

Patrick-Murray Administration Announces \$500,000 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant for Town of Monterey Project

State investment saves taxpayers \$5 million, addresses public safety concerns

BOSTON - Friday, April 8, 2011 - As part of ongoing efforts to promote new economic development, create jobs, and enhance public safety, the Patrick-Murray Administration today announced a \$500,000 grant from the recently restructured MassWorks Infrastructure Program that will support roadway improvements along a deteriorating section of Route 23 in the Town of Monterey.

"From day one we have been focused on managing state funds efficiently, and the consolidation of these infrastructure grants allows us to make timely investments in communities, putting people to work and continuing to improve our economy," said Governor Deval Patrick.

"MassWorks grants have added thousands of jobs and supported business growth throughout the Commonwealth by providing public infrastructure grants for such improvements as sewers, roadways, pedestrian walkways, and water treatment systems," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "This investment in Monterey will improve safety, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance economic development."

The Town of Monterey will use \$500,000 in state funds to make roadway improvements along a deteriorating section of Route 23. The upgrades, which will address public safety concerns and reduce the town's maintenance costs by 95%, include roadway reclamation, the installation of subsurface drainage pipe, catch basins, new culverts, and blacktop. The MassWorks Infrastructure grant allows the town to make repairs in advance of a larger roadway resurfacing project and supports a simpler design and construction process that has the potential to save taxpayers upwards of \$5 million.

Last year, the Patrick-Murray Administration launched the MassWorks Infrastructure Program as a one-stop shop for municipalities seeking public infrastructure funding. The program consolidates six existing infrastructure programs, each aimed at supporting job creation and economic development, to provide increased efficiency, service, and communication when cities and towns apply for infrastructure grants and resources. This approach has reduced duplication, improved accountability, and provided for the most effective management of state resources.

"The MassWorks Infrastructure Program allows us to put people to work immediately while fostering long-term growth for the Commonwealth," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Gregory Bialecki. "Through investments like this grant to Monterey, Governor Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Murray are creating the conditions for business growth and community advancement for years to come."

"The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are committed to investing in transportation infrastructure as a key strategy in boosting the local economy in communities across the

Commonwealth, and these MassWorks grants for roadways, public transit, and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists are a successful part of that effort," said Mass DOT Transportation Secretary and CEO Jeffrey Mullan.

"Monterey has planned and readied itself for this project to move forward for years," said State Senator Benjamin B. Downing. "I am extremely pleased that funding from MassWorks became available so these renovations to Route 23 can begin. These roadway improvements will make traveling through town safer and reduce Monterey's maintenance costs, as well."

"I am so happy for the Town of Monterey. I know how hard they have been working on securing this funding and it is great to see it come to fruition. This project along Route 23 will no doubt bring many economic benefits to the Town and in my mind is one of the best investments we can make," said Representative Smitty Pignatelli.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program consolidates six grant programs: Public Works Economic Development Grant (PWED), Community Development Action Grant (CDAG), Growth District Initiative (GDI) Grant, Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Program (MORE), Small Town Rural Assistance Program (STRAP) and the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program.

Learn more about the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, a one-stop shop for municipalities seeking public infrastructure funding to support job growth and long term, sustainable economic development at www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure.