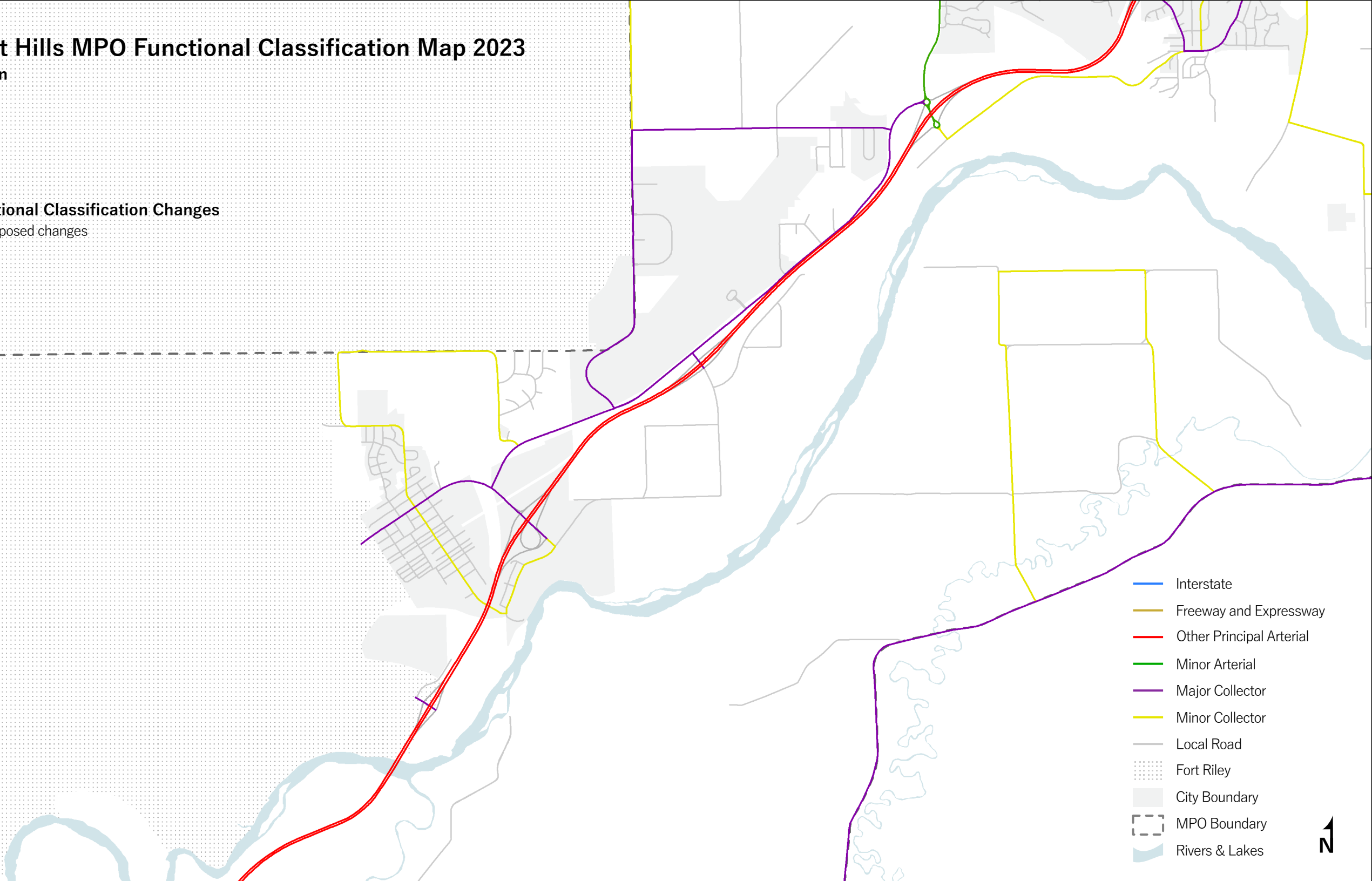


Flint Hills MPO Functional Classification Map 2023

Ogden

Functional Classification Changes

No Proposed changes



- Interstate
- Freeway and Expressway
- Other Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local Road
- Fort Riley
- City Boundary
- MPO Boundary
- Rivers & Lakes