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Rep. Smola Announces Grant for the Quaboag Connector

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the town of Ware will receive \$129,200 in grant money for the Quaboag Connector. This funding will be administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as part of their Community Transit Grant Program. This competitive program awards funds to help meet the transportation and mobility needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

"This grant is great news for people in our community who could use a little help getting around," said Representative Smola. "The Quaboag Connector is a wonderful resource and I would like to extend my appreciation to all of their drivers and staff."

The Quaboag Connector offers transportation to residents of Belchertown, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Monson, Palmer, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield. For a cost of \$2 (\$4 roundtrip), the Connector provides rides within the Quaboag region. Trips related to employment and education are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Rides to work, job training programs and other job-related destinations take first priority. To request a ride, local residents should call (413) 544-3401.

For additional information please contact Representative Smola at <u>Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov</u> or (617) 722-2100.

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