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**PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES
TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR BRAINTREE/WEYMOUTH
IMPROVEMENTS**

WEYMOUTH - Monday, December 21, 2009 - As part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's Massachusetts Recovery Plan, Governor Deval Patrick today awarded a \$2.4 million Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant for streetscape and infrastructure improvements for the Braintree/Weymouth Landing Project.

"The PWED grant program provides infrastructure funding that builds stronger communities, and helps spur private investment and economic growth in every corner of the Commonwealth," said Governor Patrick. "This project and others like it across the state are in line with our commitment to regional equity, and delivering long term economic benefits to our cities and towns."

The PWED grant will leverage \$2.2 million in additional private investment, transforming an important business area with new street paving, sidewalks, lighting, overhead utility removal and landscaping, while creating an estimated 75 permanent jobs. "This PWED grant award is great news for the residents of Braintree and Weymouth. This state funding will help leverage private investment in the area and lead to job growth and economic development for future generations," said Senator Brian Joyce.

"By the end of the Braintree-Weymouth Landing Development Project, this area could be one of the premiere residential and commercial destinations on the South Shore. It is vital that the State continue to do all that it can to support the Towns of Braintree and Weymouth in this partnership to boost small business economic development and continued economic stability in the region," said Senator Michael W. Morrissey

"Weymouth Landing is an important economic center and this PWED grant will breathe new vitality and energy into it," said Representative Joseph Driscoll. "A revitalized Landing will mean new business where old ones have vacated, jobs for our citizens, and a destination for shoppers and diners. I want to thank Governor Patrick for his leadership on economic development and his deep interest in this project," said Representative Joseph Driscoll.

"Bringing economic expansion to the Braintree/Weymouth Landing has been a long-standing priority of mine and in these dire economic times, new business activity is needed now more than ever," said Representative Ronald Mariano. "With the infrastructure improvements made available by the PWED grant, the Landing will be able to leverage public and private investment to create permanent jobs and reap long-term economic benefits for Weymouth and Braintree. I am thankful to MassDOT and Governor Patrick for their commitment to this important project."

"I am happy Weymouth Landing will benefit from the PWED program. I know this will bring new jobs, business and growth into Weymouth Landing. I want to recognize also the efforts of Mayor Sue Kay of Weymouth and Mayor Joseph Sullivan of Braintree for their hard work on behalf of this project," said Representative James Murphy.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) provides PWED funding awards to municipalities for transportation infrastructure improvements that will spur economic development, job creation, smart growth and better pedestrian access.

The PWED program has a long history stimulating job growth and commercial development for cities and towns in Massachusetts. Since 2000, MassDOT has awarded \$99.6 million dollars of PWED contracts for 98 projects in 66 municipalities across the Commonwealth. This MassDOT funding has leveraged hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment and helped create thousands of local jobs, both permanent jobs and temporary construction jobs.

Infrastructure investments are critical components of Governor Patrick's [Massachusetts Recovery Plan](#), which combines state, federal and, where possible, private efforts to provide immediate and long-term relief and position the Commonwealth for recovery in the following ways:

- Deliver immediate relief by investing in the road, bridge and rail projects that put people to work today and providing safety net services that sustain people who are especially vulnerable during an economic crisis;
- Build a better tomorrow through education and infrastructure investments that strengthen our economic competitiveness, prepare workers for the jobs of the future and support clean energy, broadband and technology projects that cut costs while growing the economy; and
- Reform state government by eliminating the pension and ethics loopholes that discredit the work of government and revitalize the transportation networks that have suffered from decades of neglect and inaction.

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