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By means of this letter I'm urging the completion of the Green Line Extension by 2014.

The City of Somerville has been on hold in terms of rapid transit for the last forty years. Five commuter rail or MBTA lines cut through Somerville, but there is only one stop in Somerville. Many Somerville residents are exposed daily to diesel rail from up to 200 diesel commuter and freight trains and up to a quarter of a million vehicles on I-93 and routes 28 and 38.

Many, many Somerville residents have attended and testified at MPO meetings and have sent written testimony in support of including the Green Line Extension to Somerville and Medford in the 2012 TIP.

The Green Line Extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act; it has been a Commonwealth obligation for 20 years. Further delay could jeopardize the Commonwealth's federal transportation funding -- a loss of $650 million per year.

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