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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing you in regards to the decision made to delay the Green Line extension. There are so many benefits to extending the Green Line past Lechmere:

1. Creates sustainable mobility for one of the most densely populated regions in the country.
2. This project will save lives through reduced air pollution and auto accidents
3. With the economy in the doldrums construction companies are hungry. There will never be a cheaper time to build this.
4. It’s required by law. Every delay means that the state needs to build and do other projects to make up for the absence of the Green Line. The longer the state waits, the more expensive it gets.
5. The state could lose all Federal transportation funding- in excess of $400 million a year

This project has waited far too long to start construction since it was introduced in the 1990's. We can't wait until 2020 for this project to begin, there are too many positives that outweigh the negatives. Somerville and Medford deserve this long awaited extension to the Green Line.

Please listen to your constituents who have voiced their opposition to this decision!

Regards,

Melissa Lowitz
Somerville