

Public Comments on the Development of the Boston Region MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment

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	Alderman, Ward 6, City of Woburn	Michael Raymond	New Boston Street Bridge, Woburn	Supports	Urges the MPO to adopt the Amendment to the LRTP and support funding for the reconstruction of the New Boston Street Bridge. The bridge is essential to regional economic growth and is a vital missing link to the region's infrastructure. It would benefit the entire region by: providing direct and convenient access to commercial areas in Woburn and Wilmington; providing alternate access to the Anderson Regional Transportation Center; alleviating heavy commercial traffic through the densely populated residential area in North Woburn and South Wilmington; triggering economic growth in the 375-acre Commerce Way Overlay district (between I-95 and I-93); and increasing visibility of properties currently underutilized because of poor accessibility.
X	Chairman, Winchester Board of Selectmen	James A. Johnson, III	Montvale Avenue, Woburn	Supports	The Town of Winchester supports the programming of the Montvale Avenue project in the LRTP amendment, which moves the project to the FFYs 2016-20 time band. Montvale Avenue is a critical transportation link with significant congestion and high crash rates. The project will improve congestion and safety issues, improve access to I-93, improve access for pedestrians and bicyclists, and conform to ADA standards. The bicycle improvements will compliment the proposed Tri-Community Bikeway.
	Medford resident	Kenneth J. Krause	Green Line Extension to Route 16; I-93/I-95 Interchange (Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Woburn); Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Concord to Westford); Assabet River Rail Trail (Hudson to Acton)	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. Gratified that the MPO and MassDOT are committed to the project. Cites recent report from Northeastern University on TOD and transit ridership as further evidence of the need for this type of investment in the transportation system. Also expresses support for the construction of new ramps on the I-93/I-95 interchange (Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Woburn), and for the BRFT and ARRT. The trails will fill in two more "missing links" in the region's bicycle network and create safer and more pleasant conditions for bicycling.

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	Medford resident	Matthew Alford	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
	Medford resident	Michael Bernstein	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The project has tremendous community support because it will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
	Medford resident	Gauri V. Bhide, M.D.	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. It will be a major factor in reducing traffic related congestion and pollution, and it will be good for the neighborhood in general.
	Somerville resident	Elisa de la Cruz	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The commenter's family is excited about the extension. Her husband would benefit as he takes the MBTA to work in Boston.
	Medford resident	Mimi Gordon	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The commenter is a 21 year resident of Medford who often drives because of limited access to subways in Medford. The GLX would enhance public transportation.
	Arlington resident	Linda Guttman	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. Many people could benefit from accessibility to the Green Line. They could avoid the time-consuming trip from Alewife Station to Park Street Station on the Red Line.
	West Medford resident	Frank Kastenholz	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. It would improve the following: transportation options for a large number of people; access to Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston; traffic and air quality; and access to shops, restaurants, museums, etc. Urges that siting, design, and engineering choices be made so that the extension is not ruled out in the future.
	Medford residents	Jane and John Kostick	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Support the GLX to Route 16.

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	Medford resident	John Murphy	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. It is in the best interest for Medford and the region to extend the Green Line to Route 16.
	Medford resident	Susie Nacco	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports extending the Green Line as far as possible. It is needed for the economic viability of the neighborhood.
	Medford resident	Cornelia Davis	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
		Jim Moskowitz	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The project has tremendous community support because it will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
	West Medford resident	Anita Nackel	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The extension will allow for easier access to downtown and help alleviate traffic congestion and pollution. It is vital to the further growth and vitality of Medford. The commenter has lived in Medford for over 30 years.
	Somerville resident	Jon and Loretta Obuchowski	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Support the GLX to Route 16. Having the project completed is a factor as the commenters consider whether to buy a home in the area.
	Arlington resident	Marsha Pelletier	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
	Arlington resident	Ruth Rautenberg	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
		Matthew Sachs	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
	Medford resident	Thomas W. Lincoln	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.

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		Julian	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
	Medford resident	Paul Materazzo	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The project presents unique opportunities for Medford and the region: economic development/TOD; transit diversity; environmental justice; affordable housing; enhanced pedestrian and biking networks; etc. Including the project in the LRTP will allow MAPC to work with state representatives, and local leaders, residents, and businesses to realize a Green Line station at Route 16. It would be short sighted not to include the project.
	Medford resident	Dana Hollinshead	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The programming of this project is a vital step toward strengthening the communities around the terminus and economic opportunities for residents. Residents will have better access to jobs and local businesses.
	Medford resident	Judith Watkinson	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
	State Representative	Rep. Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The project will provide the following benefits: greatly improve access to rail transit for thousands in a densely populated area; reduce congestion; enhance air quality; and promote economic development. This amendment ensures the LRTP is consistent with the TIP in indicating Route 16 as the terminus of the GLX.
	West Medford resident	Patrice Kastenzholz	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The commenter's family prefers public transit to traveling by car. They support extending the Green Line as far as possible as it will greatly improve their lives and reduce their car use.
	Medford resident	Ruth Alfasso	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.

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		Daniel Fairchild	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
		James Feldman, M.D., M.P.H.	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
	North Cambridge resident	Alison Hodges	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
	Medford resident	Lisa Hodsdon	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
	Medford resident	David Phillips	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
	Somerville resident	Amy Smift	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. The commenter would much rather walk to the Route 16 station to take transit than drive.

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		Tom Whiteford	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The project would provide: access to transit for a larger population in Medford and East Arlington; a larger footprint to support a bus terminal; greater opportunities for commercial and residential development around the terminus; shopping options for commuters at the existing Whole Foods store; and access to existing office space and parking garage for commuters.
	Arlington residents	Lenore and Howard Winkler	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Support the GLX to Route 16 with parking available. It would be a great alternative to using Alewife Station.
		Lisa Lavoie	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports funding for the GLX to Route 16 as programmed in the LRTP amendment. The extension will serve thousands of additional residents, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion. Thousands of people who live in walking distance to the Route 16 station will use the Green Line to access jobs, health care, education, recreation, and entertainment.
	Medford resident	Chris Leary	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
		Rachael Stark	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16 and requests consideration of an additional extension to Arlington. To reach pollution reduction goals, project must create excellent pedestrian paths from large and small streets and from community paths. Requests that WalkBoston be involved in this planning (contact provided). There also must be excellent bike access, and increased bus access, and parking for cars (a multi-story parking structure). The GLX will help transit and walking modes to receive a more fair share of transportation dollars.
	Medford Resident	Michael Silvia	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the Green Line extension to Mystic Valley Parkway and its inclusion in the LRTP.
	Arlington resident	Michael Sandler	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Is strongly in favor of extending the Green Line to Route 16.

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	Medford Resident	Franklin J. Schlerman	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the Green Line extension to Route 16 and its inclusion in the LRTP. Says that this is a great step in support of public transportation and a wonderful resource for residents of Medford.
	Medford Resident	Will Tenney	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Voices support for the Green Line extension to Route 16. Believes this is a worthy project that will add to the quality of life in the Medford/Arlington area.
	Arlington resident	Moshe Weitzman	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the Green Line extension to Route 16. The last leg is important for making the Green Line available to Arlington residents.
		Patricia Wild	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Strongly supports the Green Line extension to Route 16.
	U.S. House of Representatives	Rep. Michael E. Capuano	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. The portion of the extension to Route 16 is critically important to the overall success of the GLX project. Expresses disappointment that this section was left off the Commonwealth's State Implementation Plan. Applauds the MPO for recommending the use of highway funds for this transit project.
	Medford resident	David Owens	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
x	Medford resident	Scott Cytacki	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
x	Somerville resident	Julia Prange Wallerce	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
x	Medford resident	Luke McDermott	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
x		David Landskov	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. It would allow residents of southeast Arlington to walk to the MBTA and would be a short drive for everyone in Arlington.
x		Keith Fallon	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.

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X	Medford Resident	Erik Jacobs	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. Would like to see the project built to Route 16 in a single phase, but is excited that both approaches are being considered. Neighbors in the Capen Street area of Medford Hillside are supportive of the project.
X	Medford resident	Dina Rudick	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. Would like to see the project built to Route 16 in a single phase, but is excited that both approaches are being considered. Neighbors in the Capen Street area of Medford Hillside are supportive of the project.
X	Arlington resident	Mary Anna Foskett	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16.
X	Somerville resident	Margaret Collins	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. Boston is behind other metropolitan areas in public transit. It would be disappointing and embarrassing to continue to delay improving the city.
X	Medford resident	Susan Gerould	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. It would serve more people if it went further towards Arlington and West Medford, and would reduce car traffic in the vicinity.
X	Medford Hillside resident	Elisabeth Bayle	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. Cites MAPC report on the community visioning process which documents opportunities for improvements in air quality, transit-oriented development, and quality of life that will be made possible by the extension to Route 16. Also cites community support; over 2,000 area residents signed a petition in favor of the project and Somerville Mayor Curtatone supports it. Benefits of the GLX will be diminished if the extension stops at College Avenue. Urges MPO to fund the project to Route 16.

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X	Medford Hillside resident	John Roland Elliott	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Supports	Supports the GLX to Route 16. Makes three arguments in support of the Route 16 terminus: 1) it is the right thing to do, 2) the experts recognize its value, and 3) the general public expects it of the commonwealth. A terminus at Route 16 would serve a more diverse population (environmental justice populations and seniors), provide opportunities for transit-oriented development, and meet the requirements of the mandate to build the GLX to Medford Hillside. Quotes former Sec. James Aloisi and notes that the Route 16 terminus was MassDOT's preferred alternative before it had to phase the project. Cites public support from thousands of residents and state and local leaders.
	Medford Resident	Margaret Webster	Green Line Extension to Route 16	Opposes	Opposes the Green Line being extended past College Avenue in Medford. She is an abutter who does not want to have her neighborhood changed by extending it further, and prefers the money be spent improving existing MBTA buses and trains.
X	Somerville resident	Alex Epstein	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.

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X	Republican Candidate for State Representative, 34th Middlesex District	David Rajczewski	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	The GLX and Community Path contribute tremendously to quality of life. The Path connects the community and creates a "new vibe." The Path should be built soon and GLX planning should ensure "hooks" to enable cost effective integration of the Path. Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.
X	Somerville resident	Pauline Lim	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP. The commenter commutes daily by biking, walking, running, and in-line skating.

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X	Somerville resident	Andy Hinterman	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.
X	Cambridge resident	Rachel J. Burckardt, P.E.	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.

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X	Somerville resident	Naomi Slagowski	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.
X	Somerville resident	Sara Rostampour	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP. The commenter is a bicycle commuter.

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X	Belmont resident	William Messenger	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.
X	Medford resident	Thomas W. Lincoln	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.

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X	Somerville resident	Alan Moore	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Requests that the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, as part of the Green Line construction phasing, once the cost estimates are made known for the Path in the 30% Green Line design. Supports BFRT and ARRT projects and hopes MPO support of multi-use paths will increase. Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.

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X		Al Weisz	Community Path	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. The Path plays a huge role in creating community within Somerville, providing an open space where neighbors can meet and enjoy walking or jogging in one of the few areas without cars.
X	North Cambridge resident	Janie Katz-Christy	Green Line Extension to Route 16, Community Path, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and Assabet River Rail Trail	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Supports the GLX to Route 16 and funding to complete the planning and construction of the Path. Urges the MPO to identify funding for the Path as part of the GLX project. Supports the BFRT and ARRT. The commenter's family does not own a car and enjoys using transit, walking, and bicycling to commute and travel.

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X	Co-presidents, Friends of the Community Path	Alan Moore and Lynn Weissman	Green Line Extension to Route 16, Community Path, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and Assabet River Rail Trail	Supports	Thanks the MPO for funding the Community Path extension from Cedar-to-Lowell Streets in the TIP. Urges the MPO to keep the funding in the FFY 2012 element as the project is ready to be put out to bid. Emphasizes that they are requesting a basic path; other amenities and landscaping can be added later, similar to the Olmstead model. Supports the GLX to Route 16 with the following allocations for the College Avenue and the Union Square spur: \$79.3 million (FFY 2013); \$94.9 million (FFY 2014); \$235.8 million (FFY 2015); and \$302 million (FFY 2016). Supports programming \$8.1 million (FFY 2016) for planning to Route 16. Supports the BFRT and ARRT. Requests that MassDOT include the full Path in GLX plans and budgets. Urges the MPO include full funding for the completion of the Community Path in the LRTP and relevant TIPs, with Path funding directly corresponding to the GLX phasing (specifics provided in letter). Also expressed support for several projects in the UPWP.
X	Acton resident	Tom Michelman	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and Assabet River Rail Trail	Supports	The GLX and Community Path are critical to sustainable and healthy transportation in Somerville and the surrounding region. Urges the MPO to fully fund the Path as part of the GLX, but not at the expense of other bike/ped projects like the BFRT and ARRT. Suggests delaying the Crosby's Corner project, rather than trails, if budget constraints require.
X	Acton resident	Elaine Czarnecki	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Supports	Supports the BFRT. The commenter and her family bike along the trail frequently, stopping at local businesses for pizza and ice cream. The trail improves quality of life, health, and property values.

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X	Somerville resident	Wig Zamore	Green Line Extension to Route 16 and Community Path, with additional comments on air quality projects	Supports	Appreciates MPO's support for GLX. A terminus at Route 16 would serve a more diverse group of people. Thanks MPO for Assembly Square Orange Line Station and multi-modal improvements. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are critical to urban light rail and transit. Requests that MPO support the Community Path as an integral part of the GLX. Asks that transportation planning be unified behind GreenDOT and that planners avoid past mistakes such as bridge rebuilds in Somerville that did not take into account the GLX construction. It is critical to find ways to substitute clean, electric-based transit in dense urban areas for diesel-based commuter rail transit. Asks that MPO and MassDOT devote substantial study to the conversion of the Fairmount Corridor Stations to light rail.

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	President and CEO, A Better City	Richard A. Dimino	Reconstruction of Causeway Street; reconstruction of Rutherford Avenue from City Square to Sullivan Square; improvements at Audubon Circle; and improvements on Boylston Street at Brookline Avenue and Park Drive; improvements in the Urban Ring Corridor; Silver Line, Phase 3; and design of the Red/Blue Line Connector	Supports	References comments submitted last August for the LRTP and this spring for the TIP. Pleased to see the Commonwealth Avenue improvements programmed in the FFY 2012-15 timeframe. References comments submitted last year for the LRTP Needs Assessments, which remain valid. Urges MassDOT to find funding for the following projects that address needs identified in the Needs Assessment: reconstruction of Causeway Street; reconstruction of Rutherford Avenue from City Square to Sullivan Square; improvements at Audubon Circle; and improvements on Boylston Street at Brookline Avenue and Park Drive. Urges the MPO to support the following projects in the Universe of Projects that also address needs identified in the Needs Assessment: transportation improvements in the Urban Ring Corridor; Silver Line, Phase 3; and design of the Red/Blue Line Connector. References a recent Hub and Spoke study completed for the Urban Land Institute that analyzed the issue of core transit congestion and recommended prioritizing investments that relieve congestion and improve capacity at the core of the MBTA system. All three aforementioned projects will address increasing congestion problems.

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X	Vice President, MASCO	Sarah Hamilton	Urban Ring improvements	Supports	Thanks the MPO for supporting transportation projects serving MASCO's area, such as the New Yawkey Station and related multi-modal improvements. Supports MPO's emphasis on achieving state-of-good repair for the transit system and preserving and modernizing the highway system. Cites congestion "hot spots" where lack of transit capacity could impede future development. Urges MassDOT to plan for improved Urban Ring circumferential transportation within the Central Area. Requests that the following projects be added to the LRTP incrementally: Ruggles Platform construction; Melnea Cass Boulevard center median busway; bus and roadway improvements between BU Bridge and Audubon Circle; and short-term crosstown bus improvements from Sullivan Station to JFK/UMass Station via the Longwood Medical Area.