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Gobi and Smola Announce \$1 Million Grant for Infrastructure Improvements in Warren

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** joined **Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** today for the announcement of the 2017 MassWorks Infrastructure awards for small and rural towns. Every year, 10 percent of awarded MassWorks funds are allocated to assist municipalities with populations of 7,000 or less in completing roadway safety and transportation improvement projects.

The Town of Warren has been awarded \$1,000,000 through the program. The funds will be used to make roadway repairs and drainage and sidewalk improvements on Quaboag Street, an area identified as an Environmental Justice area. The improvements will provide safe travel for motorists and pedestrians including school children that utilize the roadway in this densely developed neighborhood.

“I appreciate the balance the MassWorks program has struck by making sure that rural communities get fair opportunity and access to funding for infrastructure projects,” said Senator Gobi. “Building supplies and labor don’t cost any less out here and Secretary Ash and his team have done a great job of recognizing the needs of our communities. Congratulations to the Town of Warren on receiving this funding.”

“I want to congratulate our local officials for securing this important funding,” said Representative Smola. “The road and sidewalk improvements planned for Quaboag Street will have the added benefit of making it safer for students to get to and from school.”

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides an opportunity to public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation as well as public infrastructure projects that spur economic development and housing opportunities or resident safety. The program is

administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and Executive Office for Administration & Finance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

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