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Hello,

I am writing to ask you to enforce the SIP air quality and Transportation Conformity Measures in the Boston MPO 2012 – 2015 TIP and LRTP. I strongly disagree with the State's recent movements to further delay the Green Line Extension project.

My understanding is that, under the Clean Air Act, this, as the agreed upon counter-measure to past highway expansion through the city, is a legal obligation. 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, rather than shirk responsibility when times get tough. Times *are* tough, but other communities around the country with similar obligations can look here as an example, and either see the responsible approach (which I strongly urge) or a community let off the hook (an example which, if we set, I fear others will follow - to the detriment of our nation as a whole).

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). The green line will bring needed balance to opportunities in Somerville -- improving access and economic growth for a much larger portion of the city than is now served.

Delaying this project also delays progress on the Community Path, as the two projects must be designed and built concurrently. Full funding of the the Community Path should also be programmed in the 2012-2015 TIP and LRTP. The Community Path will be a boon for the city -- not only in terms of "greening" and the obvious environmental advantages of more pedestrian (rather than carbon-based) traffic, but also in terms of public health, community desirability, and economic opportunity.

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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