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**VALLEE ANNOUNCES GRANT TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

*Franklin to Benefit from State Funding for Enforcement of Crosswalk Laws*

**BOSTON**—The Town of Franklin will have more tools at its fingertips to ensure public safety, as State Representative James E. Vallee (D-Franklin), House Majority Leader, today announced the town received a state grant aimed at improving pedestrian protection.

The grant award—totaling \$7,490—will be used for enforcement and oversight of crosswalk safety laws, and will be put to use through June of next year. The Franklin Police Department’s initiative will focus on the crosswalks in areas with lots of foot traffic, namely the downtown business area and near schools.

“This grant comes at a time when news of pedestrian accidents is swirling in the state and students are heading back to school, making street safety even more important,” said Vallee.

The state has also reinforced its commitment to cyclists’ safety, awarding the Town an additional grant to supply 125 bicycle helmets to local children.

“The timing of these awards is imperative,” said Vallee. “I am sure the Franklin Police Department will put the funding to excellent use. If it improves the safety of even one resident, it is worth the investment.”

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