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House Passes Bill Authorizing \$2,048,089 for Municipal Road and Bridge Maintenance in the Second Franklin District

(BOSTON) – State Representative Denise Andrews yesterday joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing legislation to apportion just over two million dollars for the maintenance of municipal roads and bridges in Athol, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Orange and Warwick for the upcoming fiscal year.

This funding level represents a \$454,707 increase over the funding apportioned to the six towns during the current fiscal year.

“It’s imperative that we take care of our roadways to keep drivers and passengers safe throughout the Commonwealth,” House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo said. “This bill will give our cities and towns the funding needed to properly maintain their roads and bridges for the safety of our residents.”

“I’m pleased that we were able to authorize the necessary money for cities and towns to start improving their roads and bridges right away,” said Representative William Straus, House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Transportation.

“This bill will give municipalities the resources needed to take care of their roads and bridges which will help to ensure the safety of residents throughout Massachusetts,” said Representative Brian Dempsey, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

“Keeping our roads and bridges in good repair is a good investment for Massachusetts, saving us money in the long run and encouraging businesses and residents to locate here,” Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral, Chairman of the Committee on Bonding, State Assets and Capital Expenditures, said. “The tough budget discipline Governor Patrick and Speaker DeLeo have shown makes this level of investment possible.”

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“I am pleased at the amount of money that we came together to pass. It is good news that we continue to invest in the critical infrastructure to support vibrant communities,” Representative Denise Andrews shared.

Overall, the bill authorizes \$200 million for the maintenance and upkeep of municipal roads and bridges across the Commonwealth. The \$200 million in road and bridge maintenance funds represent a 29% increase over the funding dispersed for the same purpose last year.

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