National Highway System Review

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Introduction

- The National Highway System (NHS) is a network of nationally-significant roadways that support the movement of people and goods between population centers, international border crossings, major military installations, and intermodal facilities.

- The NHS was originally designated in 1996.

- In 2012, as part of Map-21 legislation, the NHS was expanded to include all Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) Principal Arterials not currently on the system.
Purpose of the NHS

- Brings focus on parts of the transportation system with the largest impact on the movement of people and goods.

- The NHS is used to calculate federally recognized performance measures:
  - Pavement Condition
  - Bridge Condition
  - Safety
  - Congestion
  - Travel Time Reliability

- FHWA-approved design standards apply to all projects on the NHS
Partner Agency NHS Review Process

- TxDOT Headquarters prepared a list of suggested modifications to the NHS for NCTCOG and local TxDOT district staff consideration.
- Local TxDOT districts, NCTCOG staff, and local governments are in the process of evaluating the suggested modifications and identifying potential new roadways to include.
- TxDOT Headquarters and The Federal Highway Administration will review proposed modifications.
- The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will take action on the final NHS modifications in late summer 2019.
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