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To all who are concerned:

I am deeply discouraged by the news that the Green Line extension to Somerville and Medford has been delayed. There are many reasons why we need to support this and keep it on schedule. Most importatnly is the fact that energy prices will likely rise due to peak oil and that widespread public transportation will help protect Boston area residents and businesses from the impact of volatile gas prices. Public transportation reduces our dependance on oil, and of course, it reduces carbon emissions. These goals are congruent with the Global Warming Solutions Act's targets for reducing transportation emissions in the Commonwealth.

More Key reasons to not delay include:

1. Creates sustainable mobility for one of the most densely populated regions in the country.
2. This project will save lives through reduced air pollution and auto accidents
3. With the economy in the doldrums construction companies are hungry. There will never be a cheaper time to build this.
4. It's required by law. Every delay means that the state needs to build and do other projects to make up for the absence of the Green Line. The longer the state waits, the more expensive it gets.
5. The state could lose all Federal transportation funding- in excess of $400 million a year

Please follow through on the promise of the Green Line in Somerville.

Sincerely,

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