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**O'CONNELL ALLOCATES \$4 MILLION FOR UPCOMING ROAD REPAIRS**

Taunton, MA...Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced allocation of an additional \$4 million for upcoming road repairs in the City of Taunton.

"The condition of our roadways has deteriorated over the past decade, and it is imperative that we make targeted investments to maintain and bring our roadways and sidewalks to a state of good repair," O'Connell said. "I would like to thank the City Council for approving the funds."

O'Connell allocated \$2 million to be used for much-needed repair and maintenance of roads. Full roadway and sidewalk reconstruction (if applicable) is expected at the following streets: Weir Street (Main St. to High St.), Richmond Street, Glebe Street (West), Kingman Street, Roosevelt Street, Coolidge Street, and Rivers Street.

In addition to the \$2 million investment by the City, a loan authorization of an additional \$2 million will be requested to replace the sidewalks on County Street from Ingell Street to Hart's Four Corners. The entire section of County Street will also be repaved.

Residents have expressed ongoing concern regarding the condition of the road on County Street. City roads generally suffer some measure of deterioration over the course of the winter months, and County Street is no exception. Combined with other work being done which has affected the County Street, residents have asked that the repair of County Street be prioritized over other areas.

"It is important to me that residents know they are being heard and their concerns are being addressed. Being responsive to our community's needs is one of my administration's primary goals," said O'Connell.

The funds being appropriated are in addition to the \$1.4 million in Chapter 90 funding Taunton will receive this year from the state. "I would like to thank Mayor O'Connell and her administration for her commitment to much-needed roadway infrastructure repairment. There are 303 miles of roadway to take care of, including an upgrade to roadway conditions and implementation of ADA improvements on our sidewalks. There is a lot of work to be done, so it is reassuring to see this project moving forward," DPW Commissioner Fred Cornaglia said.

MassDOT is also funding Broadway reconstruction from Leonard St. to Purchase Street and Winthrop Street reconstruction from Warner Blvd. to Dighton Town Line.

For ongoing updates, please refer to our City of Taunton website at [taunton-ma.gov](http://taunton-ma.gov).###