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Phillipston, Petersham, West Brookfield Awarded MassWorks Grants

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced two grant awards to local towns. Phillipston and Petersham were awarded a joint grant in the amount of \$1,348,135 and West Brookfield was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000. The funding was announced on Monday at the State House.

The \$1,348,135 MassWorks award to the Towns of Phillipston and Petersham supports the regional collaboration between the two towns to for the Petersham Road/Popple Camp Road Reconstruction Project. Funds will reclaim and repave 4.8 miles of local arterials that connects the two town centers and provide direct access to Route 101 and Route 32. In addition to providing improved roadway for town residents and visitors improvements will increase response times of regional emergency services that must utilize the Petersham Road/Popple Camp Road.

The Town of West Brookfield received a \$1,000,000 MassWorks grant for infrastructure improvements along Cottage Street, Lakeview Avenue, and Lake Street in order to address safety concerns along these heavily traveled roadways that connect West Brookfield Center and the Town Beach. Improvements will increase pedestrian safety and accessibility with traffic calming measures, new sidewalks and intersection improvements to popular recreation destinations. The award leverages \$114,000 committed to the project for design and engineering.

“I want to congratulate these towns on their successful MassWorks proposal,” said Senator Gobi. “This program is highly competitive and it takes a lot of work putting together the grant proposals. These projects will provide much needed improvements to critical roadways in these towns.”

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program, administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation. The Program represents an administrative consolidation of six former grant programs: Public Works Economic Development (PWED), Community Development Action Grant (CDAG), Growth Districts Initiative (GDI) Grant Program, Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Program (MORE), Small Town Rural Assistance Program (STRAP), and the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program

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