



March 19, 2015

Mr. Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor City of Somerville 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mr. Curtatone:

The record breaking snowfall and extreme weather this winter season has left many of the Commonwealth's roadways in poor condition. To assist municipalities in implementing much needed repairs, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito are pleased to announce the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP). The Governor and Lt. Governor have approved a \$30 million statewide program designed to provide direct aid to all 351 cities and town across the Commonwealth. Although NOT a Chapter 90 program, these funds will be apportioned to the municipalities based on the Chapter 90 formula.

MassDOT is issuing a one-time contract allowing the **City of Somerville** to be reimbursed for up to **\$169,736** of roadway repairs resulting from this year's harsh winter weather. Eligible projects include (a) patching of potholes, cracking and other surface defects, including paving projects, (b) repair and or replacement of signage, guardrail, storm grates, or road striping or painting, and (c) projects identified through written agreement between the MassDOT Highway Division District Office and the **City of Somerville**.

The contract requires that all physical work be completed prior to June 30, 2015. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the Highway Division prior to July 31, 2015, in order to be reimbursed. Requests for reimbursement received after this date will not be processed by the Highway Division. The intent of this program is to assist cities and towns in addressing immediate and necessary repairs resulting from the winter weather. Considering the large volume of work and the short time period, it is understood that the general contractor may wish to subcontract a portion of the work.

Should you have any questions, please call Paul Jay at (857) 368-9150 or Maria Conti at (857) 368-9144.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Pollack

Secretary and Chief Executive Officer