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State Legislature Approves \$200 million for Local Infrastructure Needs

(BOSTON) – Senator Jamie Eldridge and Representative Kate Hogan joined their colleagues in the Legislature to pass legislation that authorizes \$200 million for Chapter 90 funding to help municipalities complete road, bridge, and infrastructure improvement projects. The bill also appropriates \$60 million to replace the Registry of Motor Vehicle’s information technology infrastructure and \$30 million to be used for elderly transportation and intercity buses. Governor Baker signed this bill into law on May 4th.

“I was happy to vote for this legislation that will make important investments to improve local infrastructure,” said State Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton). “As a strong supporter of increasing access to transportation services to every part of my district, I was proud to work with my colleagues to include \$30 million in RTA investments to improve local bus and shuttle services.”

“Chapter 90 represents a significant source of local aid,” said Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow). “As the busy construction season gets underway, these funds will provide our towns with the resources they need to kick start important infrastructure improvement projects.”

The Chapter 90 formula takes into consideration miles of roads as well as population and employment data. Under this allocation formula:

- Hudson will receive \$587,802 in Chapter 90 funds
- Maynard will receive \$260,240 in Chapter 90 funds
- Stow will receive \$284,084 in Chapter 90 funds

This legislation complements a 2016 transportation law focused on highways, small bridges, and a municipal grant program. That bill authorized \$750 million for both federal-aid interstate and non-interstate highway projects, and \$50 million for a new program to repair small bridges.

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