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Sec. Ash, Sen. Eldridge, Rep. Hogan present MassWorks money to Town of Stow



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash (far right), Senator Jamie Eldridge (third from right), and Representative Kate Hogan (front row, third from left) present a check to the Town of Stow, standing with members of the Stow Board of Selectmen and Stow town officials and community members.

Massachusetts Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash, Senator Jamie Eldridge, and Representative Kate Hogan presented an \$850,000 check on Thursday, December 1st to the Town of Stow for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant.

Each year, the MassWorks program allocates 10 percent of awarded funds to assist municipalities with populations of 7,000 or less in completing roadway safety and transportation improvement projects. The Town of Stow, with a population of about 6,500, will use grant funds to make Complete Streets improvements to its Lower Village, improving traffic circulation, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and drainage in the area. Streetscape improvements will enhance access to local businesses and provide connectivity to 203 new housing units nearby.

At a short presentation of the check at the Stow Shopping Center on Thursday, state and local officials spoke about the

impact these funds will have for the Town of Stow.

“The spirit of partnership at the heart of the MassWorks Infrastructure Program is a key component of our ongoing efforts to prepare communities for economic success, and to promote strong, vibrant regions,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. “The public-private partnerships we advance through these infrastructure awards will build a stronger economy for everyone who lives and works in Massachusetts.”

“Today was a victory for Stow, for economic development, for a safer and more vibrant Lower Village, and for meaningful partnerships between all levels of government,” said Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow). “This MassWorks grant is about a better tomorrow.”

“I was happy to welcome Secretary Ash with Rep. Hogan this morning to recognize the \$850,000 grant awarded to the Town of Stow,” said State Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton). “Increased infrastructure investments boost economic activity, and I’m very pleased that Stow received this important grant. I was happy to reach out to the state’s Housing and Economic Development agency to support the Town’s application, and look forward to seeing the infrastructure improvements for all road users in our community.”

"We're excited about the improvements this grant allows us to make to our Lower Village, and very appreciative of the work of Sec. Ash and the administration, our legislative delegation, and particularly our great Planning staff," said James Salvie, Chair of the Stow Board of Selectmen.

“This award presents Stow with a tremendous opportunity to provide residents with a safer, more convenient place to do business,” said Jesse Steadman, Stow Town Planner. "The project it supports is a huge step in the community’s vision of a more walkable, accessible village for all residents.”

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