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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).

I'm shocked at the Commonwealth's lack of accountability and seemingly flagrant disregard for its legal requirements, not to mention for the wellbeing of the citizens of Somerville. It makes me wonder which other of its obligations are "negotiable." At best, the latest delay sends a message of disorganization and confusion. At worst, it communicates that concern for the health of its citizens and upholding the laws which protect them is optional.

I live and work in Somerville. I believe in Somerville. It deserves more consideration and accountability from you. My trust is absolutely shaken.

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.

Sincerely,

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