NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITY: 2014 DRAFT COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2015 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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The Northern Middlesex Metropolitan Planning Organization (NMMPO) has released the 2014 Draft Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) and the proposed Draft FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for public comment. The CHSTP strives to improve mobility for all segments of the population, increase the efficiency of public transit services operated by public, private and non-profit providers, close existing gaps in service, and eliminate duplication of services. The TIP amendment will add Sarbanes Transit in the Park funds for the Lowell Trolley Expansion Project, and will also add Federal Lands Access Program funds for Phase II of the Merrimack Riverwalk extension in Lowell.

Two public meetings will be held to receive comments on the above mentioned documents. The first meeting will take place on January 6th, 2015, 5:30 PM, at the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) office, located at 40 Church Street, Suite 200, Lowell, MA. The second meeting will be held on January 7th, 2015, 6:00 PM, at the Chelmsford Police Department Meeting Room, 2 Olde North Rd, Chelmsford, MA. You may also submit comments by phone at (978) 454-8021, ext 121, or by email: jhoward@nmcog.org. Alternatively, comments may also be mailed to NMCOG office at the above address.

The public comment period will end at close of business on January 9th, 2015. You may access a copy of the documents online at www.nmcog.org , or by calling (978) 454-8021.

Notice: The meeting locations are accessible to people with disabilities and near public transportation. The NMMPO provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For assistance, please contact Justin Howard at (978) 454-8021, ext 121 or at jhoward@nmcog.org. Requests should be made as soon as possible for services requiring advanced arrangements, including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation.