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Representative O'Brien Secures Commitment to Fund Public Works Economic Development in Plympton's

BOSTON – Two months following the filing by State Representative Thomas J. O'Brien (D-Kingston) of an amendment to the Transportation Bond Bill, the amendment has been signed by Governor Romney. Rep. O'Brien filed the amendment in early June, which will allow the town of Plympton to receive a state public works economic development grant in the amount of \$1,087,000 for the design, engineering, and construction associated with the new industrial park.

Earlier this year, the Town of Plympton submitted a comprehensive PWED application to the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction but Governor Romney's administration had not approved the grant application by the time the Transportation Bond Bill was brought before the House of Representatives. Rep. O'Brien's amendment authorizes grant money to be made available to advance the town's economic development plan to assist with the expansion and development of the Plympton Industrial Park. The investment in this industrial park will have a positive economic impact on the entire region.

“The Town of Plympton is in a very good position to move forward with its economic agenda and has the potential to become a center of economic development and prosperity on the South Shore,” remarked Rep. O’Brien. “The town officials have been proactive in pursuing both public and private economic development opportunities and should be applauded for their efforts. The more than \$1 million which was secured for Plympton in the Transportation Bond Bill will go a long way toward bringing those economic development plans to fruition.”

The Transportation Bond Bill, including the Plympton PWED amendment language, was signed by the Governor on August 10, 2004.