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Envision 2050 Adopted as Long Range Transportation Plan for Greater Lowell Plan guides transportation improvements through 2050

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LOWELL - The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) announces the release of Envision 2050, the Greater Lowell region's long range transportation plan to guide sustainable and multimodal solutions that support regional mobility goals. As the region's long range transportation plan, Envision 2050 establishes a comprehensive and equitable vision for the region's transportation system and provides a framework for the investment of federal and state dollars towards the transportation investments valued by communities in our region through the year 2050.

[View the Envision 2050 Plan and other transportation planning federal certification documents.](#)

Envision 2050 was designed, facilitated, and developed by NMCOG as staff to the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) through months of multilingual public participation and outreach. Participation consisted of public surveys, focus groups, interviews, and virtual and in-person public meetings.

The plan sets forth goals related to improving safety for all, efficiently managing transportation assets and infrastructure, improving travel time and reliability, supporting economic development and growth, minimizing environmental impacts, and providing fair and equitable transportation access and service. Projects and strategies that advance these goals are prioritized for implementation between now and 2050.

The NMMPO voted unanimously to adopt the plan at its August 23, 2023 board meeting and the plan's effective date is October 1, 2023.

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About NMCOG

NMCOG is one of thirteen regional planning agencies within Massachusetts. Formed under Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws, NMCOG serves the municipalities of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, and Westford to support and enhance a wide range of planning objectives related to land use, environmental protection, energy, economic development, housing, , municipal service delivery, and transportation. NMCOG's professional staff assist member communities in designing, facilitating, and implementing programs and planning initiatives which further the interests of the overall region.

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