

## Summary Narrative of Amendment 2 to the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the Northern Middlesex Region

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The following summarizes a proposed amendment to Fiscal Year 2018 of the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **Amendment 2** involves the programming of a Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant award for improvement projects underway in Lowell. This project includes the construction of crosswalks and signage along the Canalway pedestrian walkway system and the repair of the Swamp Locks/Pawtucket Canal Pedestrian Bridge. These projects have been amended into the original agreement between FHWA –Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD), the National Park Service, and the City of Lowell. The agreement also included the Merrimack Riverwalk extension project FLAP award in 2014. The award amount to be programmed is \$1,292,400, with the Federal portion totaling \$1,077,000. The remaining portion (\$215,400) represents a local match provided by the City of Lowell.

The TIP is a federally mandated document that programs federal transportation funding for the region. The Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) will convene on March 28, 2018 to consider voting to release this amendment for a 21-day public review and comment period. After the public review period ends, the NMMPO will meet to consider any comments and will vote on whether to endorse the amendment.

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