



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO
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March 6, 2023

The Honorable William Straus, House Chair
The Honorable Brendan Crighton, Senator Chair
Joint Committee on Transportation
State House, Boston

Dear Chair Straus, Chair Crighton and Committee Members:

Please accept this letter as testimony for H.52: An Act Financing Improvements to Municipal Roads and Bridges, which was recently filed by Governor Maura Healey.

The city of Springfield along with the Massachusetts Municipal Association respectfully encourages the Joint Committee on Transportation to recommend an increase to the authorization amount to at least \$330 million per year, indexed to grow with inflation, for each of the two years proposed by Governor Healey.

Municipalities, like Springfield, have seen an increase in the cost of road projects. In order to maintain and continue the enhancements of our local roadways, it is vital that local municipalities receive the necessary funding from Chapter 90. Safe and reliable roads, bridges, sidewalks and bike lanes are essential to providing our residents and businesses with a good quality of life, and are vital for public safety aspects. In addition, these fundamental infrastructure projects play an important and key role with local economic development projects too.

In order to help maintain and enhance our local roadways, it is imperative that our local municipalities receive an increase to our Chapter 90 allocation that will help keep pace with inflation and the increased cost of goods and materials.

Thank you for your time and for your continued efforts and leadership on behalf of the city of Springfield and the Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

Domenic J. Sarno
Mayor

"Good health & God Bless."

cc: Springfield State Delegation