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Legislature Passes \$1.9 Billion Transportation Funding

Investments in municipal bridges and roads, rail and highway projects

June 6, 2019 – (BOSTON) – **State Representative Carole Fiola** along with her colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature passed a bill authorizing \$200 million for Chapter 90 funding to help municipalities complete road, bridge and infrastructure improvement projects. The bill also facilitates the financing of \$1.5 billion for highway projects and \$200 million for rail projects at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

“Not only will these funds provide critical resources to cities and towns across the Commonwealth and fortify larger regional transportation projects, they will create jobs and spur economic growth,” said **House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop)**. “These investments support our vibrant economy by improving our transportation infrastructure.”

Through this legislation, Fall River received \$1,919,875 in funding and Freetown received \$403,352. “Fall River and Freetown streets and sidewalks are going to benefit from the funding coming from this legislation. Ongoing and new projects like the resurfacing of Rt 24 near exit 8 are also getting the resources they need to be completed” **stated Representative Fiola**. “I am happy to have worked on this with my colleagues to make sure our district was properly represented. ”

“These critical funds will ensure that our transit needs are addressed all across the Commonwealth,” said **House Ways and Means Chair Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston)**.

“The state of our infrastructure has a direct effect on Massachusetts’ economic possibilities and quality of life, for both people and businesses,” said **Senator Michael J Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**. “By supporting our cities’ and towns’ projects, these funds will have a positive impact on every person and industry in the Commonwealth.”

“The towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth will again receive this timely assistance for care of their local roads,” said **Transportation Committee Chair Representative William M. Straus (D-Mattapoisett)**. “Through good and bad economic times, the Legislature has consistently provided this important aid to the communities.”