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Dear Friend of the Green Line Extension Project -

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), in conjunction with the MBTA, is entering the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Green Line Extension project. The project will extend existing MBTA Green Line service from Lechmere Station through the northwest Boston corridor communities of Cambridge, Somerville, and Medford, with an extension of the main line to College Avenue in Medford and a spur line to Union Square in Somerville. The project will increase mobility, encourage public transit usage, improve regional air quality, ensure a more equitable distribution of transit services, and support opportunities for sustainable growth in the corridor municipalities.

As part of the Preliminary Engineering phase, MassDOT is reaching out to local residents, businesses, and institutions to gather input on the design of six new stations proposed for the neighborhoods of Brickbottom, Gilman Square, Lowell Street, Ball Square, College Avenue, and Union Square, as well as the relocation of Lechmere Station. In addition, we will be seeking public input on design issues related to the proposed Somerville Community Path and the Green Line Extension vehicle maintenance and storage facility. We plan to convene a **GLX Design Working Group** to help advise us as we move forward. By helping MassDOT to plan public design events and to review design plans, this working group will help to create a Green Line Extension that best meets the needs of future riders, the corridor municipalities, and the MBTA.

We are seeking individuals who live in the three project corridor municipalities, are familiar with the neighborhoods around the proposed facilities, and are users of the MBTA system. Applicants should be prepared to represent their communities, share project information with their neighbors, and report local feedback at Working Group meetings. In addition, applicants must have a strong interest in the Green Line Extension Project, an open mind, and a willingness to make a firm commitment to the design process. Preference will be given to applicants who live within the walking catchment area (approximately a one-mile radius) of the proposed facility sites. We expect that meetings will be held quarterly for 18 months, beginning in June 2010. Working Group members will also be expected to participate in public meetings associated with the design process. All Working Group meetings will be open to the public and there will be an opportunity at the meetings for non-member input.

Please see the application on the following page. Please send your response, along with your contact information, to Ms. Katherine Fichter at [katherine.fichter@state.ma.us](mailto:katherine.fichter@state.ma.us) or at MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150, Boston MA 02116. All applications should be received by April 30, 2010.

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In an attempt to assemble the most productive Working Group possible, we are asking interested individuals to provide us with the following information:

1. How often do you use public transportation?
2. What types of public transportation do you use (bus, subway, light rail, paratransit, commuter rail, other)?
3. Why do you want to be a part of this effort?
4. How do you envision the Green Line Extension affecting the future of your community?
5. Please describe any other civic engagement experience you have had – past or present – including with the Green Line Extension project.
6. What are the best times for you to attend Working Group meetings (days of week and times)?
7. Please list anything else that you feel we should know about your interest.