

Summary Narrative of Amendment 3 to the FFY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Northern Middlesex Region

This memo describes staff recommendations for Amendment 3 to the [FFY 2025 UPWP](#). The amendment is a modification of Task 5.1, Dracut – Bridge Street Corridor Study, which has been on the UPWP in some form for the past two federal fiscal years. Due to changes in leadership and staffing at the Town, as well as ongoing changes to the Bridge Street Corridor, the location is no longer a priority for study.

The Town has requested that the task be amended from a corridor study to technical assistance with prioritization of roadways and intersections for future TIP projects. As a result, all activities in the current UPWP under this task would be eliminated and replaced with the activities below.

Proposed activities for FY25

- Finalize scope of work and present to the Town and NMMPO
- Collect and review crash data, traffic volumes, and roadway conditions
- Analyze surrounding land uses and business needs as related to transportation and mobility
- Engage with municipal staff and other key stakeholders to discuss local needs and priorities
- Develop a prioritization framework based on safety, mobility, equity, and readiness
- Score and rank roadway and intersection locations, identifying potential TIP-eligible improvements
- Identify potential project scopes and funding sources for design of priority projects
- Prepare a report summarizing findings and recommendations and present it to the NMMPO and Town
- Provided related GIS assistance and analysis

Anticipated products

- Scope of work for the study
- Dracut Roadway and Intersection Prioritization Report
- GIS maps and graphics for reports and presentations

The task budget of \$16,989 would remain the same.

Amendments to the UPWP require formal NMMPO action and a 21-day public comment period. At their March 26, meeting the NMMPO may vote to release the amendment for public comment. The public comment period will be open from March 26 through April 18.

Share Your Comments

Comments may be provided as follows:

- **Email:** send comments via email to publiccomments@nmcog.org
- **Mail:** send comments via mail to Northern Middlesex MPO, 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 01852.
- **Attend a public meeting:** A public comment period will be available at the April NMMPO meeting on Wednesday, April 23 prior to the NMMPO evaluation of this amendment and public comments received. To attend the meeting, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84994892225?pwd=X6ugzTjFm1kTPhivu7mBNP8ypYMZYy.1passcode> 2050_k3 or call 1-646-931-3860 and using meeting ID 849 9489 2225.

Following the public comment period, the NMMPO hear any written comments received and consider endorsement.