

HOUSE No. 3273

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to invest in local roads.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3273) of Natalie M. Blais and others for legislation to establish a local roads improvement program. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to invest in local roads.

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

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 90J the following
2 chapter:-

3 Chapter 90K. Local roads improvement program

4 Section 1. There shall be within the department a local roads improvement program to
5 provide grants to municipalities for improvements to public ways; provided, that funds may be
6 expended for transportation projects including, but not limited to: (i) the rehabilitation,
7 reconstruction, resurfacing or preservation of roadways and appurtenances; (ii) the repair or
8 replacement of traffic control devices, signage, guardrails and storm grates; or (iii) road striping
9 or painting. Funds shall be distributed using a formula based on each municipality’s share of
10 road mileage.

11 Section 2. Annually not later than October 1, the department shall submit a report to the
12 house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation with

13 respect to grants distributed under this chapter during the prior fiscal year that shall include, but
14 not be limited to: (a) a list of all municipalities that received funding for projects through these
15 grants; (b) the amount of grant funds awarded to each municipality; and (c) a description of the
16 projects implemented in each municipality.