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Somerville's delegation hails transportation mone

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BOSTON - The Somerville delegation is pleased to announce \$857,549 slated for transportation projects in the Somerville community.

The funding comes as part of the \$150 million of FY-09 Chapter 90 aid to local communities included in the Transportation Bond Bill, which the Senate passed yesterday afternoon. The House passed the measure earlier in the week, and pending conference committee action, the apportioned dollars will go toward improving roads and bridges in the city of Somerville. Also included in the Transportation Bond Bill is a \$600 million appropriation for the green line extension.

“I’m very pleased about this much-needed funding for local roads and bridges,” said Sen. Pat Jehlen, “we worked hard for the inclusion of these funds in the bond bill, and I’m delighted that our community will benefit.”

“With all the large-scale transportation projects moving forward in this bill and in this city, we’re glad to see that money to maintain our existing infrastructure isn’t going anywhere,” said Rep. Tim Toomey.

Rep. Denise Provost addressed the national economic downturn: “I’m glad that, despite economic difficulties, we’re able to fulfill our commitment to the taxpayers to provide funds to keep our roads in good repair.”

“Today’s passage of the Transportation Bond Bill in the Senate signals the state legislature’s commitment to supporting continued investment in important transportation infrastructure going,” said Sen. Anthony Galluccio, “Greatly needed resources for Chapter 90 local transportation aid will serve as an important resource for local municipalities to repair and improve roadways. The apportionment for the City of Somerville will go a long way in getting some greatly needed projects on the move.”

Rep. Carl Sciortino spoke to the tangible outcomes Somerville residents will enjoy, saying, “This is the funding that fixes the potholes. I’m glad the delegation is able to help improve Somerville’s roads.”

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