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Patrick-Murray Administration Announces \$1.1 Million M.O.R.E. Grant for Lexington**South Lexington Mobility Project To Create 340 Jobs To Bolster The Local Economy**

LEXINGTON - Wednesday, June 25, 2008 - Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray today announced the South Lexington Mobility Project in Lexington has been awarded a \$1.1 million Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs grant. The funding will be used to upgrade transportation routes and improve pedestrian access to an expanded biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility resulting in 340 new permanent jobs. This is one of 20 grants that are being awarded in this second round of the MORE Jobs program.

The announcement comes weeks after Governor Patrick laid out his economic plan to create a culture of opportunity focused on restrained spending with immediate and long-term investments, while preparing for the impacts of a softening national economy. The MORE Jobs Program is just one more tool that the administration is using to stimulate economy growth across the state.

"The MORE Jobs Program provides resources to cities and towns that partner with private sector companies to make planned improvements to public infrastructure that will result in commercial development and permanent job growth," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "The state's return on this investment equals more businesses that create good jobs for our residents and strengths our economy."

The South Lexington Mobility Project is part of the Lexington's efforts to improve the infrastructure to attract private investment. A private investment is being made by Shire, a biopharmaceutical manufacturer, which will be expanding its manufacturing facilities on a 93-acre site within the Town of Lexington. Shire is expected to locate up to 340 new jobs over the 2 years at this site, and more than 600 new jobs over 8 years. The MORE Jobs grant will be used to assist with bringing intersection and pedestrian access to the higher level of service and safety required in order for Shire to function efficiently.

Over the several weeks the Patrick-Murray administration will announce municipalities that have been selected to receive round 2 of MORE Job Grants. Lexington is of these announcements statewide.

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