

# FFY 2018 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Transportation Projects in the Northern Middlesex Region

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## *FFY 2018 NORTHERN MIDDLESEX MPO ANNUAL LISTING OF OBLIGATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS*

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## INTRODUCTION

Signed into law in 2015, the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires that the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) publish for public review an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in accordance with Title 23 of the US Code of Federal Regulations, Section 450.334. This provision is intended to increase transparency of government spending on transportation projects to state and local officials, and the public. This report helps to ensure the public has an accurate understanding of how federal funds are being spent on transportation projects throughout the region. Title 23 USC CFR 450.334 states the following:

*(a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO(s) shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.*

*(b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with §450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under §450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.*

*(c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO(s) public participation criteria for the TIP.*

This document contains a list of both highway and transit projects in the Northern Middlesex MPO region for which federal funds were obligated during Federal Fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018). The Northern Middlesex MPO has worked cooperatively with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA), and the City of Lowell to provide this information to the public in accordance with the Northern Middlesex Public Participation Plan.

## WHAT IS AN OBLIGATION?

Obligation is defined as the Federal government's legal commitment to pay the Federal share of a project's cost. An obligated project is one that has been authorized by the appropriate federal agency, and for which funds have been committed. Although a project has been obligated, the project is not necessarily initiated or completed in the program year, and the amount of the obligation will not necessarily equal the total cost of the project. For any Federal Transit Administration (FTA) project, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For FHWA projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the State/grantee requests that the funds be obligated.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN THE NORTHERN MIDDLESEX REGION

This report indicates that over \$10.8 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the region in FFY 2018. The funding consisted of \$7,927,534 of highway funding and \$2,500,511 in transit funding, as shown in Figure 1. Table 1 on the following page summarizes the highway and transit TIP project obligations for FFY 2018, detailing the total cost programmed into the FFY 2018 TIP, the Federal programmed portion, the Federal amount previously obligated, the federal

amount obligated in 2018, the obligation date and the responsible agency. A column has been provided for advance construction (AC), for those projects that cover multiple years of the TIP. None of the projects programmed in the FFY 2018 TIP used AC funds. Each project was further categorized by type, with highway and transit projects presented. Intersection projects made up the highest percentage of obligations in 2018, with projects in Lowell and Westford, making up 50% of the total federal obligation. Transit projects included terminal maintenance and purchases of new vehicles, made up 27% of the total federal obligations in 2018.

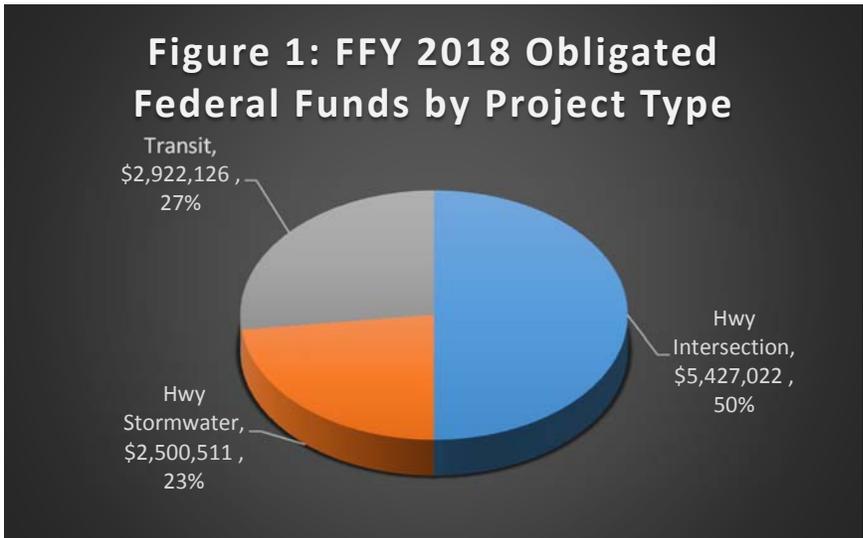


Figure 1: FFY 2018 Obligated Federal Funds by Project Type - Northern Middlesex Region

Table 1: FFY 2018 Annual Listing of Federal Transportation Obligations: Northern Middlesex Region

MassDOT ID	Community	Project Description	Total Amount Requested in FFY 2018 TIP	FFY 2018 TIP Programmed Federal Funds	Federal Funds Obligated Prior to FFY 2017	FFY 2018 Obligated Federal Funds	Obligation Date	Remaining Advance Construction funds	Responsible Agency
606189	Lowell	LOWELL-IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 38 AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS	\$4,426,100.00	\$3,540,880.00	\$0.00	\$3,921,402.53	9/12/2018	\$0.00	MassDOT
607995	Lowell	LOWELL- CHELMSFORD-STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG I-495	\$1,414,827.00	\$1,131,862.00	\$0.00	\$1,505,619.90	7/5/2018	\$0.00	MassDOT
608037	Westford	WESTFORD- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS @ GROTON ROAD (ROUTE 40) & DUNSTABLE ROAD	\$2,689,729.00	\$2,500,511.14	\$0.00	\$2,500,511.14	8/10/2018	\$0.00	MassDOT
RTD0005600	Lowell	Terminal & Building Equipment and Maintenance	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	8/14/2017	\$0.00	LRTA
RTD0005580	Region	Purchase - Capital Spare Parts	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	7/14/2017	\$0.00	LRTA
RTD0005579	Region	Short Range Transit Planning 2018	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	4/13/2018	\$0.00	LRTA
RTD0005581	Region	Operating Assistance 2018	\$7,867,207	\$1,663,686	\$0	\$1,663,686	4/13/2018	\$0.00	LRTA
RTD0006482	Region	Buy Replacement Minibuses (12)	\$776,100	\$620,880	\$620,880	\$0	12/20/2016	\$0.00	LRTA
RTD0006491	Dracut	Buy Minibus for Expanded Service (1)	\$56,200	\$44,960	\$44,960	\$0	12/20/2016	\$0.00	LRTA
RTD0005582	Region	Preventative Maintenance 2018	\$1,348,050	\$1,078,440	\$0	\$1,078,440	4/13/2018	\$0.00	LRTA