

## **Northern Middlesex Council of Governments**

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#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) will host a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 2:00 P.M., in person at 672 Suffolk Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 08154 (see directions and parking on page 3) and via Zoom at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84994892225?pwd=MmFzRzE2N1BvRGdTRG9KTk1Ma3VtUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84994892225?pwd=MmFzRzE2N1BvRGdTRG9KTk1Ma3VtUT09</a> Meeting ID: 849 9489 2225, Passcode: 2050k3. To join the meeting by audio only: +1-646 931-3860. Meeting invitation information is available at <a href="https://www.nmcog.org/calendar">www.nmcog.org/calendar</a> and is listed below. For assistance connecting to the meeting, please contact our office at (978) 454-8021. The meeting agenda is provided below.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Open Forum Opportunity for Comments from MPO Members, Community Stakeholders, and the Public
- 3. Approval of the March 27, 2024 NMMPO Meeting Minutes (Vote Required)
- 4. Status Report on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects Under Design and Construction
- Action Item to Release Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2028 NMMPO TIP Amendment #3 for public comment (Vote Required)
   MassDOT staff will describe need for amendment to Project 609035 in Westford due to increased project cost.
- **6. FFY 2025-2029 TIP Draft** (Vote to Release for Public Comment) MPO staff will present draft document for discussion and a vote.
- 7. MassDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan "Beyond Mobility"

  MassDOT staff will present the next draft long-range plan which is open for public comment through May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 8. MassDOT FFY 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Development MassDOT staff will present the FFY 2025-2029 CIP Development
- FFY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development
   MPO staff will present the FFY2025 UPWP Preferred Task List for discussion.
- 10. NMMPO Federal Certification Review and Letter Federal Partners and staff will provide a status update and report on next steps.

11. Other Business not known at the time of posting of this agenda.

# 12. Adjournment

City/Town Clerks: Please post pursuant to Open Meeting Law.
Please contact Lesley Shahbazian at <a href="mailto:lshahbazian@nmcog.org">lshahbazian@nmcog.org</a> with any questions on this agenda.

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