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## **Representative Smola Secures \$2.18 Million In Road and Bridge Funding For 1<sup>st</sup> Hampden District**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** is pleased to announce that all towns in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hampden District will receive additional funds for local road and bridge repairs. The funding was included as part of a \$200 million Chapter 90 bond authorization approved by the House of Representatives on March 30. These funds will be distributed to communities throughout the Commonwealth. Brimfield will receive \$282,785. Holland will receive \$155,166. Palmer will receive \$483,698. Sturbridge will receive \$432,583. Wales will receive \$107,547. Ware will receive \$433,235. Warren will receive \$290,520.

“This is great news for all of the towns in our district because it means additional funding will soon be available to address important infrastructure needs during the 2016 construction season,” said Representative Smola.

Chapter 90 funds can be spent on a variety of municipal roadway projects, including resurfacing, drainage, sidewalks, traffic control and street lighting. The funding can also be used for bikeways, landscaping and tree planting, and for certain road building machinery, equipment and tools.

Established in 1973, the state’s Chapter 90 program allocates funding to cities and towns using a formula based on the weighted average of a municipality’s population, employment, and total road miles. The funds are paid out as reimbursements to communities for qualifying infrastructure work.

The bill now heads to the Senate for further action.

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