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To:

Governor Deval Patrick

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Secretary Richard Davey

MBTA General Manager Beverly Scott

Mary Ainsley, Senior Director of Design and Construction, MBTA/GLX Design Team

Re: Thank you for 100% Community Path Extension (CPX) Design as part of the Green Line Extension (GLX)

To Governor Patrick, Secretary Davey, General Manager Beverly Scott, Senior Director of Design and Construction Mary Ainsley, and the GLX Design Team:

We are writing on behalf of over 1000 Friends of the Community Path to extend our heartfelt thanks for committing to the 100% design of the Community Path Extension (CPX) from Lowell Street to North Point as part of the GLX. We understand that this welcome change was due to the decision to provide emergency egress along the GLX Fitchburg viaduct that can also double as a key section the CPX.


The concept for this potentially life-saving design, over a complex rail-crossing with significant engineering challenges, was the result of a collaborative effort by MassDOT, the MBTA, GLX Design Team, Cities of Somerville and Cambridge, and the Friends of the Community Path. The local legislative delegation (State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representative and Cambridge Councilor Toomey, and State Representatives Denise Provost and Carl Sciortino) also has wholeheartedly supported the GLX/CPX and helped this design to move forward.

Previously, the CPX design as part of the GLX had ended at Inner Belt. The new 2,000 foot GLX egress along the viaduct will complete the CPX design. The entire 2-mile CPX, which will link the Minuteman and Charles River path networks along the GLX, will make for ~48 miles of continuous path network, connecting 11 Boston Metro cities/towns.

The completion of the GLX and CPX will greatly advance MassDOT's Mode Shift goal of tripling the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit mode share by the year 2030.

We look forward to continuing to our good work together on our common goals.

Sincerely,

  
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