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Senator Anne Gobi, Colleagues Approve \$200 million for Road and Bridge Repairs

BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and her colleagues voted on Wednesday to approve \$200 million to be used for road and bridge repairs and improvements. On top of an existing backlog for road and bridge repairs, this season’s winter storms worsened the already tough conditions of the state’s infrastructure. As the snow melts we are truly seeing the damage that we’ve done.

“These funds will go a long way to make the roads out here driveable again, but the job is not done,” said Senator Gobi. “We need to invest in our infrastructure across the Commonwealth. Keeping our roads and bridges up to standard keeps car repair costs low and investing in transportation improvements stimulates job growth.”

The funding will be allocated using the same formulas that is used for Chapter 90 transportation funding. Chapter 90 is a 100% reimbursable program for road projects including, resurfacing, preliminary engineering, roadside drainage, structures, sidewalks, traffic control, street lighting, etc. The formula is based on road miles (58.33%), population (20.83%) and employment (20.83%)

The bill passed through the Senate unanimously and now awaits signature by the Governor.

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