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**ROSENBERG, BOSLEY WIN \$6 MILLION INCREASE
FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES**

The Massachusetts Legislature today approved a fiscal '08 supplemental budget that includes a \$6.025 million increase for regional transportation authorities, a measure pushed by State Senator Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) and State Representative Dan Bosley (D-North Adams), co-chairs of the Legislature's Regional Transportation Caucus.

The increase will cover the operational shortfall RTAs are experiencing throughout the state. In western Massachusetts, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority will receive \$2.4 million.

"This is a necessary fix and I'm pleased my colleagues on Beacon Hill understand the importance of regional transportation outside the MBTA," Rosenberg said. "This will give us the breathing room we need to continue our work to improve the RTA system."

The supplemental budget now goes to the governor for final approval.