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Dear Officials,
Please uphold the State's commitment to the environment and the health of our citizens by funding the Community Path and the Green Line Extension.
I am a lifelong user of public transportation, taking the MBTA bus from Lynn to Peabody during my high school years, becoming a stalwart of the 450 bus from Lynn to downtown Boston during my college years, and taking the T for all kinds of activities in Boston ever since moving to Somerville in 1989.
It is incredibly inconvenient to use public transportation to get downtown from Union Square. I need to either walk 25 mins. to one of 3 subway stations, or wait for a bus outdoors. Otherwise, I find myself driving and parking, even though it would only be a short ride if we had a T stop nearby.
When the Green Line Extension is built, residents will be able to actually live car-free, or nearly so, while getting around without a hassle. This would make a real difference to pollution levels, and the health of our community.
We moved to this neighborhood in 1994. In all honesty we thought the Green Line station would already be up and running by 2011.
I urge you to meet your legal and moral obligations by putting the highest priority on this project.
Regards,
Kristine Lessard
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