

NORTHERN MIDDLESEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
RTP 2040: SURVEY

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments is updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a federally required planning and policy guide that will identify transportation needs in the Greater Lowell area over the next twenty-five years. A brief survey is provided below to capture your thoughts, ideas and perspective regarding transportation services and facilities in your neighborhood, community and area. Your feedback is important and will help shape the future of transportation for years to come.

This survey can also be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rtp2040survey> or by visiting the NMCOG website at www.nmcog.org, where it is available in English, Spanish, and Khmer. Completed printed surveys should be returned to:

Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
40 Church Street, Suite 200
Lowell, MA 01852

Should you require assistance or have any questions related to this survey, or the transportation planning process, please contact the NMCOG office at 978-454-8021.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Please check the age category that you fall within: (Select one)
 - a. Under 21 years
 - b. 21 – 59 years
 - c. 60 years or older

2. What zip code do you live in?

3. What zip code do you work in?

4. If applicable, in what community(ies) do you generally shop?

5. If applicable, in what community(ies) do you usually receive medical services?

COMMUTING

If you do not commute to work, please skip to Question 11.

6. What time of day do you leave home for work?

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7. What time of day do you leave work to return home?

8. What is the average length of your daily commute (one way) to work? (Select one)
 - a. Less than 5 miles
 - b. 5 – 9 miles
 - c. 10 – 14 miles
 - d. 15 – 20 miles
 - e. More than 20 miles

9. How long does it typically take to commute (one way) to work? (Select one)
 - a. Less than 15 minutes
 - b. 15 – 29 minutes
 - c. 30 – 44 minutes
 - d. 45 – 60 minutes
 - e. More than 60 minutes

10. What is your usual method of travel to work? (Select all that apply)
 - a. Drive alone
 - b. Car/van pool
 - c. Commuter rail
 - d. Public transit bus service
 - e. Private bus service
 - f. Taxi
 - g. Bicycle
 - h. Walk

ROADWAYS

11. Are there streets and/or intersections you avoid because you feel they are unsafe? (Provide location and community name)

12. Are there streets and/or intersections you avoid because they are too congested? (Provide location and community name)

13. Are there roads you avoid due to poor pavement or potholes? (Provide location and community name)

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PUBLIC TRANSIT

14. Do you use public transit? (Select all that apply)
- a. Yes, LRTA bus
 - b. Yes, Commuter bus (Boston Express, Peter Pan, Greyhound Lines, etc.)
 - c. Yes, Commuter rail
 - d. Yes, Subway
 - e. No
15. If you answered "no" to Question 14 above, why don't you use transit services? (Select all that apply)
- a. Not available where I live or work
 - b. Not convenient
 - c. Too costly
 - d. Too difficult to navigate
 - e. Other (please specify):
16. If you answered "yes" to Question 14 above, please indicate the destination(s) you access by transit:
(Select all that apply)
- a. School or college
 - b. Employment/work
 - c. Shopping or dining
 - d. Medical appointments
 - e. Visit friends or relatives
 - f. Recreation
 - g. Church
 - h. Errands to the bank, post office, dry cleaners, etc.
 - i. Other (please specify):
17. If you use public transit, are the services currently offered adequate to meet your needs?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
18. If you answered "no" to Question 17 above, what additional transit services or transit service enhancements are needed?

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

19. Are improved bicycle facilities (bicycle lanes, racks, signage, shared use paths, etc.) needed in your community?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
20. If you answered yes to Question 19 above, where should the bicycle facilities be located? (Provide location and community name)
21. Are improved pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, crosswalks, transit stops, street furniture, etc.) needed in your community?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
22. If you answered yes to Question 21 above, where should the pedestrian facilities be located? (Provide location and community name)

PRIORITIZING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

23. From the list below, select the three transportation issues you feel should be given highest priority: (Place only one "X" in each column)

Transportation Issue	1 st Priority	2 nd Priority	3 rd Priority
Reducing the number of traffic accidents			
Reducing traffic congestion and delay			
Providing additional public transit services			
Providing additional sidewalks and pedestrian facilities			
Creating off- and on-road facilities for bicycling			
Repairing poor pavement conditions			
Rehabilitating/repairing structurally deficient bridges			
Expanding commuter rail service to New Hampshire			

24. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions on transportation needs in the region?