



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.

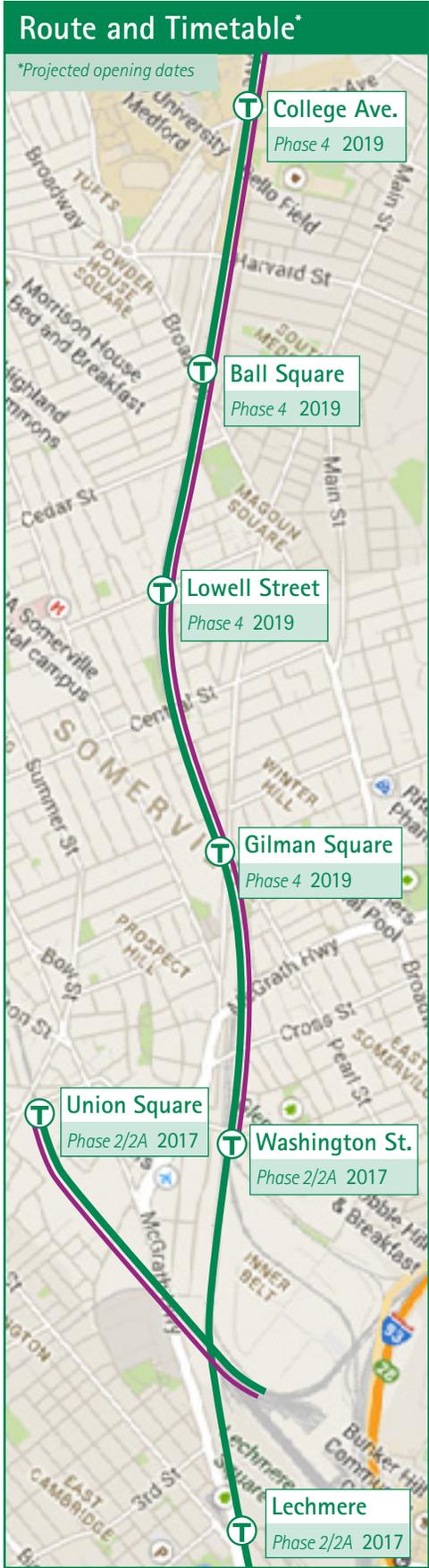
LOWELL STREET STATION

The Lowell Street Station in Somerville will be at the Lowell Street bridge that crosses the MBTA commuter rail tracks, near the Visiting Nurse Assisted Living Community and the Maxwell's Green residential complex. Customers will enter the headhouse from a plaza on the reconstructed bridge, which will also accommodate accessible pick-up and drop-off. The concourse and platform, one level below the plaza, will extend north of the bridge. Noise barriers will be constructed on the east side of the station.



Other Station Features

- Fully accessible, including fare collection turnstiles
- Accessible drop-off/pick-up area
- Parking for 78 bicycles (60 enclosed)
- New crosswalk proposed at Vernon Street
- Adjacent to proposed Community Path extension



Station Configuration

A large plaza with seating areas and bicycle storage will be prominent in front of the Lowell Street Station entrance, which will be set back from the street. The Community Path will provide a connection just south of the station.



Lowell Street Looking North

Lowell Street Station will serve a predominantly residential area, featuring traditional houses and multi-unit complexes.

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.

