



Green Line Extension Project

WINTER 2014

Project Update

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is partnering with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to extend the Green Line from its current terminus at Lechmere Station in East Cambridge to Somerville and Medford. Bringing MBTA light rail service and improved mobility to these densely populated cities will address longstanding transportation inequities, result in fewer automobiles on local roads, and help to combat greenhouse gas emissions and other components of air pollution.

The project is scheduled to be constructed in four overlapping phases from 2013 to 2019. Phase I construction work began in January 2013 to widen two rail bridges that will carry the new Green Line tracks.

Upcoming Milestones

Jan 2014	Advanced Preliminary Engineering Submitted to the MBTA
Mar/Apr 2014	Federal Funding Application
Summer 2014	Phase 2/2A Early Construction
Spring 2015	Federal Funding Agreement

MassDOT has approved funds needed to construct the first three stations along with the associated track, structures and infrastructure to make them operational. Stations will be opened in phases (see route and timetable on back).

In addition, MassDOT is working to complete an application to the Federal Transit Administration seeking funds for about half of the \$1.3 billion project; the Commonwealth would fund the other half.

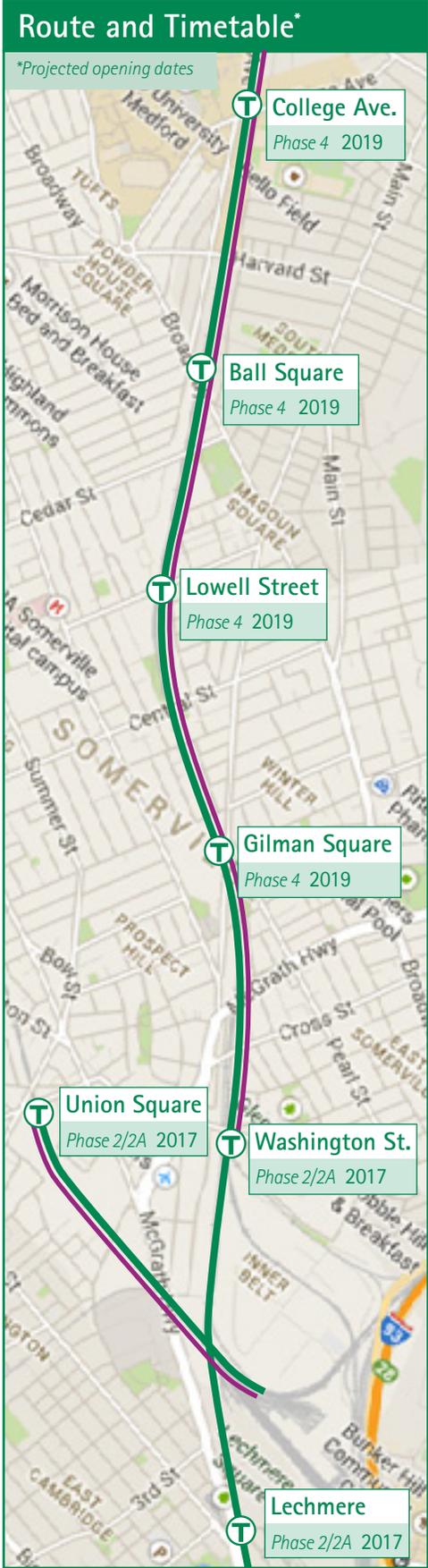
COLLEGE AVENUE STATION

The College Avenue Station in Medford will be located at the College Avenue bridge that crosses the MBTA Lowell Line commuter rail tracks, at the intersection with Boston Avenue and adjacent to Tufts University. The headhouse will have entries from a large plaza reached from both College and Boston avenues. The concourse and platform will extend north toward Winthrop Street, one level below the plaza. The accessible pick-up/drop-off area will be on Boston Avenue north of College Avenue.



Other Station Features

- Fully accessible, including fare collection turnstiles
- Accessible drop-off/pick-up area
- Parking for 98 bicycles (80 enclosed)
- Bus connections
- Pedestrian improvements including two new raised crosswalks
- New pedestrian path/bridge from Burget Avenue neighborhood
- New right-turn traffic lane from College Avenue to Boston Avenue
- Decorative enclosure of MWRA water pipe at College Avenue bridge



Station Configuration

The College Avenue Station serves both the Tufts University campus community and the Medford neighborhoods east of the rail corridor, which will be directly accessible from a bridge/path to Burget Avenue.



College Ave./Boston Ave. Intersection

The plaza filling the corner in front of College Avenue Station will provide a gathering place as well as a connection to the Tufts University campus. Intersection improvements will enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

More Information

Station images shown are as presented at the June 2013 public meetings, with some modifications. Full presentations and more information on the Green Line Extension project, including Fact Sheets for the other six stations, are available on the GLX website: www.mass.gov/greenlineextension. For all queries and comments related to the GLX project, please contact the project staff by email at info@glxinfo.com.

