



Lee, MA—Today, Congressman Olver’s office announced that the Federal Highway Administration has awarded two grants for projects along the Jacob’s Ladder Scenic Byway. The first is a grant for design of the Lee Bikeway, which will travel through Lee and connect to bike routes in neighboring Lenox and Stockbridge. The second is a grant to help the Lee Land Trust improve access to and create a picnicking area at its Barlow / Goose Pond recreational area, located on Route 20. The first project was awarded \$293,200 and the second was awarded \$136,080.

“We are working steadily to design bike and walking paths up and down the County that will provide residents with better access to the scenic and natural beauty of the Berkshires,” said Congressman Olver. “The ultimate goal of our efforts is to create a north-south pathway that will span the length of the county, from Connecticut to Vermont,” Olver added.

The two grants will help achieve the main goals of the project, which include finalizing the location of the entire 6.7 mile bikeway, procuring 100% of the engineering design for the southern half of the route, and securing landowner agreements along the northern section of the route.

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