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Senator Gobi Supports Multi-year Road and Bridge Bill Granting \$17.8 Million for Repairs in 28 Towns Over a Two Year Period

(BOSTON) – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** is happy to announce that the Senate has passed a bill authorizing funding for road and bridge repairs. The bill provides \$200 million in grant funding per year for two years. The House passed a similar bill last week authorizing funding for one year.

“These funds are greatly needed to address infrastructure issues in the communities in my district,” said Senator Gobi. “A multi-year funding authorization makes it easier for municipalities to plan their budgets. I am hopeful that a compromise can be reached soon and a final bill sent to the Governor for signature so that construction crews can get out and start working.”

Grants from the bill are distributed to town based on a funding formula that incorporates population and road miles. All 28 towns in the district represented by Senator Gobi will be receiving funding. The authorized amounts per year are as follows:

Ashburnham	\$343,472
Ashby	\$226,417
Athol	\$502,804
Barre	\$431,827
Brimfield	\$279,070
Brookfield	\$163,720
Charlton	\$627,891
East Brookfield	\$94,940
Hardwick	\$363,241

Holland	\$157,592
Hubbardston	\$355,944
Monson	\$465,091
New Braintree	\$204,921
North Brookfield	\$311,732
Oakham	\$182,588
Palmer	\$477,296
Paxton	\$193,743
Petersham	\$252,089
Phillipston	\$186,873
Rutland	\$377,544
Spencer	\$504,049
Sturbridge	\$433,251
Templeton	\$333,245
Wales	\$103,762
Ware	\$429,035
Warren	\$288,949
West Brookfield	\$233,938
Winchendon	\$443,871

The Senate version of the road and bridge bill also authorizes \$30 million in bonds to invest in regional transit authorities and transportation options for the elderly and disabled, along with \$60 million for information technology upgrades at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The House did not agree with the Senate's version of the bill, requiring a six-member conference committee to work together on a compromise.

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

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