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**O'CONNELL ANNOUNCES \$250K GRANT TO RECONSTRUCT
WEIR STREET SIDEWALKS**

Taunton, MA... Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced that the City of Taunton has received a \$250,000 grant through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Choice Initiative competitive grant program, which will fund new city sidewalks.

"We are excited for this project and grateful for the Baker-Polito administration's strategic investments in improvement projects," O'Connell stated.

The Housing Choice Initiative, now in its third year, is a program created by Governor Baker's administration to reward communities that have achieved certain levels of housing production over a 5 year period. Cities must first qualify every two years, and then those who qualified are eligible to apply for grants.

This grant will fund the reconstruction of sidewalks on Weir Street from the Taunton Green to High Street. These new sidewalks will serve the 20-25 businesses on that section of Weir Street as well as the 38 new apartments that are part of the upcoming redevelopment of the Union Block.

"This corridor is an active segment of Downtown Taunton and home to many great businesses," stated O'Connell. "It is an important piece of our ongoing revitalization efforts for Taunton."

Construction is expected to commence this summer.

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