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## **Local Legislators Announce Funding for Palmer Crosswalk and Sidewalk Upgrades**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** are pleased to announce that Palmer has been awarded \$178,282 as part of MassDOT’s Complete Streets Funding Program. A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes - walking, biking, transit, and motorized vehicles - and for people of all ages and abilities.

The Palmer project includes the installation of a new crosswalk along Springfield Street at Hryniewicz Park and the installation of a new sidewalk and curb along High Street near the High School access road. Additionally, a new sidewalk and curb will be installed along the west side of Palmer Street (Route 181) from Main Street to the Palmer District Court House. These sidewalk and crosswalk upgrades will include pedestrian signals, ADA compliant ramps, curb extensions to reduce crossing distances and will improve pedestrian mobility and safety at these important locations in town.

“Maintaining local roads and sidewalks is a costly but necessary expense,” said Representative Smola. “I want to congratulate the Town of Palmer for being awarded these funds.”

"The Town of Palmer continues to take a proactive measures to insure that residents and visitors have good streets and sidewalks, it is good for business, improves accessibility and provides safer crossings," said Senator Gobi.

The objective of the Complete Streets Funding Program is to provide technical assistance and construction funding to municipalities to promote safety, health, economic viability and more accessible and comfortable means of travel. More broadly, embedding Complete Streets principles in policy and practice help promote more livable communities.

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