April 7, 2014

Hon. Deval Patrick
Massachusetts State House
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Fiscal Year 2015 Chapter 90 Program

Dear Governor Patrick:

Last year, municipal anticipation of a boost in Chapter 90 road funds – bolstered by unanimous support in both houses of the Legislature for a $300 million program – was ultimately squashed when the Administration level-funded a program that is perennially under-funded.

The need for these monies to repair and replace deteriorating roads, sidewalks and bridges is undeniable as evidenced by the bi-partisan support of legislators from all corners of the Commonwealth and the inclusion of $300 million authorization in the pending transportation bond bill language.

Also, the ongoing and active advocacy of local officials who are responsible for maintaining nearly 90 percent of the roads in Massachusetts, and the support of the Mass. Municipal Association, is telling of the dire need to adequately fund our infrastructure.

The CMRPC, on behalf of its member communities, respectfully requests that you reconsider the Administration’s policy position and support a transportation bond bill that will afford $300 million in Chapter 90 funds for distribution to the Commonwealth’s cities and towns. The benefits of this program are uniquely tangible to citizens throughout the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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