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Representative Smola Announces \$2.16 Million in Road and Bridge Funding for 1st Hampden District

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that all towns in the 1st Hampden District will receive additional funds for local road and bridge repairs under the state’s Chapter 90 program. The money was included as part of a \$200 million bond authorization approved unanimously by the House of Representatives on March 29. The bond bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by Governor Charlie Baker before the funding is finalized.

Brimfield will receive \$279,070. Holland will receive \$157,591. Palmer will receive \$477,295. Sturbridge will receive \$433,250. Wales will receive \$103,762. Ware will receive \$429,035. Warren will receive \$288,949.

“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 2017 construction season,” said Representative Smola.

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.

Chapter 90 funds can be spent on a variety of municipal roadway projects, including resurfacing, drainage, sidewalks, guardrails, traffic control, right-of-way acquisition and street lighting. The funding can also be used for bikeways, landscaping and tree planting,

and for purchasing and maintaining certain road building machinery, equipment and tools.

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