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**House Passes Bill Authorizing \$200 Million for Municipal Road and Bridge Maintenance**

(BOSTON) – State Representative Kate Hogan joined her colleagues this week in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing legislation to authorize \$200 million for the maintenance and upkeep of municipal roads and bridges across the Commonwealth.

“It’s imperative that we take care of our roadways to keep drivers and passengers safe throughout the Commonwealth,” House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo said. “This bill will give our cities and towns the funding needed to properly maintain their roads and bridges for the safety of our residents.”

“This bill will give municipalities the resources needed to take care of their roads and bridges which will help to ensure the safety of residents throughout Massachusetts,” said Representative Brian Dempsey, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

With the passing of the legislation, the towns of Hudson, Bolton, Maynard and Stow will receive over \$1.4 million for road and bridge maintenance an increase of over \$300,000 from last year’s appropriation. The amount is based on a formula that takes population, distance of municipal roads, and percentage of population employed into account. The exact amount for each town is listed below:

- Hudson                   \$581,467
- Bolton                    \$288,216
- Maynard                 \$260,483
- Stow                      \$273,229

“This money is essential to public safety. This transportation bond bill will allow our communities to make much needed repairs to town roads and bridges. The legislature has increased funding from last year so that our local DPW's are able to better address the maintenance needs of our towns,” said Representative Kate Hogan.

The \$200 million in road and bridge maintenance funds represent a 29% increase over the funding dispersed for the same purpose last year.

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