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Dear Gentlepeople:

This letter comes from a citizen concerned about the problems of delaying the extension of the Green Line and the attendant problems that will occur if it is not initiated and completed on a timely basis.

Would all federal and state government entities please enforce the legal and environmental obligations (federal Transportation Conformity Measures and SIP air quality) of the project. The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. Full funding of the project and any interim replacements must be identified in the Boston MPO 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Beyond that--there are related and downstream effects that affect the quality of life of thousands of people of which I am sure you are aware.

Delaying GLX project delays the Community Path, since the two projects need to be designed and built together, because they need to share right-of-way, infrastructure, and heavy construction. Full funding of the the Community Path should also be programmed in the 2012-2015 TIP and LRTP along with the GLX. The GLX and Community Path are wonderful sustainable transportation projects that will help help more people get around with fewer car trips, curb greenhouse gases, and provide needed regional economic opportunities.

Other developments that will follow are of equal importance: community health and economic and other infrastructural investment are just as much a part of this project and are needed to spark and sustain growth in one of Massachusetts' least well off communities.

Please do what you can to see this project isn't derailed for years and years.

Sincerely,
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