

## Lowell National Historical Park (LNHP) Tour

All aboard! Journey to Lowell NHP and experience a park that is a city and a city that is a park. Get the perspectives of regional stakeholders on possibilities for a new trolley museum and historic trolley system expansion that would improve access to businesses in the historic district, and connect to regional rail and bus service for the benefit of residents and park visitors alike.

Experience Lowell's past, present and future as you tour the park by historic trolley and canal boat. Learn how the Industrial Revolution shaped Century Lowell as a walking city, and how transit-oriented development now is shaping the future of Lowell in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The tour features:

- National Park Service transportation briefing onboard a luxury motor coach en-route to Lowell
- Lowell NHP Visitors Center Welcome and Orientation
- 1920's Boott Cotton Mills Museum Weave Room Tour
- Trolley Barn, and redevelopment activities in the area
- North Canal Economic Development Area including: Tsongas Arena, LeLacheur Ballpark, Lawrence Mills Development, University of Massachusetts Lowell Campus, and the Western Canal Walkway
- Transit Oriented Development at Hamilton Mills in the Swamp Locks area, and an Upper Pawtucket Canal Boat trip with interpretation about the Lowell canals provided by park rangers along the way
- National Streetcar Museum at Lowell exhibit: "On Track: Transit in the American City in Lowell and Across America"
- Lowell Regional Transit Authority - Gallagher Intermodal Terminal, and motor coach return to Boston



Along the way, various stakeholders will provide transportation perspectives on the national park and the possible futures for public transit in Lowell. Anticipated stakeholders include:

- Peter J. Aucella, LNHP Assistant Superintendent, Chris Briggs, LNHP Community Planner, and Donna Richardson, LNHP Supervisory Ranger, Interpretation
- Matthew Coggins, Assistant City Manager-Planning and Development and Adam Baacke, City of Lowell, Planning Director,
- Bob Flynn, Director, Northern Middlesex Council of Governments and Beverly Woods, Deputy Director, Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
- Jim Schantz, Chairman, Seashore Trolley Museum and the National Streetcar Museum at Lowell
- James Scanlon, Executive Director, Lowell Regional Transit Authority

For background information about initial efforts by Lowell National Historical Park and its partners to assess opportunities for historic trolleys to enhance the park experience and regional transportation access for visitors, while also improving mobility in downtown Lowell, download the December 2002 Lowell NHP Alternative Transportation System Planning Historic Trolley Planning Study (5.4 Mb): <http://www.volpe.dot.gov/nps/docs/lowell.pdf>.

*Note: The Lowell National Historical Park tour is limited to 45 participants on a first come, first serve basis.*