

## Summary Narrative of Amendment 3 to the FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Northern Middlesex Region

The following summarizes a draft amendment to Fiscal Year 2023 of the FFY 2023-2027 Northern Middlesex Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **Amendment 3** involves adding \$786,944 in Statewide Bridge Formula funding to cover a construction cost increase for project 612658, bridge preservation for I-495 over Route 133 and I-495 over Route 38 in Tewksbury. This project is scheduled to be advertised on May 13, 2023 and this amendment needs to be considered by the Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) to ensure that it is fully funded. The proposed amendment is summarized below:

FFY 2023 TIP Funds Programmed	Funding (State Bridge Formula Program)		
	Total	Federal	State
Current Programming	\$5,160,000	\$4,128,000	\$1,032,000
Proposed Amendment	\$5,946,944	\$4,757,555	\$1,189,389
Difference	\$786,944	\$629,555	\$157,389

Additionally, there are several changes being proposed for Lowell Regional Transit Authority transit projects that are addressed through this amendment. Each action is summarized below:

1. The LRTA proposes adding a new project in FFY 2023 using 100% state funding (RTACAP) to upgrade the parking system at the Gallagher Terminal parking garage. The total cost is \$110,000.
2. The LRTA proposes to adjust the TIP to add \$100,000 in state funding (RTACAP) to cover the match for replacing two 35-foot hybrid buses.
3. The LRTA proposes to remove the automated passenger counter project from the TIP. The project currently uses a mix of 5339 and 5307 federal funds. The summary of this project removal action is in the table below:

FFY 2023 TIP Funds Programmed	Funding (5307 and 5339)		
	Total	Federal	State
Current Programming 5307	\$81,191	\$64,953	\$16,238
Proposed Amendment 5307	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Programming 5339	\$218,809	\$175,047	\$43,762
Proposed Amendment 5339	\$0	\$0	\$0
Difference	(\$300,000)	(\$240,000)	(\$60,000)

The draft amendment will be considered for endorsement at the March 22, 2023 NMMPO meeting.

The TIP is a federally mandated document that programs federal transportation funding for the region. The TIP contains the program of projects for the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA) and the NMMPO public participation process satisfies the LRTA's public participation requirements for the program of projects.

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