

HOUSE No. 3785

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Todd M. Smola

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 establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3785) of Todd M. Smola for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to identifying, preserving and commemorating historic roadways in the Commonwealth. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3426 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby
2 established a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in
3 Massachusetts to consist of 2 members of the Senate, one to be appointed by the Senate
4 President and one to be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the House of
5 Representatives, one to be appointed by the Speaker and one to be appointed by the minority
6 leader; the secretary of the Massachusetts department of transportation or his designee; a
7 representative of the Massachusetts historical commission, who shall serve as chair; the
8 commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation or his designee; 1 representative
9 of the Massachusetts municipal association; 1 representative of the American planning

10 association Massachusetts chapter; and 1 representative to be appointed by the Governor who is
11 an expert in Massachusetts history.

12 SECTION 2. The commission shall identify historic roadways in Massachusetts as well
13 as means for preserving and commemorating said roadways. The commission shall report the
14 results of its study, along with legislative recommendations if necessary, to the clerks of the
15 senate and house of representative no later than December 31, 2026.