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State Rep. Fiola Receives Traffic Upgrade Equipment Funding for City of Fall River

Fall River, MA (October 2, 2018)- State Representative Carole Fiola earmarked, advocated for, and received \$90,000 in the FY2019 State budget for the Fall River Police Department traffic equipment upgrades in the City of Fall River. The upgrade work has already begun.

"During early conversations with Fall River Police Chief Al Dupere, we believed this additional funding from the Commonwealth would help increase pedestrian and vehicular safety as well as assist our emergency personnel in their daily service efforts" said Fiola. "Public safety is a top priority of mine and I am pleased that work can now begin on these improvements in our community"

"We are grateful to Representative Fiola for her efforts in securing this funding" said Chief Dupere. "Without it, we would have to schedule these important upgrades over several budgets. This work will definitely increase safety and improve traffic flow in these areas."

The Traffic Signal Improvements will include upgraded Control cabinets, Controllers, and Emergency vehicle preemption sensors at the following intersections: Bedford St at Troy, Rock, and North Main St. A vehicle detection camera will also be installed. This camera will not only control the intersection timing but it will also allow the capabilities to have live video footage and also live updates if the intersection malfunctions.

As part of the project, overhead signals, Controllers, and signal brackets at various intersections and schools will be updated.

All the intersections and schools included in this project are:

- Bedford St. & Troy/High St.
- Bedford St & Rock St

- Bedford St. & N. Main St.
- Durfee St. & Central
- Fonseca School
- Morton Middle School