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Good morning,

I am writing to strongly protest the State's recent efforts to further delay the Green Line extension (GLX). The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. Therefore, I am urging federal and state government entities to fully 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).

I am particularly upset over this delay as I ride the MBTA every day as a commuter and for personal transportation. It is extremely unfair that the MBTA was saddled with Big Dig related debt thereby exacerbating the fiscal crisis affecting the agency and its ridership.

Residents of Somerville and Medford would benefit greatly from the Green Line Extension. It would spur significant ancilliary economic growth along the extension route and it would help ease congestion on the area's overburdened surface roads. The state needs to invest in urban mass transit infrastructure and stop neglecting it while favoring highway and suburban infrastructure spending.

I am enraged by this delay and will contact all of my elected officials so that they understand how the Somerville community feels.

Sincerely,

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