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I am writing to strongly protest the State's recent efforts to further delay the Green Line extension (GLX). The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. Therefore, I am urging federal and state government entities to fully enforce the legal and environmental obligations (federal Transportation Conformity Measures and SIP air quality) of the project. 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 the GLX project also delays the Community Path, since the two projects need to be designed and built together. 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.

Here in Somerville many people already rely on bicycles and mass transit to get around day to day, however many more people would do that if it were safer to ride to Boston and more convenient to rely on mass transit. Meanwhile the traffic and parking situation in Somerville is unsustainable.

Please fully enforce the State's legal obligations to to Clean Air by keeping the Green Line extension on schedule and prohibiting any further delays.

Sincerely,
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