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**MOORE ANNOUNCES \$7.5 MILLION GRANT FOR CANAL DISTRICT STREETScape**

**Worcester** – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that a \$7.5 million grant will be awarded to the Canal District Streetscape effort, including road resurfacing, new and wider sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, and bicycle racks. The award was announced as part of the second round of highway funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“I am very pleased that this funding has been made available to this great neighborhood,” said Sen. Moore. “The Canal District has been on the rise for some time, and has already done so much to bring new and successful businesses into the area. This project will expand and beautify the streets in the neighborhood, which will better enable local restaurants and other businesses to attract not only residents, but visitors as well.”

33 projects throughout the state will receive the funding. The projects will now be reviewed for final approval by the state’s 13 regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations. When approved and advertised for bid, they will complete the Patrick-Murray Administration’s investment of the \$437.9 million in ARRA highway funds allocated to the state by the federal government.

As of September 30, Massachusetts had 48 highway projects in the pipeline to construction, worth more than \$272 million. The state was required to obligate approximately \$153 million by the end of June 2009.

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