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**PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES \$1.9M JOBS GRANT, GROUNDBREAKING OF MIDDLEBOROUGH AT 495 PROJECT****Middleborough project is one of over 50 projects to break ground in 2010 as a result of the Governor's Jobs Growth strategy**

MIDDLEBOROUGH - Friday, September 3, 2010 - As part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's historic \$4 billion [Massachusetts Works](#) program that will put nearly 20,000 people to work across the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray yesterday joined with state officials and community leaders to mark the beginning of a major construction project at Middleborough at 495 that will result in more than 100 full-time jobs, 35 construction jobs and \$10 million of new development in the area. This project was jumpstarted by a \$1.9 million Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs Capital grant from the Administration, announced yesterday.

"This is what it's all about - putting shovels in the ground and people to work immediately," said Governor Deval Patrick. "This project is an excellent example of the critical collaboration and investment that leads to both construction and permanent jobs, as well as support for the vital industries that are critical to the Commonwealth's long-term economic success."

"This kind of construction project will help put people back to work as we focus on Massachusetts' economic recovery," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "We are excited about today's groundbreaking and look forward to seeing this project support economic development, sustainability and growth for the region and the Commonwealth."

The \$1.9 MORE Jobs Capital grant will be used to fund roadway infrastructure improvements, including the extension of Commerce Boulevard, a connection to Campanelli Drive, and signalization at the intersection of Campanelli Drive and Rte 18/28 (Bedford Street). This state investment will trigger a private match from Conroy Development. Campanelli Companies is also contributing \$261,000 toward the design of the Campanelli Drive intersection improvements. These improvements will support the construction of a 36,000 square foot medical office building, which began today, as well as Middleborough Park LLC's future development of the remaining 400,000 square feet of industrial land in the park. When complete, the building will be occupied by Compass Medical P.C. By Design Construction Company will carry out construction.

"I'd like to thank the Patrick Administration and all the elected officials, especially Middleborough town officials, who have worked diligently and effectively to make this project happen during these very difficult economic times," said Chuck Giacchetto, President and CEO of By Design Construction Company.

"We are very excited with the opportunity to deliver enhanced primary care to the Middleboro community and we thank all elected officials for assisting us with this wonderful project," said Dr. George Clairmont, M.D., President and CEO of Compass Medical.

This project is an excellent example of the opportunities resulting from the Patrick-Murray Administration's jobs growth strategy, which focuses on investing in education, innovation, infrastructure, promoting strong regions and supporting small business growth.

"I'm pleased this development has come together as improvements to the ring road have been sought for many years," said Senator Marc Pacheco. "I was pleased to work with my colleagues in the legislature and state officials to ensure these funds would be available as they will provide the key finances to making this project a reality. This project will make crucial transportation improvements that will allow for numerous economic development projects, including a healthcare facility which will create jobs and further promote commerce in our region. I want to thank the Patrick-Murray Administration for their leadership on this project and for making a commitment to our region. I also want to thank Secretary Greg Bialecki, Middleboro Town Manager Charles Cristello, all the local officials that worked so hard for this critical regional initiative and the Middleboro citizens that consistently expressed their support for this."

"Improving the public infrastructure considered necessary to progress roadwork in this area will assist in supporting the much

needed development and enhancement to our roads," said Representative Bill Straus. "In addition, the creation of jobs and economic growth that will be established with the monies the Mass Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) grant provides Middleboro is a winning combination for businesses and the citizens of the commonwealth that will travel this road."

"Infrastructure improvements and business development are two cornerstones of economic recovery and job creation. These roadway improvements at the business park will pave the way for economic growth, not just for Middleboro, but also for the surrounding communities," said Representative Stephen Canessa. "I would like to thank the Patrick Administration for their commitment to meeting the revitalization and development needs of the neighborhoods and businesses of southeastern Massachusetts."

"This is a team win. From town planner, Ruth Geoffroy's vision, to the persistence of town manager, Charlie Cristello, and the partnership of the Middleboro legislative delegation; this dream became a reality," said Representative Thomas Calter.

This project is one of more than 50 housing and economic development projects, both renovation and new construction, expected to break ground this year, totaling more than \$1 billion dollars in development investments in the Commonwealth. Each of these projects has been initiated by an investment from the Patrick-Murray Administration. Together, they will create thousands of jobs throughout Massachusetts.

This investment is just one part of the Administration's multi-pronged strategy for growth through supporting small businesses; regional economic development; and strategic investments in education, infrastructure and innovation. Key to supporting this strategy is partnership with local communities and the private sector that fosters residential and commercial growth, and the successful leveraging of a number of state resources that spur that growth including:

- [The Growth Districts Initiative](#) - by working with communities to plan ahead for new growth and development that is consistent with their long-term community vision, regional needs and with the Commonwealth's sustainable development principles, the Administration is creating an entire network of places around the state where new growth is being welcomed and encouraged.
- The [Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting](#) - by working with communities to support prompt and predictable permitting for development that is consistent with community plans, dozens of communities have made a commitment to issue permits for commercial development in six months or less in order to help facilitate targeted economic development that is consistent with their long-term plans.
- The [Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion](#) (MORE) Jobs Capital program - by targeting public infrastructure investments and improvements needed to support private development activity and business expansion, cities and towns get the tools they need to spur economic development, job retention and expansion.
- The newly reformed [Economic Development Incentive Program \(EDIP\)](#) - by partnering with companies and municipalities focused on job creation, manufacturing job retention and private investment, the Administration is working to stimulate business growth throughout the Commonwealth.
- Through a wide array of state and federal programs administered by the state [Department of Housing and Community Development](#), the Commonwealth can provide direct financial assistance, where appropriate, to residential and commercial development projects through low-cost financing, tax credits and other forms of financial support.

Learn more about the results of our strategic investments in new development [here](#).

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