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The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Vice Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 238
Boston, MA 02133

RE: H.4257 *An Act Financing Long-Term Improvements to Municipal Roads and Bridges*

Dear Chair Michlewitz and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), we **respectfully request that the House Committee on Ways and Means move swiftly to report favorably H.4257, *An Act financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges*** filed by Governor Healey. This bill authorizes Chapter 90 funding at \$300 million this year, a much-needed investment in our roads and bridges across the Commonwealth, alongside other critical investments in transportation infrastructure.

MAPC is the regional planning agency for Greater Boston, serving the people who live and work in the 101 cities and towns of the region. A reliable, efficient, and accessible transportation network is critical to our work as it connects workers to jobs, businesses to markets, students to schools, patients to health care, and residents and visitors to cultural and recreational resources. We prioritize efforts that foster regional collaboration, and we have long advocated to increase Chapter 90 funding to support the large volume of roadway repair and maintenance needs in our region and across our Commonwealth. **We are very grateful to the Legislature for the proposed increased Chapter 90 funding level to an annual level of \$300 million. This amount reflects the needs of municipalities across the Commonwealth and the Legislature to maintain this investment level.**

In addition to supporting the increased investment level, we urge the Legislature to consider authorizing increased funding over multiple years so that municipalities can better plan for long term infrastructure projects as proposed in the Governor's proposal. Multiyear authorization allows cities and towns to plan for longer term projects while knowing that at least a base level of funding can be anticipated. Additionally, this allows municipalities to take advantage of what is a limited construction season due to weather constraints and better plan for mitigation measures.

MAPC is grateful for the Legislature's continued investment in innovative transportation infrastructure funding. We urge the Legislature to include programs such as the bridge and



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pavement asset management program, culvert and small bridge modernization, and congestion management to support municipal transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at eweyant@mapc.org.

Sincerely,

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