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## MILITARY TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AT JOINT BASE CAPE COD

*Two-phased project will improve access and public safety for 4000+  
employees and visitors*

JOINT BASE CAPE COD – Monday, November 24, 2014 – The Massachusetts Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force is pleased to announce that the Commonwealth will invest up to \$2.5 million in capital funding to repair and repave Connery Avenue on Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC).

“The continuous support of our state leadership for the Massachusetts National Guard and its Soldiers, Airmen and their Families makes a difference everyday,” said Major General L. Scott Rice, The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard. “The improvement of this key access road at Joint Base Cape Cod is an example of a strategic investment in our Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen and this critical training installation.”

Connery Avenue serves as the primary artery to access JBCC. Base personnel; local Fire and Sheriff's Departments; visitors to the adjacent Veteran's Administration cemetery; and school buses travel this critical stretch. Ambulances and other emergency responders frequently use Connery Avenue to reach the nearest hospital. In addition, the road supports the Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan prepared by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and State Police. This essential artery had fallen into a poor state of repair, so the Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force recommended funding its upkeep. MassDevelopment, the Commonwealth's quasi-governmental economic-development agency, is overseeing the project in partnership with Joint Base Cape Cod and MassDOT.

"I commend the Task Force announcement to repair Connery Avenue," said U.S. Rep. William Keating (MA-9). "Joint Base Cape Cod is not only critical to our local economy but also to our National Security. The benefits of these repairs go far beyond base personnel and will have a positive impact on all facets of our community. It is always encouraging to see the continued investment in our Base."

The Commonwealth's \$2.5 million investment spread over two phases has funded and will fund necessary repairs to ensure the safety of motorists using Connery Avenue. These repairs will support multiple military and civilian users, and will strengthen compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency and MEMA emergency traffic guidelines. Phase I of the project, which cost \$425,000, involved grinding the current pavement and resurfacing 7,000 feet of roadway between the Otis Rotary and the Bourne entrance to Joint Base Cape Cod. Phase I construction is now complete, and Phase II, which will begin in 2015, will include the paving of portions of the road on JBCC beyond the Bourne Gate.

"The repair of Connery Avenue is both a national security and a public safety issue," said Senate President Therese Murray. "As the main artery of the base, it is important to have the road in working order."

Joint Base Cape Cod is the largest military installation in geographical size in the Commonwealth, covering 22,000 acres on Upper Cape Cod, and is a uniquely organized joint installation with components from the Army National Guard (Camp Edwards), Air National Guard (Otis Air National Guard Base), United States Coast Guard (Base Cape Cod and Air Station Cape Cod) and United States Air Force (6th Space Warning Squadron PavePAWS). In addition, nearly thirty other tenants on JBCC have affiliations with the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, or other federal, state, and county entities. JBCC, which employs nearly 4,000 full- and part-time military, federal, and state civilian employees, had an economic impact of \$405 million in 2011.

"As a new member of the Task Force, I am pleased we were able to make the Connery Ave. project a priority and to begin this project in the early years of the Military Bond," said State Representative David T. Vieira. "Connery Avenue is the main access to the National Cemetery, the Barnstable County Correctional Facility, and the various units on Joint Base Cape Cod. It is also a critical link in the regional Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan. Investing in such foundational infrastructure will put us on the right path for future success."

“This is an excellent example of multiple agencies, both state and federal, working together to resolve a long-standing issue on Joint Base Cape Cod,” said State Representative Randy Hunt. “We hope that the synergy created by this coalition of supporting organizations continues as the role of the base evolves.”

“The Commonwealth’s top-notch military installations need top-notch infrastructure so they can continue to carry out their vital missions,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Marty Jones. “MassDevelopment appreciates the support of its federal, state, and local partners in insuring that Joint Base Cape Cod has the resources it needs to keep up its important work.”

Governor Patrick’s FY2015 Capital Plan authorized funding for this project and other infrastructure projects throughout the Commonwealth in partnership with Massachusetts military installations and the Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force, led by MassDevelopment and the Massachusetts National Guard.

In 2012, Governor Patrick approved the creation of the Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force, spearheading one of the nation’s most comprehensive efforts to support a state’s military installations and their host communities, advancing initiatives in workforce training, transportation, veterans’ services, energy, and housing in partnership with municipalities, industry, and academia. The six military installations in Massachusetts include Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield; Fort Devens; Hanscom Air Force Base; Joint Base Cape Cod; Natick Soldier Systems Center; and Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee. These installations account for a total economic impact of \$14.2 billion and more than 46,500 Massachusetts jobs.