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VALLEE ANNOUNCES STATE FUNDS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS

Franklin and Medway fare well despite challenging economic climate

BOSTON – Representative James E. Vallee (D-Franklin), House Majority Leader, today announced that amid the swirl of economic turmoil facing our Commonwealth, the communities of Franklin and Medway will receive some relief in the form of Chapter 90 transportation grants.

Franklin will receive a total of \$697,658 in grants, consistent with their Fiscal Year 2009 apportionment. Medway will see an increase from last year's number; the town's allocation totals \$307,153.

Chapter 90 funds—so called because they are outlined under that section of the Massachusetts General Laws—are allocated for local road and bridge projects, for reconstruction, resurfacing, equipment, design, and engineering. With this aid from the state, municipalities are equipped to focus on existing transportation infrastructure improvements, spurring immediate economic benefits and revitalizing the infrastructure already in place.

“This funding is a victory for our taxpayers,” said Vallee. “At a time when we are seeing drastic cuts and setbacks, securing level funding for these grants is an uplifting reassurance that crucial tax dollars are being channeled back to constituents for local road and infrastructure maintenance and repair.”

Last year, Vallee worked with fellow legislative leaders to increase Chapter 90 funding by \$30 million to \$150 million under the Transportation Bond Bill. Even through a bleak economic climate, that increase will be maintained this year.

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