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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Gobi and Smola Announce Complete Streets Funding for the Town of Palmer**

(BOSTON)- **Senator Anne Gobi (D- Spencer) and Representative Todd Smola (R-Warren)** were pleased to announce today that the Town of Palmer has been awarded funding in the amount of \$178,282 for sidewalk and crosswalk upgrades- adding features which include pedestrian signals, ADA compliant ramps, and curb extensions to reduce crossing distances as part of the MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program.

“This funding, and a project of this nature, is important to ensure that residents have safe and accessible options to travel and enjoy their local community,” Senator Gobi said. “By increasing connectivity and reducing traffic congestion we make our streets safer for all travelers while increasing accessibility.”

“Palmer has done an impressive job implementing the Complete Streets program in the last few years,” said Representative Todd Smola. “This grant will help improve safety for drivers as well as pedestrians and bikers in our community.”

The MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program provides technical assistance and construction funding to eligible municipalities. Eligible municipalities must pass a Complete Streets Policy and develop a Prioritization Plan. Complete Streets improvements may be large scale, such as corridor-wide improvements that include a separated bicycle lane, new crosswalks and new bus stops; or a small scale improvement, such as a new bus shelter to encourage transit use. Other Complete Street project examples include improved street lighting, minor changes to traffic signal timings, new bicycle or pedestrian facilities, a median refuge island, or improved connection to transit.

For more information please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.

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