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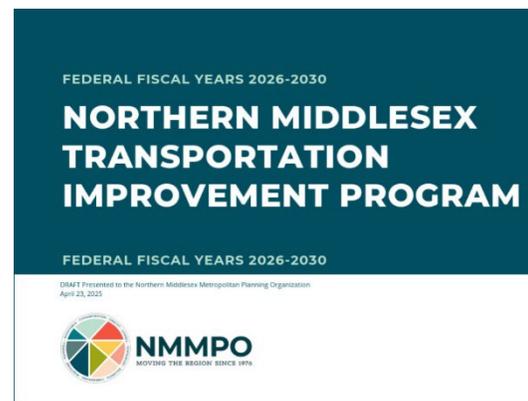
NMCOG Newsletter

May, 2025

Northern Middlesex MPO News

Review and Provide Comments on the Next Five Years of Roadway Improvements

*FFY 2026-2030 Transportation
Improvement Program public
comment period now underway*



At their April meeting, the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) voted to release the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a 21-day public comment period (closing **May 14**). The TIP is a roadmap for federally-funded transportation improvement projects within a region, detailing the projects, project costs, and the federal fiscal year (FFY) in which they will be advertised for construction.

To read the draft TIP, learn more about TIP-funded projects in the NMCOG/NMMPO region that are scheduled for construction over the next five years, and find instructions on how to provide feedback, visit

[**nmcog.org/opportunities-for-public-comment**](https://nmcog.org/opportunities-for-public-comment).

NMCOG Kicks off Greater Lowell Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

On May 6, NMCOG and project partners from Toole Design officially kicked off the Greater Lowell Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (GLBPP) with a meeting of the Plan's Advisory Committee. Committee members heard an overview of the project and timeline, public engagement plan and schedule of upcoming outreach events, and discussed project vision and goals.

To stay in the loop on upcoming opportunities to participate in the development of a regional walking, biking, and rolling network, [sign up for the GLBPP contact list](#).

Upcoming events and engagement opportunities:

- Region-wide survey: Mid-May through **June 30**
- Pop-up events: June through August
- Public workshops: **July 8** and **July 9** -- watch for a save the date soon!

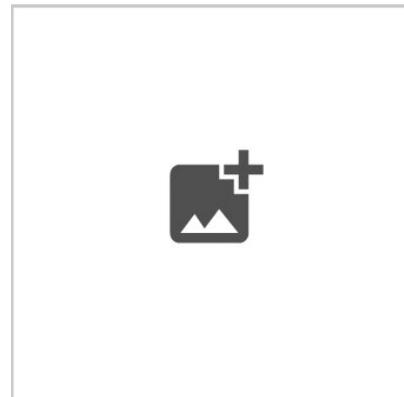
[Visit the project website for more details.](#)

MassDOT
Capital



Investment Public Meeting in
NMCOG and Merrimack Valley
Region

MassDOT is working on developing the next Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for state fiscal years 2026-2030. The CIP describes how MassDOT plans to spend funding from state, federal, and other sources on transportation capital projects throughout the Commonwealth for the next five years. MassDOT staff are holding public meetings across the state to receive public comment on the draft FY2026-2030



CIP, and will be leading a virtual public meeting for the Northern Middlesex and Merrimack Valley regions on **June 9** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Date: Monday, June 9

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Virtual, via Zoom

Registration: [click here to register in advance](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NMCOG News

Regional Housing Services Office Making Swift Progress Across the Region

NMCOG's Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO) Pilot is off to a strong start! Building off of connections with peer RHSOs across Massachusetts, staff have completed introductory interviews and project planning with all nine NMCOG communities. RHSO staff have already begun attending local Affordable Housing Trust meetings—including in Pepperell and Westford—to help advance key initiatives. Additional meetings across the region are planned in the coming weeks. Watch for an interim report this summer outlining a framework for a long-term RHSO structure to support NMCOG communities in achieving their affordable housing goals, as well as a tracking page on the NMCOG website where RHSO activities will be posted.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

RFP Available for Storytelling Services

MCOG has issued an RFP for a consultant to lead its housing storytelling campaign as part of Phase 2 of its regional housing strategy, ***At Home in Greater Lowell***. Building on the *At Home in Greater Lowell* Part 1: Data and Strategies report, which outlines data, goals, and strategies, this initiative will bring those strategies to life by documenting and sharing personal stories of housing challenges and successes. Proposals are due by **12:00 PM on June 2**. [Download the RFP](#).

Register Today for
Northern Middlesex
Brownfields Roundtable
***Join planners, developers,
engineers, and others on
May 20 to discuss
redevelopment
opportunities***

NMCOG is partnering with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to host the Northern Massachusetts Brownfields Roundtable on **Tuesday May 20 from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM** at the Billerica

Town Hall, 365 Boston Road in Billerica. This is a great learning and networking opportunity for municipal staff including city/ town managers, economic development and planning staff, elected officials, and lenders, financiers, designers, engineers, developers, and environmental consultants to hear about funding and technical resources to address brownfields.

Date: Tuesday, May 20

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Join us for the
**Northeastern
Massachusetts
Brownfields
Roundtable**
[Click Here to Register!](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 20
9:00AM - 12:30PM
Billerica Town Hall
365 Boston Rd
Billerica, MA

Please join us to learn about
Brownfields funding, technical
resources, and opportunities for
teaming and networking.



Location: Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica

RSVP: [Click here to register today](#)

Upcoming Webinar: Understanding New ADA Title II Requirements

Join the Office of Municipal and School Technology (OMST) and the ACCESS (Accessibility Center for Consulting, Education and Support Services) Team for a free webinar on the updated Title II requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and how they impact schools and municipalities. Learn about new federal standards, timelines for compliance, and resources to support accessibility in digital content and services.

Date: Tuesday, May 20

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: virtual webinar

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)

Hear from Chief IT Accessibility Officer Ashley Bloom and the Central Accessibility Team about what the new rule means for your organization and how to get started. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare and connect with available support!

Registration Open Now for Massachusetts Housing Partnership Housing Institute

The Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) is holding its 18th Annual Housing Institute at the DCU Center in Worcester on **June 4 and**

5. This intensive two-day training engages municipal officials, employees,



volunteers, and advocates in discussion and problem-solving activities related to the development of affordable homes across Massachusetts. Programming and sessions are available in three learning tracks: Policy & Planning, Housing Development, and Outreach & Advocacy. [The full agenda is available here.](#)

Date: June 4 and 5

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: DCU Center, 50 Foster St, 3rd Floor, Worcester, MA 01608

Cost: \$100/day or \$175 for both days

Registration: [Click here for details and registration link](#)

Attorney General Campbell Issues Consumer Guide on Appraisal Discrimination to Protect Homebuyers and Homeowners

Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell has released a new [Know Your Rights](#) guide to help homebuyers and homeowners recognize and address appraisal discrimination, a key factor in the racial wealth gap in Massachusetts. The guide explains how to spot biased appraisals and how to file a complaint with the AG's Office. [Read the full article and access the guide.](#)

Learn More About Us! Attend a Board or Council Meeting

NMCOG Council Meeting

The NMCOG Council meets the third Wednesday of each month via Zoom and in person at NMCOG's office at 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, in Lowell.

Date: May 21, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

[View meeting details.](#)

Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO)

The NMMPO meets the fourth Wednesday of each month via Zoom and in person at NMCOG's office at 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, in Lowell. The April meeting will include a review of the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program and plans for tasks and a discussion of projects and tasks that NMMPO staff may include in their workplan for FFY 2026.

Date: May 28

Time: 2:00 PM

[View meeting details.](#)

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