



Chapter 90 Local Road Funding Survey

October 20, 2014

Dear Local Official,

Adequate funding for the Chapter 90 local roads program is a top priority for the MMA and municipal leaders across the Commonwealth. As the MMA looks toward January and a new Governor and legislative session, we are continuing our aggressive campaign to increase annual Chapter 90 authorizations so that cities and towns have the resources necessary to maintain safe local roads and build strong local economies.

A key part of our Chapter 90 campaign is having good information on what is needed locally each year to maintain local road infrastructure. Your responses to the 2012 Chapter 90 Survey were instrumental in winning a \$300 million Chapter 90 bond authorization for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. As you know, the current Administration has released only \$200 million, and the MMA is continuing to call for the release of the remaining funds that have been authorized by the Legislature.

Our 2012 survey allowed us to develop a sound estimate for local road funding needs statewide. We received a strong response rate of 65 percent of our 351 cities and towns – and we hope to do even better this time! We need your help to update your 2012 report in order to provide the most accurate information about how much funding is needed to maintain local roads in a “state of good repair.”

The attached survey asks you to tell the MMA what it would cost annually to keep your roads in a state of good repair. The final page of this letter contains information specific to your community, including how your municipality responded to the 2012 survey, and it may be a helpful starting point this year. This simple but direct survey will provide us with essential information to help us educate state officials, stakeholders and the public about the true need that exists at the local level, and we will use this good information to fight for an adequate Chapter 90 bond bill this coming year.

Please return this form to us as soon as you can. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Victoria Sclafani at the MMA office at 617-426-7272 x161 or vsclafani@mma.org. Please email, fax or mail your completed survey back to the MMA office by November 7, 2014. The contact information is on the form.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey C. Beckwith".

Geoffrey C. Beckwith
Executive Director

Enclosure

Massachusetts Municipal Association

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A. LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM NEEDS

City and town officials tell us that their annual Chapter 90 authorization amount is not adequate to meet their local road construction needs. The MMA wants to know how much you need to maintain your local road system in a "state of good repair."

A useful working definition for "state of good repair", based on work done by the US DOT and the Federal Transit Administration, is "An asset or system is in a state of good repair when no backlog of capital needs exists – hence all asset life-cycle investment needs (e.g., preventive maintenance, rehab, replacement) have been addresses and no capital asset exceeds its useful life".

1. What is the total **annual road construction budget amount** (including both Chapter 90 and other funds) that would be required to maintain your community's roads in a "state of good repair" and fund other Chapter 90 eligible projects such as intersection improvements, traffic signal installations and bridge repair? See attached page for last year's Chapter 90 allocation and your 2012 survey response.

\$ _____

B. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

2. Do you have a pavement management system in place?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, what program or vendor do you use? _____

C. SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 90 FUNDS WITH MUNICIPAL FUNDS

3. Has your community **appropriated any local revenue** or **authorized any borrowing** for road construction projects in addition to the Chapter 90 funds you receive?

Appropriated local revenue

YES NO If YES, amount:

FY14 ☐ ☐ _____
FY15 ☐ ☐ _____

Authorized borrowing

YES NO If YES, amount:

FY14 ☐ ☐ _____
FY15 ☐ ☐ _____

Name of Municipality: _____

Respondent: _____ Title: _____

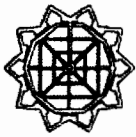
Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Please email, fax or mail your completed survey to the MMA by November 7, 2014.

Massachusetts Municipal Association, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110

Fax (617) 695-1314

Or email to Victoria Sclafani at vsclafani@mma.org



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Background Information

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Please refer to the following background information regarding your community to help you fill out the accompanying Chapter 90 survey. The survey asks you to update to 2014 the amount needed annually to keep your local roads in a state of good repair.

In 2012, we asked for the **total annual road construction budget figure** (including both Chapter 90 and other funds) that would be required to maintain your community's roads in a "state of good repair" and fund other Chapter 90 eligible projects such as intersection improvements, traffic signal installations and bridge repairs.

Your community did NOT respond to the 2012 survey. Based on information about your community and road spending needs in similar communities, the MMA *estimated* your total annual need to be approximately:

\$135,016

In 2014, your community received the following Chapter 90 authorization from MassDOT:

\$65,426