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Subject:	Green Line Extension – Enforce the SIP air quality and Transportation Conformity Measures in the Boston MPO 2012 – 2015 TIP and LRTP. Please do not introduce further delays to the Green Line Extension
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To Whom it May Concern:

The most recent round of delays to the Green Line Extension project is absolutely unacceptable to the community that is clearly viewed only as a portal from the suburbs to the better served communities of Boston and Cambridge. I have lived in Somerville for over 10 years and the transportation situation grows more untenable with each passing day. The MBTA bus service is unable to meet the demands of a growing ridership nor can it keep to its schedules due to traffic congestion. And I'm embarrassed to say that I contribute to this congestion by often driving to my work, which is less than 2 miles away, because I cannot depend upon the current transportation system that is over capacity. (In pleasant weather I often walk or ride my bicycle.)

Additionally, the pollution caused from the almost constant gridlocked traffic in Union Square (I live on Somerville Ave in the square) poses health risks to the community. My neighbor has two children under 6 and both have severe asthma - this is a terrible condition for these kids, and surely one you would fight in earnest should it befall your own family.

Somerville and its residents are tired of being treated as a doormat to the surrounding areas. A competing business might deal with this delay by obstructing or closing off the channels of access to these other communities and taking an isolationist approach. Fortunately I am not in public policy or politics. However perhaps you can see my point - we are generous neighbors to these communities by allowing our streets to be polluted by this constant thru-traffic and to have dozens of trains rumble through our yards, though they never stop. And to house the MBTA railyard, when we could develop this land as taxable property with greater benefit to the community. (The absurdity of the railyards is that these service and maintain transportation that fails to actually service our community - a double blow.)

I cannot imagine that any of you would ever negotiate such a raw deal for your community and I do hope you will carefully consider the lives and needs of others. And respect the letter of the law - 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). Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

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