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Good morning,

i am a neighbor of the future green line stop in Somerville and am very saddened to hear that the plans have been delayed yet again. It is urgent that they be restored, funds allocated and the extension be built. We have been waiting nearly a decade already for this extension and it is time to put the plan into action!

The Green Line extension is a legal obligation under the Clean Air Act. I urge the State to meet its legal and environmental obligations (SIP air quality and federal Transportation Conformity Measures) 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 GLX project is a wonderful transportation project that will help curb greenhouse gases and provide economic opportunities regionally and to the State.

Sincerely,
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