



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.

WASHINGTON STREET STATION

Washington Street Station in Somerville will be located at the bridge that currently carries the MBTA Lowell Line commuter rail tracks over Washington Street, opposite Tufts Street and near Cobble Hill Plaza. The bridge will be rebuilt and the station headhouse will extend under the bridge with entrances on both the east and west sides. An accessible pick-up/drop-off area will be on the east side. One floor above street level, the concourse and platforms will extend south, perpendicular to Washington Street. Finish materials will consist of metal panels and glass for the exterior skin to increase the transparency of the façade and to introduce light below the bridge in pedestrian zones.

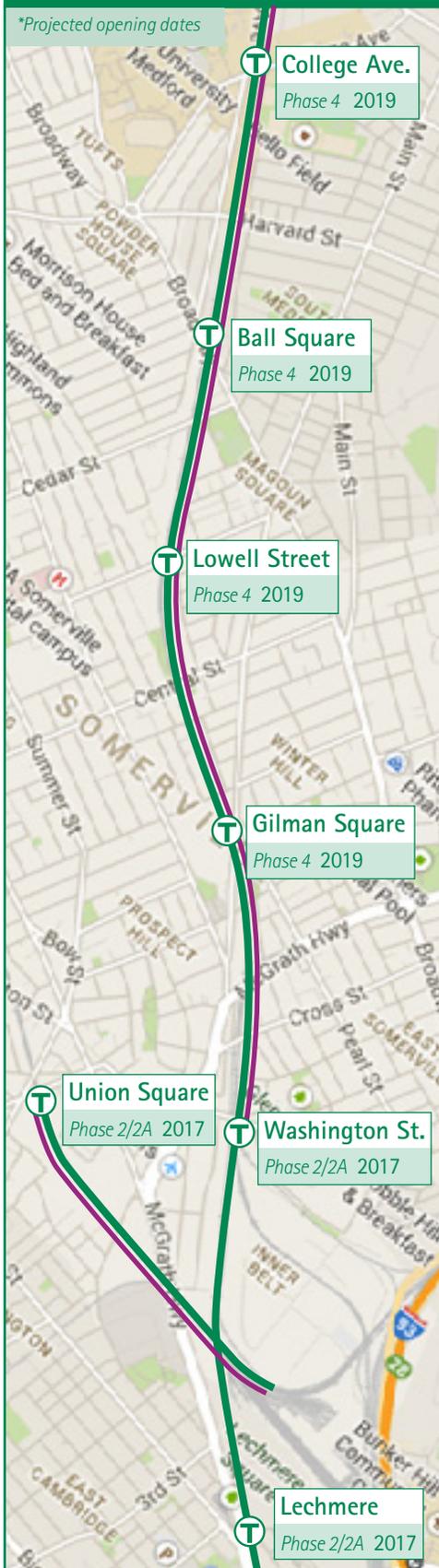


Other Station Features

- Fully accessible, including fare collection turnstiles
- Accessible drop-off/pick-up area
- Parking for 146 bicycles (116 enclosed)
- Bus connections
- New traffic signal at Knowlton and Tufts streets
- Paving and lighting enhancements under bridge to enhance public safety in pedestrian zones
- Flexible design to accommodate future development in the area
- Connection to future Community Path on west side of station

Route and Timetable*

*Projected opening dates



Knowlton Street View

A new traffic signal will be installed where Knowlton Street joins Tufts Street at Washington Street, improving vehicular flow and safe access to the station for pedestrians and bicyclists.



Future Community Path

The Somerville Community Path is being designed as part of the GLX project but will be constructed separately. The path will run parallel to the Washington Street Station, which will be reachable by a ramp to the lower plaza.

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.

