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Representative Smola Announces Funds to Help Local Communities Fix Potholes

BOSTON – **State Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** is pleased to announce that towns in the 1st Hampden District have been awarded funds through the Winter Recovery Assistance Program to help finance road repairs. Brimfield: \$42,680. Holland: \$23,685. Palmer: \$73,197. Sturbridge: \$64,922. Wales: \$16,157. Ware: \$65,662. Warren: \$43,623.

"Tough winter weather has taken its toll on roads and municipal budgets throughout the state." said Representative Smola. "This additional assistance will help alleviate some of the strain that our communities have endured financially in recent months."

In total, \$30 million has been allocated for the Winter Recovery Assistance Program. This funding comes from the existing fiscal 2015 bond authorization for the Department of Transportation. According to MassDot, cities and towns can seek reimbursement on expenditures related to patching potholes, pavement cracking, surface defects, paving projects; repair or replacement of damaged signs, guardrail, storm drains, and line striping.

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