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Massachusetts Department of Transportation

May 31, 2013

Ms. Debra LeFave, Chairperson
Town of Clarksburg
111 River Road
Clarksburg, MA 01247

Dear Ms. LeFave:

As you know, on March 13, 2013, Governor Patrick filed a transportation bond bill to authorize and fund a comprehensive ten-year plan to modernize and expand our transportation system to spur economic growth, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for residents across the Commonwealth.

Under *The Way Forward*, the Governor proposed adding additional revenues raised through our tax reform proposal to existing revenues to provide a 10-year \$300 million annual (indexed for inflation) Chapter 90 program for municipalities. This plan represented a fifty percent increase over Fiscal Year 2013 in the funding that would be available on a predictable, reliable basis for distribution to cities and towns to support our local transportation needs.

Unfortunately, the House and Senate have proposed a one year authorization pending the outcome of the transportation finance debate. The Administration continues to work with the legislature on transportation financing, but it is clear that we will need to make hard choices about where to devote available resources.

Given the high level of uncertainty regarding revenues for transportation investment, it is not possible to meet the Legislature's authorization of \$300 million in Ch. 90 funding for fiscal year 2014 at this time. To do so would require irresponsible cuts in capital spending in other high priority budget areas such as critical safety projects, measures to cut congestion, and support for public transit.

Under current budget realities and contingent on passage of the terms bill, the Administration is releasing \$150 million in Chapter 90 local transportation funding for fiscal year 2014. Cities and towns will be able to access these funds as soon as the Chapter 90 terms bill has been enacted. Depending on the final disposition of the transportation finance plan, it may be possible to release additional Chapter 90 funding later in fiscal year 2014 for either the fall or early spring construction seasons.

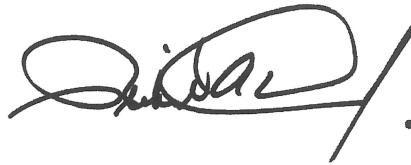
We recognize the critical importance of capital spending to each municipality across the Commonwealth. Local transportation infrastructure improvements deliver immediate economic benefits and ensure the long term viability of our infrastructure.

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Under Governor Patrick's leadership, cities and towns have received the highest levels of Chapter 90 investment in history. We are committed to continuing to work with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to ensure the continuing success of the Chapter 90 program and to create a world-class transportation system that strengthens our economy and improves our way of life.

Your projected allotment of \$56,570 will be available upon passage of the Chapter 90 terms bill. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Matt Bamonte at (857) 368-9151 with any questions you may have regarding the Chapter 90 program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Davey", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right and ending in a small dot.

Richard A. Davey
Secretary & CEO