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Dear Sir or Madam,

I urge you to reconsider the terrible decision to delay the Green Line Extension. The Green Line Extension is a great, sustainable transportation project. It is no wonder that the Green Line is overwhelmingly supported in Somerville and surrounding communities.

The Green Line is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. It has been the state's single largest Transportation Control Measure (TCM) obligation under the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for twenty years. Thus, it is a binding legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. Federal Transportation Conformity Regulations require that SIP TCMs like the Green Line Extension must be given funding and completion priority by the region and state.

Meeting this legal obligation requires the Boston MPO to show realistic funding sources and timely completion of the Green Line Extension in both the 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Currently the TIP shows less than 50% of the money and less than 50% of the Green Line Extension being completed by the legal deadline of 2014.

The Draft 2012 – 2015 TIP and the Draft LRTP "Paths to a Sustainable Region" fail to meet both the "fiscal constraint" requirement for full funding and the "environmental" requirement for timely completion of the SIP TCMs. And, beyond the binding legal obligations, MassDOT and the Commonwealth have failed over and over again to meet promised deadlines given to the Green Line Extension communities. Citizens deserve greater respect.

Yours truly,
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