

HOUSE No. 4384

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, are hereby
2 amended by striking out chapter 90I in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following
3 chapter:-

4 Chapter 90I Complete Streets Program

5 Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words, unless the context clearly
6 requires otherwise, shall have the following meanings:-

7 “Complete streets”, shall mean streets that provide accommodations for users of all
8 transportation modes including, but not limited to, walking, cycling, public transportation,
9 automobiles and freight.

10 “Department”, shall mean the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

11 “Program”, shall mean the complete streets program under this chapter.

12 Section 2. There shall be within the department a complete streets grant program to
13 encourage municipalities to regularly and routinely include complete streets design elements and
14 infrastructure on new, reconstruction, and maintenance projects on locally-funded roads.

15 Section 3. In order to be designated as eligible to receive grant funding pursuant to the
16 program, a municipality shall: (a) apply with the department in a form and manner prescribed by
17 the department; (b) adopt a complete streets by-law, ordinance or administrative policy in a
18 manner which shall be approved by the department and which shall include at least 1 public
19 hearing; provided, however, that the by-law, ordinance or administrative policy shall identify the
20 body, individual or entity responsible for carrying out the program; (c) ensure that a municipal
21 employee participates in a department training for the program; (d) develop a complete streets
22 prioritization plan; and (e) comply with other requirements of the department.

23 Section 4. The department may adopt rules, regulations and guidelines for the
24 administration of this chapter including, but not limited to, criteria for awarding grants under the
25 program, application procedures, and other requirements. The department shall consult with the
26 Massachusetts bicycle and pedestrian advisory board established in section 11A of chapter 21
27 and the healthy transportation compact established in section 33 of chapter 6C on the
28 development and management of the program.