

## Saugus Receives \$2.8 million MassWorks Grant

SAUGUS --Thursday, December 8, 2011 – Secretary of Transportation Richard Davey joined state and local officials today to announce a \$2.8 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant for the Town of Saugus Route 1 Water Main Improvement Project, which will alleviate traffic issues along the town's main highway.

"As part of our Administration's job creation strategy, we continue to work in collaboration with cities and towns to invest in infrastructure improvements that will lead to jobs and economic growth," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "By working with the Town of Saugus through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, we are paving the way for future development opportunities that will spur economic activity and attract new businesses to the community."

The project will be funded through the Patrick-Murray Administration's 2011 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant program, as one of 40 grants totaling \$61 million.

The Route 1 Water Main Improvement Project will help resolve frequent major flooding issues that have been experienced along the roadway. The town recently performed a major water main relocation on Route 1 southbound. This MassWorks funded project addresses nearly a mile long stretch on Route 1 northbound. These two projects together result in the relocation of all failing water lines located under the travel lanes of Route 1. The grant will also help advance the Saugus Marketplace Development Project, which will include two new commercial retail spaces, with construction beginning in the summer of 2012. The Saugus Marketplace is expected to create approximately 270 construction jobs, 150 new full-time jobs, and 50 part-time jobs with a total private investment of \$44 million.

"Today's announcement is great news for Saugus. With this state funding, local residents and small businesses can look forward to the day when they will no longer have to endure the water main breaks and resulting road closures on Route 1. Further, this project is expected to create numerous jobs and improve economic development in our community. I congratulate state and local leaders and everyone in our community who worked so hard over the years to address this pressing issue," Congressman John Tierney said.

"This is the kind of project that impacts people's lives in a tangible and positive way," said Secretary Davey. "It's an example of what government and the private sector can do to create economic opportunity across the Commonwealth."

"The Patrick-Murray Administration is committed to creating jobs and spurring economic development in every corner of the Commonwealth," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Greg Bialecki. "The MassWorks Infrastructure program is consistent with that goal and supports projects that are improving our economic landscape in Saugus and across the Commonwealth."

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which is overseen by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, held its first competitive grant round in September, consolidating six capital budget programs to give communities a single entry point and one set of requirements for state public infrastructure grants. The consolidation aimed to improve efficiencies and streamline the decision-making process, increase access for municipalities of all sizes, and enhance state-regional-local partnerships around economic development and housing production. To meet these objectives, the program launched an e-application and hosted 12 online tutorials to assist municipalities with the

application process. During the first grant round, 158 applications requesting more than \$400 million in infrastructure grants were received from cities and towns of all sizes and representing every region of the state.

"The Town of Saugus views this award not only as a critical state investment to support private investment and improve the business climate along Route 1, but also as the means to alleviate the source of frequent traffic disruption that has long plagued the town and the larger region for which Route 1 is a major traffic arterial," said Saugus Town Manager Andrew Bisignani.

"The Route 1 water main breaks have caused serious problems for Saugus residents, commuters and local businesses. It's great that by working closely with the Patrick-Murray administration, we were able to get the funds to complete this project and resolve the water main issues," said Senator Thomas McGee.

"In order to keep our economy moving forward, we need to continue to help our cities and towns make important infrastructure improvements and investments," said Senator Karen Spilka. "These grants are helping to create jobs, increase public safety, and restore economic vitality to communities across the Commonwealth."

"I would like to thank Governor Patrick and his Administration for their tireless work in helping to secure the necessary funding for the Route 1 Water Main "The MassWorks Infrastructure Program has done an exceptional job in assisting with development projects in towns such as Saugus across the entire Commonwealth," said Representative Kathi-Anne Reinstein. "The grant allows us to invest in a project that will improve Saugus in the short term and will benefit citizens for years to come. Developing Route 1 enhances the safety of the highway while also creating job opportunities and bringing new revenue to the area."

"I would like to thank Governor Patrick and his Administration for their tireless work in helping to secure the necessary funding for the Route 1 Water Main Improvement Project," said Representative Donald Wong. "This project will not only create and foster jobs, but once completed, it will ensure improved infrastructure for both the town of Saugus and the North Shore as a whole."

To learn more about the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and how it is supporting job growth and long term, sustainable economic development, please visit:

[www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure](http://www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure).

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