

Summary Narrative of Amendment 2 to the FFY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program for the Northern Middlesex Region

Introduction and Overview

The following table summarizes **Amendment #2** to Fiscal Year 2025 of the statewide element of the FFY 2025-2029 Northern Middlesex Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Amendment #2 involves several items described below that have the net effect of increasing highway funds by \$9,748,324. The amendment was released for a public comment period at the January 22, 2025 NMMPO meeting. The public was invited to comment on this amendment by email to publiccomments@nmcog.org or by mail to NMMPO, 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 01852. Following the public comment period, the NMMPO met on February 26, 2025 and voted to endorse the amendment with no public comments received.

Table of Changes FFY 2025 Project #610719 – “Burlington to Tyngsborough – Pavement Preservation on Route 3”

Value Changed	Former Value	New Value	Variance
2025: Statewide-CON-Bridge On-System NHS-NHPP-PEN	\$0	\$1,682,496	+ \$1,682,496
2025: Statewide-CON-Non-Interstate Pavement-NHPP	\$15,640,011	\$23,705,839	+ \$8,065,828
TOTAL	\$15,640,011	\$25,388,335	+ \$9,748,324

Detailed List of Proposed Changes

1. 610719 – Burlington to Tyngsborough – Pavement Preservation on Route 3:

The project on the statewide TIP aims to resurface pavement along Route 3 from Burlington to Tyngsborough. The original programmed cost of the project was based on previous corridor treatment, and while the estimate was escalated for time it did not reflect contemporary unit costs. The updated scope of work also includes bridge work and guardrail updates that were not contemplated in the original scope.

Originally budgeted at approximately \$15.6 million, the total cost has now increased to about \$25.4 million, reflecting an increase of \$9.7 million. The additional funding is partially sourced by \$1.7 million from the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) for bridges, with the majority provided by the NHPP for non-interstate pavement (\$15.6 million). All funding for this project is from the State TIP.

Public Comment Summary

The NMMPO invited the public to provide their input on this TIP amendment. A 21-day comment period was established to ensure sufficient opportunity for community feedback. This process satisfies the MPO's public participation requirements for the Program of Projects.

- ***21-day public comment period: January 22-February 12, 2025***

The NMMPO accepted public comments at publiccomments@nmcog.org, by mail to NMCOG, 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 01854, and at a virtual public meeting on February 5, 2025. No comments were received.

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.