

## Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation Bill Project Requests

*Listed below you will find a list of the transportation project requests that I have submitted for consideration in the upcoming surface transportation legislation. Please note that not all projects will be funded and those that are funded may receive less than requested.*

**Quincy Red Line Project:** This request is to provide funding to the MBTA for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Quincy Center Station on the MBTA Red Line heavy rail rapid transit line, located on Burgin Parkway in downtown Quincy, MA. The scope of the work would include planning, design and construction of the new station facility. The project would also entail the refurbishment of the station platforms and concourse; reconstruction of the parking garage above the station with ground floor retail opportunities; expanded and improved bus circulation and layover facilities; enhanced pedestrian and bicycle connections from the adjacent network; and streetscape improvements. According to state officials, the project is estimated to cost \$96,000,000.

**Squantum Point Park Water Transportation Hub Project:** This project involves providing funding to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for the reconstruction of ferry terminal and visitor facilities at Squantum Point Park in Quincy. The area was designated in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park master plan as a proposed marine transit gateway to the harbor islands. Reconstructing the ferry and visitor facilities will enable visitors to not only access the harbor islands, but other national and state park sites along the coast without the use of a car. The site provides convenient ferry access to the Boston Harbor Islands, the Boston waterfront, the John F. Kennedy Library, the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, Salem Historic Sites, and the Cape Cod National Seashore. Located on a peninsula that protrudes into the harbor from north Quincy, the park offers a view of the Boston skyline and proximity to marshes and wetlands. The proposed project will create a water Hub for the National Park Service. State officials estimate the cost at \$20,874,000

**Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension:** The project involved providing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts funding to complete the exiting Cape Cod Rail Trail, a very popular and highly used bike trail on Cape Cod. The current Rail Trail was completed in 1994 and follows a former railroad right-of-way for 22 miles through the towns of Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham and Wellfleet. Approximately 6 miles of the trail is within the National Seashore where it terminates one mile north of the National Seashore Headquarters and Marconi Station Site. The extension includes two segments – providing additional funding to complete the trail from the town of Dennis south to the Hyannis Transportation Center. A portion of this work is already funded. This extension is approximately 2.5 miles and would connect Cape Cod's major population center and host to the JFK Museum to the regional bicycle facility. The other main section is extending the trail 18 miles north from the town of Wellfleet to Provincetown. Provincetown is a major activity center for the otherwise rural area. These extensions will create a safe bicycling environment that connects two of Cape Cod's "urban clusters" and two major transportation centers. State and county officials estimate the cost to be \$70,000,000.

**Eastern Massachusetts Ferry Study:** This study will assess existing, proposed, and other potential ferry routes, and water taxi alternatives along the eastern coast of Massachusetts. The purpose of the study will be to provide a master plan for marine transit routes in the Boston area. The assessment will include a broad range of factors as they affect commuter and excursion markets: vessels, routes, terminals, and intermodal connections, and the integration of ferry services into the global transportation and freight system in the area. Request Amount: \$400,000

**Herring River Bridge Reconstruction:** The project involves the reconstruction and redevelopment of the town owned bridge over the Herring River in the Town of Wellfleet. The bridge, on Chequessett Neck Road, has an adverse impact on the Herring River watershed. Much of the area is located within the boundary of the Cape Cod National Seashore. The project is a key component of the 1,000 acre salt marsh restoration project being undertaken by the town of Wellfleet and the National Park Service. The Park Service has financed the development of a plan to restore the salt marsh, much of which is located within the boundary of the Cape Cod National Seashore. The plan includes several components – the reconstruction of the Herring River Bridge, which is owned by the Town of Wellfleet, purchasing several local parcels of land, clearing vegetation and removing structures and other impediments to the flow of water into the wetlands system. However, the most significant component of the project is the reconstruction of the bridge. The funds would be awarded to the Town of Wellfleet or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The project cost is estimated to cost \$8,000,000

**Energy Independence Corridor Project:** Funding for this project will be used in conjunction with efforts underway by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Cape Cod Renewable Fuels Partnership to expand access to renewable fuels along Route 6 and Route 3 on Cape Cod. The project is supported by the National Park Service and the New Fuels Alliance, a national coalition of advanced biofuel producers and stakeholders. The funds will provide matching grants for retail fuel outlets other public storage and distribution facilities. The project is estimated to cost \$10,000,000