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Legislature Passes \$13 Billion Transportation Bond Bill

Bill authorizes funding for aging infrastructure, including Chapter 90 Road and Reconstruction of Route 30 for Southborough

BOSTON-- The Legislature voted to pass a \$13 billion transportation bond bill that will make critical investments in the structural budget gap of the state's transportation system. This conferenced bond bill (H.4046) will authorize \$13 billion in capital spending over the next five years to fund improvements to the state's transportation system and includes a one-year \$300 million authorization for the Chapter 90 program to fund local projects such as rebuilding and repairing roads and bridges.

"I am pleased that the Legislature worked together to craft a transportation bond bill to invest in every community in Massachusetts and complete critical road, bridge and public transportation projects," said Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton). "I was proud to vote for this transportation legislation in order to continue to improve the quality of life for people in MetroWest and attract more companies to create jobs."

The bill requires municipalities to be notified of their Chapter 90 appropriation before March 1st of each year. To support the Complete Streets Program, the bill authorizes \$50 million in spending and creates a

grant program to provide funding to municipalities that promote all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, public transportation, automobiles and freight.

The bill was passed by the House and voted on by Representative Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston) and the Senate, passed through Conference Committee and now goes to the Governor to be signed into law.

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