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Representative Kane supports bill providing \$1,780,290 in road and bridge funding for Shrewsbury and Westborough

BOSTON – State Representative Hannah Kane, R-Shrewsbury, is supporting legislation that will provide \$989,833 in funding assistance to Shrewsbury and \$790,457 in funding assistance to Westborough for local road and bridge repairs under the state’s Chapter 90 program.

The money was included in a \$200 million bond authorization approved unanimously by the House of Representatives on May 8 by a vote of 156-0.

“I am proud to support this bond bill, which will provide additional financial resources for Shrewsbury and Westborough to address some of each town’s most pressing transportation infrastructure needs,” said Representative Kane.

The state’s Chapter 90 program was established in 1973, and allocates funding on an annual basis to cities and towns using a formula based on the weighted average of a municipality’s population, employment, and total road miles. The funds are paid out as reimbursements to communities for qualifying infrastructure work.

Chapter 90 funds can be spent on a variety of municipal roadway projects, including resurfacing, drainage, sidewalks, guardrails, traffic control, right-of-way acquisition and street lighting. The funding can also be used for bikeways, landscaping and tree planting associated with certain projects, and for purchasing and maintaining certain road building machinery, equipment and tools.

The bond bill was approved by the Senate on May 21, and following enactment in both Chambers will then go to Governor Baker for his signature.

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