

Summary Narrative of Amendment 2 to the FFY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Northern Middlesex Region

This memo describes staff recommendations for Amendment 2 to the [FFY 2025 UPWP](#). The amendment is a modification of Task 5.2, Billerica/Chelmsford – Route 129 and Brick Kiln Road Study, changing the study locus from Route 129 and Brick Kiln Road to Chelmsford Center Village. The original study location was based on an understanding of need by staff from the Towns of Billerica and Chelmsford in February, 2024, and relied on assumed project readiness related to the filing of a building permit for a development off Brick Kiln Road. Upon additional conversation with Billerica and Chelmsford staff, the project will not be ready to proceed in the near term. Staff from both towns have agreed to file a new project request as part of FFY2 2026 UPWP development once additional development details have emerged.

In its place, Town staff have proposed a new project locus to advance recently completed studies at Chelmsford Center Village. The original task budget and activities, outlined below, would remain the same apart from text as redlined below.

Proposed activities for FY25

- Develop scope and present to the Towns and NMMPO.
- Review existing conditions, including corridor and intersection geometry, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, available transit infrastructure, traffic volumes, and crash data.
- [Collect-Analyze](#) traffic volume and turning movement data during peak periods of a typical day.
- Analyze existing traffic conditions to assess the capacity and reliability of the intersection.
- [Analyze surrounding land uses and business needs as related to transportation and mobility.](#)
- [Evaluate mobility, growth, and development needs within the context of upcoming projects on the NMMPO Transportation Improvement Program.](#)
- ~~Coordinate with District to perform a traffic signal warrant analysis if needed.~~
- ~~Develop recommendations to improve the safety and performance of the intersection.~~
- Develop a report and present it to the NMMPO and Towns.
- GIS assistance and analysis.

Anticipated products

- Scope of work for the study
- ~~Route 129 Corridor Study (Chelmsford/Billerica)~~ [Center Village Study Report](#) with recommendations
- GIS maps and graphics for reports and presentations

The task budget of \$17,145 would remain the same.

Amendments to the UPWP require formal NMMPO action and a 21-day public comment period. At their January 22, 2025 meeting the NMMPO voted to release the amendment for public comment. The public comment period will be open from January 22 through February 12.

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:** Staff will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, February 5 at 5:00pm to present the amendment and hear comments from members of the public. To attend the meeting, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83315570462>, or call 1-646-931-3860 and using meeting ID 833 1557 0462.

Following the public comment period, the NMMPO will meet on February 26 at 2:00pm to hear any comments received and consider endorsement.