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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Gobi, Fattman, Delegation Discuss Rt. 20 Safety Improvements with Administration**

BOSTON – Prior to Monday night’s public hearing, Senators Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Ryan C. Fattman (R-Webster), along with Representatives Smola, Durant, McKenna and Frost, met with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Transportation Secretary Pollack and DOT staff to short-term and long-term safety improvements to the area of Rt. 20 known as “Dead Man’s Curve”. Last month, the dangerous turn took the lives of a mother and child and leaving a second child seriously injured after a head on collision. This is not the first serious accident on this road and members of the delegation have long pushed for safety improvements.

“Thus far we have received a lot of support from the administration and we are determined to work with local officials and hear from our constituents to make sure that the proper safety improvements are put in place to end the string of tragedies produced by this strip of road,” said Senator Gobi. “I want to thank Lt. Governor Polito and Secretary Pollack for their attention to this important matter and their understanding the need for swift action.”

“The outpour of support from local safety officials and citizens alike required a response to address public safety concerns. We ask Mass DOT officials’ work with local officials to prevent further tragedies from happening in the future, and thank the Baker Administration for their prompt response on this issue” said Senator Fattman.

Interim safety improvements already underway include widening the shoulders and adding a center barrier to the Rt. 20 curve near Oxbow Road. This plan was discussed in detail at the public meeting held at Oxford High School where residents had an opportunity to ask questions. MassDOT staff was on hand to present the plan and answer questions.

## GOBI QUOTE

In their meeting with Lt. Governor Polito and Secretary Pollack, the delegation emphasized the importance of long-term, substantial safety improvements. They discussed reconstruction of the road from the Route 12 and 20 intersection at the Auburn Oxford line to Richardson Corner in Charlton, the first phase of which is planned for 2025.

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