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Greetings,

May I most respectfully urge you to restore the Green Line Extension (GLX) and the Community Path to full funding in the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

To begin with, this is already a legal obligation of the Commonwealth. 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). I am urging federal and state government entities to enforce the legal and environmental obligations (federal Transportation Conformity Measures and SIP air quality) of the project.

More personally, I believe the Community Path is also an unfair casualty of pushing the GLX out of the 2012-2015 TIP. Delaying GLX project also 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.

I am a long-time user of both the Green Line and the Minuteman Bikeway/Linear Path, and I am constantly frustrated and — I believe — put in danger by having to take the very busy streets with no safe bike routes inbound from where the Linear Path ends.

Respectfully yorus,

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