



## **Chapter 90 Local Road Funding Survey**

**Please Help MMA's Advocacy for More Chapter 90 Funding by  
Returning the Enclosed Survey by October 1<sup>st</sup> – Thank You!**

September 8, 2016

Dear Local Official,

Winning 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 legislative session, we are preparing a campaign to increase annual Chapter 90 authorizations beginning in fiscal 2018 to help cities and towns 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 the local road infrastructure system. Your participation in this biennial survey allows the MMA and local officials to have a concrete figure to use when lobbying the Legislature for more Chapter 90 funding. The MMA will use the results of the survey in discussions and deliberations with the Baker administration and the Legislature, especially in making the case for a multi-year transportation bond bill with cities and towns receiving funds by April 1. We need your help to update your 2014 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, if applicable, how your municipality responded to the 2014 survey. This information may be a helpful starting point for you. 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 Vanessa Calaban at the MMA office at (617) 426-7272 x121 or vcalaban@mma.org. Please email, fax, or mail your completed survey back to the MMA office by October 1, 2016. The contact information is on the form.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Geoffrey C. Beckwith  
Executive Director & CEO

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Enclosure



## **Chapter 90 Local Road Funding Survey** *Background Information*

### **CHILMARK**

Please use the background information below about your community to help you fill out the accompanying Chapter 90 survey. The survey asks you to update to 2016 the amount needed annually to keep your local roads in a state of good repair.

In 2014, 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 repair. Your community did not respond to the 2014 survey. Based on information about your community and road spending needs in similar communities, we estimated your total annual need to about be:

**\$162,549**

In 2016, your community received the following Chapter 90 authorization from MassDOT:

**\$65,786**

# Massachusetts Municipal Association

## 2016 Chapter 90 Local Road Funding Survey

### 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 addressed and no capital asset exceeds its useful life." The MBTA uses the definition "the standard by which all capital assets are functioning at their ideal capacity within their design 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? Please see attached page for last year's Chapter 90 allocation and your 2014 survey response.

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### B. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT

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

NO       YES Vendor/Program \_\_\_\_\_

### C. SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 90 FUNDS WITH MUNICIPAL FUNDS IN FY 2016 OR FY 2017

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

#### Authorized borrowing

	YES	NO	If YES, amount:		YES	NO	If YES, amount:
FY16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	FY16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
FY17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	FY17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**D. Agencies such as MassDOT may be interested in the results of this survey. Do you give consent for your community's results to be shared with other agencies?**  Yes  No

Name of Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email, fax, or mail your completed survey to the MMA by October 1, 2016. THANK YOU.**  
 Massachusetts Municipal Association, One Winthrop Square, Boston, MA 02110  
 Fax (617) 695-1314  
**Or email to Vanessa Calaban at [vcalaban@mma.org](mailto:vcalaban@mma.org)**