

Summary Narrative of Amendment 3 to the FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program for the Northern Middlesex Region

Introduction and Overview

The following table summarizes Amendment #3 to Fiscal Year 2025 of the FFY 2025-2029 Northern Middlesex Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #3 involves the removal of a project that did not secure funding through a discretionary grant application. To address the funding shortfall, a new project addressing LRTA facility improvements using 5307 formula funds and transportation development credits is being programmed on the TIP.

The proposed amendment will be released for a 21-day public comment period at the February 26, 2025, NMMPO meeting. If released, a public comment meeting will be held on March 5, 2025 at 12:00pm via Zoom. The public is invited to comment on this amendment by email to publiccomments@nmcog.org or by mail to NMCOG, 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 01854. Following the public comment period, the NMMPO will meet to consider endorsement of the amendment.

Table of Proposed Changes to the FFY 2025 LRTA TIP Program of Projects

TIP Project	Description	Funding Source	Former Value	New Value	Variance
LRTA011776	Maguire & paratransit maintenance facility improvements	Fed: Planned Discretionary 5339b	\$2,880,000	\$0	- \$2,880,000
		State: Planned Discretionary RTACAP match	\$720,000	\$0	- \$720,000
LRTA012010	LRTA Facilities Improvements	Fed: 5307	\$0	\$2,000,000	+ \$400,000
		State: Transportation Development Credits	\$0	\$400,000	+ \$400,000
	TOTAL		\$3,600,000	\$2,400,000	- \$1,200,000

Detailed List of Proposed Changes

- LRTA011776 – Maguire & Paratransit Maintenance Facility Improvements:**
This project was originally programmed as a placeholder to assist MassDOT in planning for potential future matching funds for LRTA, contingent on a competitive federal Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant (5339(b)). Since LRTA did not receive the expected

federal grant, it is necessary to remove this placeholder to more accurately reflect current funding availability.

2. LRTA012010 – LRTA Facilities Improvements:

LRTA is adding formula funds as facilities improvements to cover the funding gap for the Maguire & Paratransit Maintenance Facility project. The project scope of work focuses on facility improvements at the Gallagher Intermodal Center, Parking Garages, and transit operations facilities. This amendment ensures that funding is available to cover costs associated with the Maguire & Paratransit Maintenance Facility Project.

Invitation for Public Comment

The NMMPO invites the public to provide their input on this TIP amendment. We have established a 21-day comment period (February 26 – March 19, 2025) to ensure sufficient opportunity for community feedback.

Members of the public may submit comments in the following ways:

- Email: to publiccomments@nmcog.org
- Mail: NMCOG, 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 01854
- Meeting: attend the virtual public meeting on March 5, 2025 to provide comments

A virtual public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 12:00pm via zoom to receive public comments. To join the meeting, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83315570462>. Participants may join via phone by calling 1-646-931-3860 and using meeting ID 833 1557 0462.

This process satisfies the LRTA’s public participation requirements for the Program of Projects.

TIP Program Description

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a critical federally mandated document that directs the allocation of federal transportation funding within the NMMPO region. The TIP outlines a five-year capital plan, featuring a diverse array of projects anticipated to receive federal and state aid. The most [recent TIP](#) is available on the NMCOG website as well as TIPs from [recent years](#). Our TIP is comprised of two principal programs of projects: one focusing on transit projects through the Lowell Regional Transit Authority and the other on regional transportation infrastructure enhancements. The programs of projects form the core of the TIP. Proposed changes to the TIP, referred to as “amendments”, are presented to the NMMPO Board for comprehensive review and consideration for inclusion in the regional plan.