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Hello:

I am writing to protest the Massachusetts's recent efforts to further delay the Green Line extension. The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. I urge the State to meet its legal and environmental obligations by keeping the project to its December 31, 2014 deadline. Full funding must be identified in the Boston MPO's 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Delaying the GLX would:

- Needlessly cost taxpayers statewide an extra $200 million - or more - plus the added costs of air quality mitigation to offset the new delays.
- Jeopardize the State's federal transportation funding - $650 million per year!
- Delay the Community Path, since the two projects need to be designed and built together.

The project is a wonderful transportation project that will help curb greenhouse gases and provide economic opportunities regionally and to the State. I would also like to add that as a resident of Somerville we have put a huge effort to plan our city's budget and development in anticipation of the green line ; and to delay it will set back many important development projects ; and our schools need the tax money from those projects.

Sincerely,

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