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**Senator Baddour Announces Design Funds  
for Haverhill Transit Parking Facility**

The Patrick-Murray Administration has approved funding for final design of the Haverhill Intermodal Center, a multi-level parking facility to be located adjacent to the MBTA commuter rail platform. The \$266,500 award from state Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) funds to the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority will be matched by \$1.06 million in federal transit funds.

"The Haverhill project puts state ITC dollars to work exactly as intended- to encourage use of mass transit by providing easy access to parking for commuters who live a distance from bus or commuter rail," said Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen.

The Haverhill Intermodal Center will include 320 parking spaces along with retail space on the ground floor.

"For many residents outside the Boston area, Regional Transit Authorities provide the cornerstone of their transportation network," said Senator Steven A. Baddour (D-Methuen). "I am pleased to see the federal government and the state's Executive Office of Transportation work together to move this important project forward in order to improve transportation services for all the residents and commuters of the Greater Haverhill area."

"The construction of this facility is a key feature of the ongoing development effort for Downtown Haverhill," said Representative Brian S. Dempsey (D- Haverhill). "The garage will provide needed parking for those that live Downtown or visit to dine or shop, work or commute. Ample parking will allow all of those to fully enjoy what Haverhill has to offer."

The final design process is expected to be completed in 14 months. There will be opportunity for public participation during this process. The overall project also includes relocation of a bus station near the parking facility as part of a plan to create a transportation center in downtown Haverhill that will bring together local bus, commuter bus, and commuter rail service.

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