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I am writing to protest the State's recent efforts to further delay the Green Line extension into Somerville.

The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. It's been delayed, and delayed again, to the point where I begin to wonder whether my kindergartener, who came to meetings on the Green Line extension as an infant, will ever see the Green Line in our neighborhood. She helps remind us that it's better to take fewer car trips, ride our bikes to school, walk to buy bread and eggs, and take the T to places we want to visit. For her, and for her generation of Somerville kids, let's set a good example and support sustainable transportation so it's there for them and their familes to use.

I urge federal and state government entities to enforce the legal and environmental obligations (federal Transportation Conformity Measures and SIP air quality) of the project. 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).

Delaying GLX project also delays the Community Path, since the two projects need to be designed and built together. 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.

Delaying completion of the project prolongs the negative health effect being inflicted on citizens by poor air quality, and adds an estimated $200 million to the overall cost. Failure to complete the project by the legal deadline puts Massachusetts at risk of being cut off from federal funding for ALL transportation projects.

Sincerely,

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