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Dear all:

I am writing to protest the State's recent efforts to further delay the Green Line extension (GLX). Although I do most of my commuting by bicycle or by foot, I am constantly subjected to the air pollution caused by the heavy car traffic going through Somerville.

As such, 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. 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).

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.

Sincerely,

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