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Subject:	Green Line Extension – Please enforce the SIP air quality and Transportation Conformity Measures in the Boston MPO 2012 – 2015 TIP and LRTP. We need this long promised and oft delayed project NOW!
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I am writing to protest the State's recent efforts to further delay the Green Line extension (GLX).
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.

I am but one citizen but I am appalled at the lack of foresight that the delay, blamed on funding problems, indicates. If there are funding problems now, what happens economically with delays. The project costs more, more people become sick from lack of environmental protection public transportation affords, increasing health care costs, the positive progress between many differing factions stalls (wasting how many $s of staff hours spent in meetings, and very importantly, faith in our politicians continues to deteriorate.

I urge each and every one of you to roll up your sleeves and make this project happen. Look in your soul and ask am I doing the job I was hired to do to the best of my ability and with integrity and transparency? If you answer yes and insist on no less from your colleagues, we will all succeed.

Thank you for your attention,

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