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MOORE, BINIENDA ANNOUNCE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR LEICESTER

Boston – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative John J. Binienda (D-Worcester) are pleased to announce the release of \$317,456 in Chapter 90 transportation grants for the Town of Leicester.

Massachusetts Chapter 90 funds are provided to communities for local road and bridge projects for reconstruction, resurfacing, equipment, design and engineering. These funds allow our cities and towns to focus on existing transportation infrastructure improvements, spurring immediate economic benefits and ensuring the long term viability of our state's infrastructure.

“Given the current fiscal climate, I am pleased that the Commonwealth has allocated this essential funding for the Town of Leicester,” said Senator Moore. “Not only does this funding allow our local municipalities to develop capital improvement projects and extend the life of existing facilities, it sustains jobs and represents the Commonwealth's commitment to improving and maintaining transportation infrastructure throughout our state.”

“Massachusetts just endured a terrible winter,” said Binienda, “and this funding will go a long way toward erasing the toll that it took on the roads and infrastructure within the boundaries of Leicester. This is a win for the town on an economic level as it will put people to work, and will help preserve and improve the quality of life for residents who travel on these roads every day.”

The Chapter 90 formula is based on road miles, population and employees. The formula was developed by the Legislative Road Caucus of the Transportation Committee. The factors in the formula are 58.33% road miles, 20.83% population and 20.83% employment. Any year-to-year fluctuations in grants are due to changes in those inputs.