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**BARNSTABLE ROUTE 6A PROJECT RECEIVES GREEN
LIGHT FOR FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

"Shovel-ready" project advertised for bid

BOSTON – Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – The Patrick Administration and local legislators today announced that a Barnstable road project has been advertised for bid as one of the "shovel-ready" transportation projects using federal highway stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Barnstable project – the resurfacing of 7.5 miles of Route 6A – was advertised Saturday and has an estimated project value of \$3.7 million. The work encompasses Route 6A from the Sandwich town line to the Yarmouth town line with the exception of slightly less than a mile of roadway in the Barnstable town center.

Massachusetts has received the authority from the federal government to spend a total of \$437.9 million on highway projects through the federal recovery law. At least \$153.2 million will be committed to "shovel-ready" projects that will be advertised by June 27, 2009.

"Funds from the President's recovery bill come to us at a critical moment, and we are well prepared to put these funds to work," said Governor Patrick. "Thanks to a careful review process, we will soon have shovels in the ground on necessary road and bridge projects throughout the Commonwealth and start to put people back to work."

"In order to get our economy moving in the right direction, we need to put people to work, and these are the types of projects which achieve that goal," said Senate President Therese Murray. "These projects not only create jobs, but improve our transportation infrastructure which, in turn, helps our small businesses along 6A."

“Investing in 6A is good for both our roadways and our communities,” said Senator Robert O’Leary. “It is my hope that this project will create jobs for my constituents and represent a good first step in improving road conditions on the Cape.”

“Any federal funds that my District receives are greatly appreciated by me. I do hope, however, that this funding is only the tip of the iceberg to fund future projects that create more jobs in the construction industries to address needed infrastructure improvements across Cape Cod and the Islands,” said Representative Demetrius Atsalis.

“I am pleased to see that the Executive Office of Transportation has made this resurfacing project a priority. The residents of Barnstable have long awaited this project and I am glad it will be completed in the near future,” said Representative Jeffrey Davis Perry.

Federal recovery transportation projects are selected from the State Transportation Improvement Plan, which is comprised of projects submitted by the state’s 13 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) following a collaborative public review process including the public and dozens of state, regional, and local officials.

“The Barnstable project was one of many identified by our partners at the federal, state, regional and local level that address important basic road maintenance needs,” said Transportation Secretary James Aloisi, Jr. “These job creating projects, which get underway in the spring, will help jumpstart the economy and make our roads safer.”

“The Executive Office of Transportation and MassHighway have identified several important projects that can move forward immediately thanks to these recovery funds,” said Governor Patrick’s Director of Infrastructure Investment Jeffrey Simon. “Federal stimulus funds allow us to accelerate road and bridge maintenance projects while creating and maintaining jobs.”

Federal officials have also announced an additional \$319 million in recovery funds for transit projects at the Regional Transit Authorities and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Federal recovery funds enhance the Patrick-Murray Administration’s two-year effort to address a legacy of neglect and a \$15-\$19 billion maintenance backlog. The Administration working with the Legislature has approved more than \$9 billion for road, bridge and transit projects through Transportation Bond bills and an historic eight-year Accelerated Bridge Repair Program.

Moving to secure our common economic future, Governor Patrick unveiled his Massachusetts Recovery Plan earlier this week. The Governor’s plan will combine state, federal and, where possible, private efforts to provide immediate and long-term relief and position the Commonwealth for recovery in the following ways:

- **Deliver immediate relief** by investing in the road, bridge and rail projects that put people to work today and providing safety net services that sustain people who are especially vulnerable during an economic crisis;
- **Build a better tomorrow** through education and infrastructure investments that strengthen our economic competitiveness, prepare workers for the jobs of the future and support clean energy, broadband and technology projects that cut costs while growing the economy; and
- **Reform state government** by eliminating the pension and ethics loopholes that discredit the work of government and revitalize the transportation networks that have suffered from decades of neglect and inaction.

For more information about federal transportation recovery funding visit Governor Patrick's Massachusetts Recovery and Reinvestment Plan website, www.mass.gov/recovery.

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