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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my great concern over the State's plan to further delay the Green Line extension (GLX). Now more than ever the state should and must fufill its commitment to ameliorate the negative health effects of I-93--and to build public transit that reduces fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change will not wait for us to finally get around to providing greener transit. We need to act now, and the state is legally required to do so.

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. 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 more people get around with fewer car trips, curb greenhouse gases, and provide needed regional economic opportunities.

Delaying completion of the project prolongs the negative health effect being inflicted on citizens by poor air quality, and adds an estimated $200 million to the overall cost. Failure to complete the project by the legal deadline puts Massachusetts at risk of being cut off from federal funding for ALL transportation projects.

Sincerely,

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