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## **Representative Smola Announces Funds to Help Local Communities Fix Potholes**

**BOSTON** – **State Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** is pleased to announce that towns in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hampden District have been awarded funds through the Winter Recovery Assistance Program to help finance road repairs. Brimfield will be eligible for \$42,680. Holland will be eligible for \$23,685. Palmer will be eligible for \$73,197. Sturbridge will be eligible for \$64,922. Wales will be eligible for \$16,157. Ware will be eligible for \$65,662. Warren will be eligible for \$43,623.

“Tough winter weather has taken its toll on roads and municipal budgets throughout the state.” said Representative Smola. “I’m glad that the State was able to provide these funds now, as the snow begins to melt, and local officials can assess the repairs that have to be done.”

In total, \$30 million has been allocated for the Winter Recovery Assistance Program. This funding comes from the existing fiscal 2015 bond authorization for the Department of Transportation. According to MassDot, cities and towns can seek reimbursement on expenditures related to patching potholes, pavement cracking, surface defects, paving projects; repair or replacement of damaged signs, guardrail, storm drains, and line striping.

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