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May 17, 2011

David M. Mohler, Chair
Transportation Planning & Programming Committee, Boston MPO
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116



Dear Chairman Mohler,

I am writing to request that the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT Phase 2) be included in the Boston MPO's Long Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Phase 1 of the BFRT has been a huge success in Chelmsford and Westford, but for the BFRT to reach its potential as a transportation and recreation corridor, it must be lengthened with the construction of Phase 2 through Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord and Sudbury.

The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail deserves the ongoing support of the Commonwealth for a number of reasons.

First, it is worth pointing out that few projects attract the kind of sustained community support that the BFRT has attracted. The years of investment in planning and design made by the towns along the trail demonstrate a serious commitment on the local level. Currently the project is very close to signing a contract for Phases 2A (Westford, Carlisle and Acton) and 2C (Concord) design.

The project has also received both federal and state level support. In June of 2010, Governor Patrick announced the allocation of over \$900,000 in additional funds to take the project through final design. Clearly, the project enjoys overwhelming support from ordinary citizens as well as public officials at all levels of government.

In addition, Phase 2 of the BFRT will reduce traffic congestion by enhancing commuter access to the MBTA station in West Concord as well as the commuter bus from the Colonial Liquor Plaza in Acton. The BFRT would give commuters an option to by-pass this gridlock and get to and from the West Concord train station and Sudbury while simultaneously decrease this congestion. Phase 2 of the project will also enhance the accessibility of the East Acton Great Road corridor, West Concord, and Sudbury Center potentially benefitting local shops and small business owners.

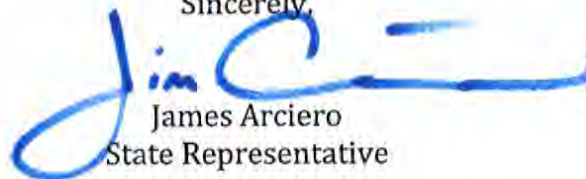
When considering the larger picture, Phase 2 of the BFRT will be an important connection in the growing but nascent web of active transportation networks in the Boston MPO. I am hopeful that the development of a bike share program in Boston and the surrounding municipalities will compliment the work being done in our region of the Commonwealth. Similar bike share programs have been very successful in other cities.

The construction of Phase 2 of the BFRT will allow commuters in many of the communities along the trail the option of biking or walking safely to the West Concord train station, taking the train and then bike from North Station to work using the Bike Share program.

Bicycle and pedestrian projects provide an alternative to the ever increasing cost of auto travel, and investing in the infrastructure needs will encourage non-automotive commuting. This will yield significant economic and environmental benefits as well as impact public health and well being of the public. Bike and rail trails not only offer a creative use for old infrastructures, they can also help to meet broader economic and environmental policy goals while creating recreational opportunities and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

Chairman Mohler, I urge you and the members of the Transportation Planning & Programming Committee to include Phase 2 of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in the Long Range Transportation plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Arciero", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Arciero
State Representative

From: nancy_salzer
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Arlington resident supporting Option 1, and the green line extension to Rt 16
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:32:57 PM

Hello,

I live in East Arlington and strongly support the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies. I work in Boston and the extended green line would make a significant difference to my ability to travel there for work and/or pleasure. Please support.

Thanks - Nancy Salzer
47 Wyman Terrace
Arlington, MA 02474
nancysalzer13@gmail.com

From: [Brian Thomas](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:30:19 AM

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Thanks

Brian

Brian Thomas :: brian@mod12b.com :: 617.388.3303

From: [Nate Leskovic](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:08:11 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This area is in dire need of change, both traffic-wise and aesthetically, and Sullivan Square is just a nightmare.

Thanks for your consideration!

Nate Leskovic

From: [Dan Pugatch](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Boston MPO Long Term Transportation Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 2:30:26 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you today to consider Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square in your long term transportation plan. As a Somerville resident who used to work in Charlestown, I know first hand how important this is. Getting from Charlestown to Sullivan Square is limited to a dangerous rotary. Traffic headed to Route 93 as well as traffic coming from Rutherford Ave are moving at a much faster speed than the traffic on Cambridge, Main, and Medford Streets. The large volume of traffic makes driving dangerous at the rotary, and cycling deadly. As a cyclist who was almost killed at the intersection of Main Street and Bunker Hill, I know first hand how the current road system is not working with high speed traffic not slowing down on the rotary and large volume of traffic trying to squeeze their way onto Main Street and up Bunker Hill. I understand some of my "quick fix suggestions" may be too costly but I am confident that city engineers can come up with a similar plan such as a foot bridge for cyclists and pedestrians to get from Sullivan Square Station to Charlestown without going into the rotary, traffic on Rutherford Ave/Rt 99 not having to go into the rotary if they wish to stay on Route 99 and continue towards Chelsea, and a dedicated sidewalk/bike path with wall barrier to separate traffic from pedestrians and cyclists on Rutherford Avenue.

Thank you for your time reading this, I hope that my experiences going into Charlestown and back to Somerville will be safer in the future.

Daniel Pugatch
Somerville, MA

From: cynthilling@gmail.com
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Boston MPO
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 2:38:18 PM

To: Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization

Regarding the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization funding priorities, I would like to recommend that the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square bike projects be included, as a homeowner of Charlestown.

Please include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, because such projects that connect the MBTA stations improve property values in the area and the community.

Thank you,

Cynthia Gillham
87 School St
Charlestown, MA 02129

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: [Collier, Deborah Saudek](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Cc: [Christopher Collier](#)
Subject: Charlestown needs funding for the Charlestown Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square renovation project!
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:25:11 AM

Dear Boston MPO,

I strongly request that the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan budget include funding for the Charlestown Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square renovation project. This is a project that will improve traffic and enhance community and business development in Charlestown, Cambridge and Somerville. It will also improve access to MBTA orange line stations.

Please respond with information regarding the MPO's budget plans.

Sincerely,
Debbie Collier
4 Franklin St.
Charlestown, MA

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From: [Jurgen Weiss](mailto:Jurgen.Weiss)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org
Cc: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Community Path and MPO
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:53:44 AM

Dear Ms. McGahan and MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

As an (energy) economist it is my firm belief that creating a cycling infrastructure like that one the Community Path represents will have tremendous positive impact on the energy footprint of the region. It will make commuting by bike a possibility for many many people. It will also improve the quality of life for thousands. I am currently on an advisory board for a sustainable city in Saudi Arabia. There the planning includes serious thinking about how to include bikes. If Saudi Arabia can do it, we should be able to!

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Sincerely,
Jurgen Weiss, Ph.D.
22 Burnside Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144
jurgenweiss64@yahoo.com

From: [Ted Bach](#)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org; tppc@bostonmpo.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Community Path construction with the Green Line
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:33:04 AM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

Moreover, having strong mixed mode transit (walking, biking, bus, and T) will help us to reduce our dependence on cars and increase T and bus ridership as people will find it more convenient to eliminate cars. The community path is a benefit for nearby abutters who will have to put up with more noise, but would reap significant benefit from the community path.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Sincerely,

Ted Bach

42 Highland Ave #1

Somerville, MA 02142

From: [Robert teDuits](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Concerned citizen
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:11:07 PM

To whom it may concern, I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford and Sullivan Square projects in your long range plans. Funding will certainly go a long way to improve the efficiency of these areas as well as improving the esthetics for those that live in the neighborhood. I appreciate your consideration !!

From: lao793@comcast.net
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Fund the Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square projects!
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:22:23 PM

Dear Mr. Mohler,

I have lived in Charlestown since 1985 and have driven through Sullivan Square thousands of times at all times of day and all days of the week for over 25 years. I have also attempted to walk to the Sullivan Square T stop and ride my bike through Sullivan Square to get to Union Square. Based on this experience, I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square project in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Driving around the Sullivan Square rotary is dangerous and frustrating. Trying to navigate Sullivan Square on foot or on a bike is death defying. Sullivan Square divides Charlestown in two and separates most of Charlestown from Somerville as well as the Sullivan Square T stop. The rotary is an eye-sore, a waste of space, and a hazard. The area should be a welcoming entry to Charlestown that connects residents to neighboring towns and to public transportation.

Any sensible Long Range Transportation plan must include improvements to Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Louise Ambler Osborn
27 Common St.
Charlestown, MA 02129

617-242-1222

From: [Alex Gershaw](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Funding for Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue.
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:28:07 PM

My name is Alexander Gershaw. Since September 2009, I live in Malden, but I have worked in the Schrafft's Building in Charlestown since 2003.

I think it is important to include funding for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This is an important corridor for those getting to and from places such as downtown Boston, Charlestown, Somerville, and Everett. The condition of the crumbling underpasses and the Sullivan Square rotary are poor and are poorly suited for the traffic patterns today and the folks who live in Charlestown, and this will be money well-spent for many people.

In a separate project, the state should soon renovate the Alford Street bridge on Route 99 in Everett as well as resurface Route 99 and Beacham Street in Everett. Keeping the funding for the Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square project will dovetail nicely with the repairs being done soon in Everett and make Route 99 much better for thousands of people who use it often.

Alexander Gershaw
16 Lyle Ter, Malden, MA
617-241-3822

From: [Doug Hurd](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Funding support for the Rutherford Ave & Sullivan Sq. project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:16:57 AM
Importance: High

To whom it may concern;

As a 15+ year resident of Charlestown, we urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Ideally the funding will include neighborhood connections to the MBTA stations and improving the surrounding communities of Cambridge and Somerville.

We appreciate your support,

Doug & Leigh Hurd
7 Prescott Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

From: [Mike Callahan](#)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: green line extension to route 16
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:35:49 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: susie [<mailto:ccsusie@att.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 10:15 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: green line extension to route 16

please register my support for the green line extension to route 16. this services thousands more people by extending it this far. it is part of what was mandated.

i support investment strategy #1.

i live near that proposed stop and i know that this area is very underserviced by the MBTA. it is shameful.

Susie Nacco
49 sharon street
medford, ma 02155

From: [Mike Callahan](#)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: Green line extension to route 16
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:39:15 AM

From: Stacy Colella [mailto:smac01890@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 10:31 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green line extension to route 16

I strongly urge you to fully fund the green line extension to route 16 in all your long range plans. It is vital for the economy and the environment.

Stacy Colella

From: [Mike Callahan](mailto:Mike.Callahan)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: Green Line Extension
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:39:07 AM

From: chumlyb@comcast.net [mailto:chumlyb@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 10:28 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line Extension

I am writing to express my strong and heartfelt support for the full extension of the Green Line to Route 16 in Medford / Somerville. I am dismayed and outraged to hear that the future of this project is in jeopardy.

It has long been my fear that this project would end up as a Tufts line at the expense of the thickly settled neighborhood that lies beyond Tufts. It is INEXCUSABLE to leave us without subway access. The extension would serve three towns, Medford, Somerville and Arlington, and 1000s of riders.

Having subway access in our neighborhood is critical especially looking forward as our roads become more choked, our air becomes more polluted, the cost of fuel continues to rise, etc. Subway access will ensure that our neighborhood becomes more vibrant, all of our population - age-wise, income-wise, and mobility-wise is served, and that Medford Hillside is an ever more popular and accessible place to live.

I implore you to keep the Route 16 extension FULLY FUNDED.

Elizabeth Bolton
78 Cotting St, Medford, MA

From: [Mike Callahan](mailto:Mike.Callahan)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: I support strategy #1: Green line extension to route 16
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:39:53 AM

From: James Feldman [mailto:jimfeldman@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 11:57 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: I support strategy #1: Green line extension to route 16

I support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"): the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan

James Feldman M.D, M.P.H

From: [Mike Callahan](mailto:Mike.Callahan)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:26:59 AM

Did you get this one?

I'm going to send the others I've received since last Wednesday.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: patrice@kastenholz.org [<mailto:patrice@kastenholz.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 9:04 AM
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(patrice@kastenholz.org) on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 09:04:09

subjectText: green line extension to Medford

messageText: We live in west medford and take the T to work every day from
Alwife. We very much want the green line extended as far as possible into
Medford, All the way to West medford center would be best but AT LEAST to
route 16. We could walk to both from our house and avoid adding another car
to Boston Traffic

send_updates: yes

submitForm: Submit Query

From: [Mike Callahan](mailto:Mike.Callahan)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: Rt 16 Green line extension
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:39:25 AM

From: Kristin Mattera [mailto:k.mattera@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 10:54 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rt 16 Green line extension

I just wanted to let you know that I support the Green line extension to Route 16.

I am a Medford resident.

Thank you,
-Kristin

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Kris Mattera
Social Media Enthusiast | M.A. Integrated Marketing Communication | Graphic Designer

From: [Mike Callahan](mailto:Mike.Callahan)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: Rt. 16 Green line
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:39:41 AM

From: Jill [<mailto:typejill@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 11:19 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rt. 16 Green line

I support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which is the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan.

The Green Line extension not only is a legal commitment of the commonwealth, but it is the hallmark of the state's GreenDOT initiative to dedicate more investment to sustainable forms of transportation.

There is no good way into Boston from this area. There is no easy, nor inexpensive way to park in Boston. We, in this area, would like to protect the environment, save gas, get into Boston efficiently and save on parking. We all need, were promised and deserve this and that includes clean air.

From: [Mike Callahan](mailto:Mike.Callahan)
To: mkelly@ctps.org
Subject: FW: STOP Green Line Funding to Rt 16
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:35:31 AM

From: Jim Morse [mailto:medfordjimmy@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 8:43 PM
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: STOP Green Line Funding to Rt 16

Please eliminate the funding for the Green Line Extension to Route 16 . The money should be used to support larger financial issues such as repair of bridges, highways and the back log of maintenance at the MBTA.

What we need is a moratorium on all MBTA expansion.

The national debt is \$14.5 Trillion. The current state deficit is \$1.8 Billion. The MBTA has the highest debt in the nation of any public transportation system at \$8.1 Billion. Massachusetts needs \$19 Billion in repairs to our bridges, highways and dams. The Big Dig debt is estimated at \$22 Billion. Foreclosures are expected to rise in 2011, unemployment in Massachusetts is at 8.7 % with the National underemployment rate (people working part-time and past the limit) at 20.0% in March 2011.

In Medford, the 100+ year old water and sewer pipes have so many leaks we pay more for water that leaves the system (sewer fees) than the water that comes in!

PLEASE READ: Transportation Finance in Massachusetts: An Unsustainable System

http://www.eot.state.ma.us/downloads/tfc/tfc_findings.pdf

"The Massachusetts transportation system is in deep financial trouble because we have not faced up to the reality of how much it costs to preserve the system. We have frequently chosen to develop new (and often desirable) transportation projects. But these have come at the direct expense of maintaining the system that we have. Further inaction at this juncture will cause the problem to get worse, and the costs to restore the system to reasonable condition will multiply. The real cost of neglect will be felt in our regional economy and in our way of life. The Transportation Finance Commission found that:

- A. Virtually every transportation agency in the state is running structural deficits and resorting to short-term quick fixes that hide systemic financial problems;
- B. The condition of our roads, bridges, and transit systems are all in broad decline;
- C. Revenue is being squeezed from all sides; and
- D. We have no money for transit or highway enhancements or expansions without further sacrificing our existing systems and exacerbating our problems."

From: [Bathsheba](#)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org
Cc: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; tppc@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Fwd: Pathfriends Digest, Vol 59, Issue 1
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:46:25 PM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

There's no better value than these bike paths, as an investment of space and upkeep for the return in property value added and neighborhood amenity. They're greenspace, exercise space and play space as well as cheap-as-free multimodal transport. This one is a particularly good deal because it is a short link between two large systems -- the downtown/riverfront paths and the fantastically successful Minuteman Bikeway -- and having it multiplies the value of both.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Best regards,
Bathsheba Grossman
Bathsheba Sculpture LLC
28 Madison St.
Somerville, MA 02143

From: MerylBeck@aol.com
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green line extension to Route 16
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 6:10:56 PM

I would like to ask you to choose Option 1, the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies because I want better transit in East Arlington and a quick walk to a Green Line station at Rt. 16.

Thank you -

Meryl Becker
8 Sawin St.
East Arlington, MA

From: peter.micheli@comcast.net
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line Extension To Route 16
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:26:21 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have heard that you are considering not recommending extending the Green Line to Route 16. This would be a great mistake. We now have the opportunity to extend the line to its logical terminus. It is a short distance and runs along an existing rail line, therefore not requiring the disruption of or taking by eminent domain of large amounts of property.

By extending the line, it will reach thousands more commuters in West Medford and Arlington, thus increasing the benefits of the whole project. If a decision is made not to extend the Green Line to Route 16 I sincerely believe it will be viewed by future generations as extremely short-sighted and a foolish mistake.

Please include this extension in your upcoming plans. We are unlikely to be in such a good position to take advantage of this opportunity ever again. Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Micheli
Medford, MA

From: [Elisabeth Bayle](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line Extension to Route 16/Mystic Valley Parkway
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 10:39:53 AM

I am appalled to hear that the Boston MPO is considering dropping the extension of the Green Line to Route 16/Mystic Valley Parkway from its long range plan. Please DO NOT do this!

Through a long and arduous process (starting in the 1970's, if not before), MassDOT came to the conclusion that a Route 16 terminus to the Green Line Extension was its Preferred Alternative among many others studied. It is the only one that fulfills the state's legal obligation to bring light rail public transit to Medford Hillside -- an obligation that was supposed to be fulfilled no later than December 31, 2014. (A terminus at College Ave., it has been amply and repeatedly demonstrated, is NOT in Medford Hillside and does not offer anything like the benefits of a Route 16 terminus, in addition to creating other problems.)

Over 2,000 area residents signed a petition in favor of the Route 16 terminus, and this is only a small fraction of the population in Medford, Somerville, and surrounding towns who would benefit from the extension.

The Route 16 terminus, instead of being eliminated, should be put back into phase 1 of the Green Line Extension project, making it much more economical to build, much less disruptive than a two-phase project, and that much closer to delivering on the state's obligation to provide improved air quality, environmental justice, and opportunities for transit-oriented development to a community much in need of it.

Please consider the long-term benefits to the current and future residents of this region and go the extra mile, literally, to make this public transportation project a truly successful model for the greener communities of the future.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Bayle
Medford Hillside resident

From: [David Phillips](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line Extension
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 6:33:50 AM

I just want to let you know that I support Green Line Investment Strategy No. 1, which extends the line to Rt 16. I moved to Medford specifically because the green line was coming (eventually), and would like to see a station near my house.

Thank you
David

From: mwfraser@comcast.net
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line Extension
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 7:58:03 AM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this landmark project.

As a Medford resident I STRONGLY SUPPORT the extension of the Green Line all the way to ROUTE 16.

Without this logical terminus, the impact of the project will be only a faint echo of what it could be.

Reduction in traffic, pollution, and the ensuing improvements in public safety are only part of the benefit package we would realize. The improvement in quality of life, and the opening up of greater Boston to non-drivers is not to be underestimated, not to mention the benefit to drivers - reduction in Rt 93 traffic and improvement in parking are more 'unintended benefits' that the urgently needed facility will bring.

PLEASE keep the project intact, as planned.

Thank you,

Martin Fraser
30 Ronaele Rd
Medford, MA

From: [Jeanie Tietjen](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line Station at Route 16
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 9:46:05 AM

Dear MPO:

As taxpayer and voting citizen in Arlington, MA., I wanted to be sure and express my support for Option 1, the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies. I want better transit in East Arlington and would love to have a quick walk or bike ride (along the new Alewife Brook Path!) to a Green Line station at Rt. 16.

Thanks!

Jeanie Tietjen
15 Allen Street #1
Arlington, MA 02474

From: carol@carolband.com
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line to East Arlington
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:16:29 PM

Hi-

Think extending the Green Line to East Arlington is a splendid idea. It will be heavily used. Therefore, I prefer Option 1

Thanks!

Carol Band

57 Bartlett Ave., Arlington,MA

From: [Jim Moodie](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Green Line to Route 16 is a must!
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 9:26:30 AM

Hello,

Please do not squander this opportunity to provide public transportation to those who will use it. The Green Line extension to route 16 will provide access to a greater number of riders and prevent potential bottleneck traffic if the terminus is earlier (College Ave/Boston Ave). A long term vision is required, and a failure to extend the Green Line will only result in future debate and greater expenses when the necessity becomes obvious later. Support the Green Line to route 16 now. The savings will be repaid in the greater spending power of commuters who will be freed from fuel expenses and the infrastructure savings from roads and bridges relieved of automobiles. Not to mention the benefit to our environment. Boston has always been a leader in mass-transit, please do not let that change.

Thanks,

James Moodie
190 High Street, #109
Medford, MA 02155

From: [Nancy Lincoln](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: green line
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 12:22:27 PM

Please realize that the green line extension to Medford is VITAL!!!

I support Investment Strategy No.1 .

I have lived in Medford for 24 years and know that the green line is essential. Thank you, Nancy M. Lincoln

From: [Lois Grossman](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: In support of Investment Strategy No. 1
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 3:00:54 PM

Dear MPO

I am writing to encourage you to retain plans for the Route 16 Green Line extension into Medford. As a resident of Medford since 1982 and an environmental activist in this community, I strongly support all efforts toward sustainable living, which means moving from individual petroleum based transport to mass transit. I agree with the Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance when it states that extending the Green Line to Route 16 **should be the centerpiece** of the Boston MPO's Long-Range Plan, **not eliminated** from it.

With gas prices topping \$4/gallon in some Medford stations, we need to move toward expanding public transit, not curtailing it. The money may be a bit short now, but if you don't make this move at today's prices, you won't be able to at tomorrow's.

Sincerely
Lois Grossman
33 West St
Medford

From: [Sarah Newlin](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Include Funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square Projects!
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:40:21 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. The surface option is vital to the continued improvement for the residential neighborhoods of Charlestown, Cambridge and Somerville. In addition, it will vastly improve the safety of the area for the families who reside in the area. Please do not ignore this important need!

Sincerely,

Sarah Newlin
72 Pearl Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

From: TLinc02155@aol.com
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Keep Funding for Route 16 Project (Green Line) in Medford
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:03:59 AM

May 26, 2011

Dear People:

I am writing to tell you how important it is for you to keep the Green Line - Route 16 Station project in your Long-Range Plan --- this is "Investment Strategy 1."

As you know, the Green Line extension is a legal commitment of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As importantly, and for a visionary agency such as yours, it is a true investment in a sustainable future. And, extending the line to its logical endpoint at Route 16 is the only way to achieve that investment.

So, don't drop the ball here, folks! Thanks,

Thomas W. Lincoln
27 Gleason Street
Medford, MA 02155

From: [Lynne Weiss](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Cc: [Carl Sciortino](#); [Pat Jehlen](#)
Subject: keep plans for Rt. 16 green line extension
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 9:05:44 AM

Dear MPO Members:

I am a Medford Hillside resident and I support Investment Strategy No. 1 -- the "Current Approach"-- the only investment strategy that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan.

Extending the Green Line to Rt. 16 is vital to reaching the customer base who will benefit from the extension and thus cut down on traffic pollution. Extending the Green Line to Rt. 16 will also allow more people to eliminate or cut down on car traffic by giving them easy access to shopping and businesses located at and near Rt. 16.

Thank you for your work on this important project.

Lynne Weiss
40 Greenleaf Avenue
Medford MA 02155
781 874 0521

From: [Michael Sandler](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Keep the Route 16 option!
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:18:03 AM

This is a vital part of the green line extension. I urge you to keep a Route 16 station a possibility.

Michael Sandler
Arlington, MA

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Michael Sandler
AP Psychology and World History

From: llintz@bidmc.harvard.edu
To: mcgahan@ctps.org; tpc@bostonmpo.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Letter of support for Community Path
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:00:03 AM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

[This is so important to the future!!!](#)

Sincerely,

Linda Lintz
Administrative Assistant
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Department of Radiology
330 Brookline Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
617-667-3102 Phone
617-667-3121 Fax

From: [Cory Mian](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Long Range Planning - Sullivan Square and Rutherford Ave
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:18:07 AM

To whom it may concern:

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This corridor is a major connector to for the region and is used by many modes of transportation -- foot, bike, car, subway. It has suffered from underinvestment and is in need of the state's resources. The areas surrounding this area are ripe for development. Investment in the infrastructure in that area would greatly benefit development and tax base.

Cory Mian
Resident of 6 Austin Street, Somerville, MA
Worker in the Government Center area.

From: [Kristin Valdmanis](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Long Range Transportation Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:09:09 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Charlestown is a very important community in this city and deserves proper funding to improve its roads and public areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Kristin Valdmanis
Charlestown Resident

From: [Tim Maimone](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:58:37 PM

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan

Thanks
Tim Maimone
37Essex Street #1
Charlestown, MA

Sent from my iPhone

From: ivy_ahluwalia
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: MPO Long Range Transportation Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:59:02 AM

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan

Thanks,
Neil and Ivy Ahluwalia

From: gregvenne@yahoo.com
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:24:28 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(gregvenne@yahoo.com) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 11:26:22

subjectText: Keep Green line extension to Rt. 16

messageText: I have been a resident of West Medford for twenty years and strongly oppose any change to the plans to extend the Green line and locate a station at Rt. 16. For the thousands of residents that depend on public transportation, a final stop on College Ave will not serve this purpose. I strongly urge you to continue and approve the funding for the Green line extension and station to Rt. 16. This will help reduce growing and overwhelming congestion on Route 93, Rt. 16, Rt. 60, McGrath & O'Brien and all the secondary roads in Medford, Somerville and Cambridge especially during the morning and evening commutes.

submitForm: Submit Query

From: lsodano@comcast.net
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 9:50:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(lsodano@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 09:52:48

subjectText: Green Line Extension

messageText: Good Day,

As a Medford resident, I am writing to express my disappointment with any decision to eliminate funding, planning and construction of the Green Line Extension to Rte. 16.

A station at Rte. 16 will connect public transit to a much larger population than a terminus at College Ave. A Rte. 16 station will draw riders from West Medford West Somerville and Arlington. This will relieve traffic congestion on the Alewife Brook Parkway east of Boston Ave - a clogged artery most times of the day, but especially at rush hour. A terminal station at College Ave. will result in an unwarranted increase in traffic congestion on Boston Ave., negating one of the most important purposes of public transit - reducing traffic congestion and pollution.

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization should seize the opportunity to create a logical, effective and visionary Green Line Extension to Rte. 16. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish when creating the public transportation system of the future.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Sodano, Esq.
781-424-5303

submitForm: Submit Query

From: penguin@newsguy.com
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:31:56 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(penguin@newsguy.com) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 11:33:48

subjectText: Route 16 Green line extension

messageText: I am VERY much in favor of having the Green Line extension run to Route 16 in Medford. I am a resident in the area, and know that this extension would be heavily used by people who live in the area on a daily basis. Please do not eliminate this stop.

Sincerely,
Sarah Beardslee

submitForm: Submit

From: bennett.cm@verizon.net
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:12:30 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(bennett.cm@verizon.net) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 20:14:23

subjectText: Green Line Extension Project

messageText: To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Christine Bennett, a Medford Resident, who lives quite close to the proposed Green Line Extension Project. I live off of Winthrop Street, within a five minute walking distance to both College Avenue and the proposed route 16. As I have stated quite often in the past, through the extensive meetings that have been held regarding this issue; Medford has the Orange Line, the Red Line (we can walk to Davis in 15 minutes), and various bus routes. My husband, who works in the Hospital District, chooses to go via bus and the Red line to work, as it is faster.

Please use the proposed monies to repair the pot holes in all major roadways, improve the current bus/train service, update the trains and buses to make them eco friendly, and improve handicap accessibility throughout the MBTA System. To place further money into the Green Line extension to Medford at this time would be foolhardy. This is not a blighted area that requires a train service to update it, this is a strong neighborhood, with close proximity to transportation already.
Thank you.

send_updates: yes

submitForm: Submit

From: rpmarlin@yahoo.com
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2011 12:16:12 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(rpmarlin@yahoo.com) on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 12:18:04

subjectText: green line extension - "current plan"

messageText: I am writing to strongly endorse the MPOs adoption of the "current plan" to extend the Green Line out to route 16. As someone who lives along route 16 and works near a green line station, I have been looking forward to using the new bike path along route 16 to get to the new green line station so that I can reduce my use of my car. I am also looking forward to the reduction of traffic along route 16 and the growth of the area from Mass Ave at the Arlington/Cambridge to the new station as a walking/biking commuter friendly area, which will attract more businesses and revitalize the residential areas along this route as well.

R.P. Marlin
11 Cross Street
East Arlington, MA 02474

submitForm: Submit

From: carnevale13@gmail.com
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 5:16:26 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(carnevale13@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 17:18:19

subjectText: Phase II Green Line Extension Funding

messageText: As someone who ran for elected office, I spent a great deal of time looking at this state's fiscal situation. We have bridges, streets and many other infrastructures that need attention and repairs and there doesn't seem to be any money for this. However, we are talking about spending billions of dollars on a Green Line extension project that is not needed nor wanted by the majority of people in the area. The legislators know that there is no money and are now talking about raising various taxes to pay for this project. The MBTA is in debt for over 8 billion dollars and can't maintain their current infrastructure, so how are they going to maintain this new extension when it is built?

Please stop the funding for Phase II of the Green Line Extension project and use the money to update and repair our current infrastructure.

Regards,
D.C

submitForm: Submit

From: e.derosas@gmail.com
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:35:56 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(e.derosas@gmail.com) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 23:37:48

subjectText: Green line Extension

messageText: Please keep the funding for expanding the green line to rt. 16! We need better service to downtown Boston and i was so excited to have the green line just a short bike ride away (on the new alewife Pathway as well). don't disappoint us--it will be a great thing for this area.

Eileen de Rosas
221 Mass. Ave, 2nd floor
Arlington

submitForm: Submit Query

From: dejacob.16@comcast.net
To: publicinformation@ctps.org
Subject: MPO Web Site Share Your Views Form
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 7:06:43 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(dejacob.16@comcast.net) on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 19:08:35

subjectText: GREENLINE EXTENSION

messageText: I believe it is vital to extend the Greenline to
Boston Avenue in Medford.
JJ@ West Street

send_updates: yes

submitForm: Submit Query

From: [John Hoppe](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Option 1, the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 10:52:09 PM

To the MBTA,
As a resident of East Arlington, I urge you to adopt Option 1, the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies. This will include a green line station at Rte 16, a critical piece of the region's transportation strategy. Please fund Option 1!!

Thank you,
John Hoppe
63 Teel St
Arlington, MA 02474

From: [Julie Marcal](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Option 1: Feedback!
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 10:00:01 AM

Dear MPO:

I prefer Option 1, the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies because I want better transit in East Arlington and would love to have a quick walk or bike ride (along the new Alewife Brook Path!) to a Green Line station at Rt. 16.

Thanks,
Julie Marcal
26 Elmhurst Road
Arlington, MA

From: [Robin Lemp](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Paths to a Sustainable Region
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 10:55:28 AM

Hi,

Just wanted send a quick message to say that I prefer Option 1, the "Current Approach" to the Proposed Investment Strategies. I believe this will provide much better transit options for residents of East Arlington and would love to have a quick walk or bike ride (along the new Alewife Brook Path) to a Green Line station at Rt. 16.

My name/address are below:

Robert Lemp
11 Harlow Street -#2
Arlington, MA 02474

Thanks and regards,

Robin Lemp

From: [Bob Kindel](mailto:Bob.Kindel@ctps.org)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org; tppc@bostonmpo.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us
Cc: friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Please ensure that the Community Path from Somerville to Lechmere is in the Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:32:01 PM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

As a long-time resident of Somerville, a commuter and a parent with a child going to school in the fall I don't believe that I could overstate the impact of completing this connection between Davis Square (and points north), Somerville High School, East Somerville, North Point and Lechmere. With the path running as an axis across Somerville it will provide a safe way for Somerville High students to get to school and will tie together neighborhoods that are currently bounded by major throughways and roads that don't connect. It will open up numerous commuting options for folks working in the Cambridge / Boston area and (in combination with the T) should mitigate the intense congestion that commuters face in this portion of these cities.

I would also guess that the path will increase T ridership (and vice versa) by establishing a pattern of movement across the city that, on days when the weather is not great (a vast majority of days in Boston) would require the use of the T. The current community path already does this; I can't imagine I'd ever have taken the T to Alewife if I had not been lured out there previously on the bike path. Likewise I'd probably rarely use the T from Davis without the existing bike path making it easy to get there. Walking / Biking paths and Public Transportation seem to thrive when they are together.

I understand that balancing the Long Range Budget and the transportation modes is likely a difficult task. Thank you for taking it on.

Best Regards,
Bob Kindel
58 Warwick St
Somerville MA 02145

From: [Daniel Jacob](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Please extend the Green Line to Route 16 Station!
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:07:59 AM

Dear Boston MPO:

I have lived in the Hillside and Lawrence Estates sections of Medford for over 25 years. It's a great place to live except for public transportation. I am very much looking forward to having the Green Line come to Route 16 Station, as per the current plan. **I strongly support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which is the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan.**

Thank you for taking my comment into consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Jacob
16 Damon Rd.
Medford MA 02155

From: [Aaron Spransy](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; mcgahan@ctps.org; tppc@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Please Fund the Community Path!
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:41:45 PM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Sincerely,
Aaron Spransy
1950 Commonwealth Ave #15
Brighton, MA 02135

From: [Jeanine Jenks Farley](mailto:Jeanine.Jenks.Farley)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org; tppc@bostonmpo.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Please fund the Community Path
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:42:18 AM

Dear Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street in Somerville to Lechmere/Northpoint in Cambridge as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension.

Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path at the same time as the Green Line.

Thank you for all of your efforts to balance different types of transportation (and the environment) in your long-range budget!

Thanks!
Jeanine Farley
272 Willow Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

From: [Christopher Collier](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Please fund the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square renovation projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:01:51 PM

Dear Boston MPO:

I implore you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in your Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition to maintaining and modernizing existing infrastructure, these projects will greatly enhance community and business development in Charlestown, Cambridge and Somerville. They will improve access to the MBTA Orange Line and will encourage multimodal transportation through Sullivan Square and along Rutherford Avenue.

All of these outcomes will improve regional equity in Boston, as the residents of the nearby Mishawum Park housing development will be major beneficiaries of the improvements.

I am looking forward to watching the City of Boston benefit from your support of this essential development project.

Sincerely,

Christopher Collier
4 Franklin St.
Charlestown, MA

From: [Joanne M Samuelson](mailto:Joanne.M.Samuelson@mit.edu)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Please include Sullivan Rutherford in plans
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:48:43 PM

Hello. I strongly urge you to include the Sullivan and Rutherford areas of Charlestown

in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. In the long run it will mean a cleaner, safer and better serviced community. WE don't ask for much in Charlestown! Thanks.

Joanne Samuelson
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The MIT Libraries
jsamuels@mit.edu
ph 617-253-8296
fax 617-253-4462

From: [Nathan Blanchet](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Please support Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square projects in MPO plans
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:26:55 PM

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Charlestown, I write to request the MPO's support for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. The award-winning design to reconstruct those areas was the culmination of an ideal community-city dialogue and planning process. The roadway and "square" are in dire need of reconstruction for reasons of safety, traffic-flow efficiency, and neighborhood-friendly economic development. I participated in the community-city planning process and, like the vast majority of my neighbors, came to strongly support the "surface-option" design that the Charlestown Neighborhood Council recommended to the city.

I sincerely hope the MPO will support the community and city by including the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in its Long Range Transportation Plan.

Thank you,

Nathan Blanchet
86 Elm Street
Charlestown, MA 02129
617-835-4217

From: [Rev. Justin Hildebrandt](mailto:Rev.Justin.Hildebrandt)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com; tpc@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Please Support the Community Path
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:38:48 AM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

This community path will open the real possibility of bicycle commuting to so many people who live in Somerville and beyond. It will also create a sense of health and vitality in the community.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Sincerely,
Justin Hildebrandt
College Avenue UMC
1 Powder House Terrace #2
Somerville, MA 02144

From: [John McKenna](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: proposed Green line extension
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 10:26:42 AM

Just my two cents on the proposed Green line extension in Somerville/Medford.

I really wish you would extend it past College Ave in Medford and into Arlington.

John McKenna
100 Bay State Road
Arlington, MA

From: [Levin Liz](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Cc: [Levin Charles R.](#); [Levin Liz](#)
Subject: Re: Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 2:29:38 PM

Dear MPO Members,

As Charlestown residents, we encourage you to include the funding for Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. The proposed improvements provide for a balanced transportation system that provides good vehicular, transit, bicycle, and walking access to our community as well as more open space.

Currently Charlestown has two transit stations--Bunker Hill Community College and Sullivan Square Stations, both of which are difficult to access. Indeed we rarely use the Sullivan Square Station, which is closest our home, because we regard the access unsafe. The Schraft Building across the street from the station actually has to provide shuttle buses to go one block.

The plan for Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square is a model for how our future streets should be designed to accommodate all user. The plan will knit together our neighborhood by providing better access to all modes of transportation and will enhance the use of transit, biking and walking. Please show your support for sound planning by voting to include this project in the Boston MPO transportation plan.

Liz Levin and Chuck Levin
342 Bunker Hill St. 5A
Boston, MA 02129

From: [KW](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Registering support for the Route 16 station
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 7:26:46 PM

Hello,

I am writing this email to register my support for the Route 16 station on the Medford Green Line. I have been living in Somerville for 7 years and have many times attended the town hall type meetings in support of the Green Line Extension project.

I live near this future station and would like to make sure the funding for this station will be there to build it.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn Wong


----- Forwarded message -----

From: Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance
<info@medfordgreenline.org>
Date: Thu, May 26, 2011 at 4:05 AM
Subject: MGNA News Alert: Route 16 station funding in jeopardy
To: kaite.wong@gmail.com

Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance. Please add info@medfordgreenline.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

May 2011	
Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance News: Funding for Route 16 station in jeopardy	
<p>MGNA logo</p>  <p>Quick Links</p> <p>MGNA Website</p> <p>GLX Project Website</p> <p>Boston MPO Website</p> <p>MAPC Rt. 16 Study Website</p>	<p>Dear Kaithlyn,</p> <p>After several months of inactivity, planning for the Green Line Extension project is resuming at a rapid pace, and your participation is needed.</p> <p>In particular, the fate of the proposed station at Route 16 is very much up in the air, as the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is strongly considering dropping the project from the next Long-Range Transportation Plan, which would essentially be its death knell.</p> <p>We urge supporters of the Green Line extension to Route 16 to register their support to the MPO and to their local elected officials ASAP (see article below).</p> <p>In addition, a series of important Station Design Workshops will be taking place in June as the Preliminary Engineering phase of the project</p>



gets under way (see schedule below). We encourage your participation!

Thank you, and please accept our apologies if you have received e-mails similar to this one in the last week!

Comments Needed in Support of Rt. 16! State is choosing projects to fund in Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has begun the process of selecting projects to include in the next Long-Range Transportation Plan, "Paths to a Sustainable Region."

The MPO is the agency that determines which transportation projects are chosen to be completed - and, importantly, which are eligible for federal funds and some state funds - in the 101 cities and towns that make up the Boston Region.

Any project costing above \$10 million, or adding capacity to the transportation system, **MUST** be included in the Long-Range Transportation Plan in order to be completed.

Under the current Long-Range Plan, Phase II of the Green Line extension from College Avenue to Route 16 is included, with \$185 million allocated for the 2016-2020 time period from the "Highway Discretionary and Major Infrastructure Funding" account.

However, two of the three "[Investment Strategies](#)" the MPO is considering for the next Long-Range Plan **ELIMINATE** Phase II of the Green Line extension, and its funding allocation.

It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that the thousands of supporters of the Green Line extension to Route 16 express their view to the Boston MPO as **SOON AS POSSIBLE**. This can be done via the [Feedback Form](#) on the Boston MPO website, or by [e-mail](#).

Tell the Boston MPO that you support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which is the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan.

The Green Line extension not only is a legal commitment of the commonwealth, but it is the hallmark of the state's GreenDOT initiative to dedicate more investment to sustainable forms of transportation.

Extending the Green Line to Route 16 **should be the centerpiece** of the Boston MPO's Long-Range Plan, **not eliminated** from it.

Please send the Boston MPO your comments in support of the Route 16 station **TODAY!**

Public comments also may be made in person at the beginning of the Boston MPO [Transportation Planning and Program Committee meetings](#) at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, and Thursday, June 2, at the at the State Transportation Building in Boston.

Design Working Group Meeting May 26

Also on Thursday, May 26, the Green Line Extension Design Working Group, the citizen/stakeholder advisory body, will hold its first

meeting since November 2010. The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tufts University building at 51 Winthrop Street in Medford (corner of Winthrop Street and Boston Ave.).

The meeting agenda will be posted [here](#) when available.

Station Workshops Scheduled for June

MassDOT and the MBTA will be hosting a series of Station Design Workshops in June. These workshops will provide an opportunity to participate in the design of the future Green Line stations in a hands-on, interactive way. Here is the schedule (all meetings are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m.):

Tuesday, June 7: College Avenue Station
Tufts University, 51 Winthrop St., Medford

Thursday, June 9: Ball Square Station
Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave., Somerville

Monday, June 13: Lowell Street Station
Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave., Somerville

Wednesday, June 15: Gilman Square Station
Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave., Somerville

Wednesday, June 22: Union Square Station
Cummings Elementary School, 42 Prescott St., Somerville

Thursday, June 23: Washington Street Station
Cummings Elementary School, 42 Prescott St., Somerville MA

Thursday, June 30: Lechmere Station
Kennedy/Longfellow School, 158 Spring St., Cambridge

New Project Fact Sheet Available

MassDOT and the MBTA have produced a new project fact sheet that introduces the new project team for the Preliminary Engineering phase and recaps other recent news. Visit the [project website](#) to download the fact sheet.

Thank you for supporting the Green Line Extension project!

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From: [Carolyn Montello](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Route 16 Green Line extension
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 8:11:39 PM

Hello,

I am writing to state that I support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which is the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan.

The Green Line extension not only is a legal commitment of the commonwealth, but it is the hallmark of the state's GreenDOT initiative to dedicate more investment to sustainable forms of transportation.

Extending the Green Line to Route 16 ***should be the centerpiece*** of the Boston MPO's Long-Range Plan, ***not eliminated*** from it.

Extending the green line to Rt. 16 will provide subway access to neighborhoods on the north side of Rt 16 that would not be served if the line was not extended to Rt 16. This is a chance to revitalize Medford and provide sustainable transportation. I feel that it would be an enormous missed opportunity for the city of Medford if the extension to Rt 16 does not take place.

Thank you,
Carolyn Montello

From: [Michael Lambert](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Route 16 Green Line Extension
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 10:14:18 AM

Dear Boston MPO,

I am a Medford resident who lives in the area of the proposed Route 16 Green Line extension project. I am writing to express my overwhelming support for the project. I work in downtown Boston and I would use the Green for my daily commute. Currently, due to the inadequate bus schedule I must drive to Wellington Station and pay to park at the garage in order to take the Orange Line to work. In addition, my wife works in Somerville and she would be able to commute to work on the Green Line as well. My wife and I would represent two less cars on the road if the Green Line comes to Route 16.

While the Green Line extension will offer a direct benefit to my individual situation, I also support public transportation as a whole. Having lived in a European city (Vienna, Austria) with a modern public transportation network I have experienced the benefits of a first-rate mass transit system. In my view there is no debate over extending the Green Line to Route 16.

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From: [Schlerman, Franklin](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Route 16 Green Line Extension
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 9:42:28 AM

As a resident of Medford and a supporter of public transportation I support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which is the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan. Please keep phase II of the plan a reality.

Franklin J. Schlerman

111 Cedar Road
Medford, MA 02155

From: [Alison Walcott](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Cc: [Vaughan Rees](#)
Subject: rt 16 green line
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:57:03 AM

To whom it may concern,
As a Medford resident with two small children I'm invested in Medford's future. I fully support Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which is the only one that retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan.

The Green Line extension not only is a legal commitment of the commonwealth, but it is the hallmark of the state's GreenDOT initiative to dedicate more investment to sustainable forms of transportation. Extending the Green Line to Route 16 should be the centerpiece of the Boston MPO's Long-Range Plan, not eliminated from it.

Thank you,
Alison Walcott
Rock Hill St
Medford, ma

From: [atadesign](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Ave & Sullivan Sq projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:34:27 AM

To whom it may concern,

We urge you to include funding for the Charlestown Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. These roadways have been a hazardous area for many years for both pedestrians, bikers and cars. For pedestrians who must traverse these roadways to get to neighborhood connections to the MBTA stations and community college it has proven to be very difficult and sometimes deadly.

Thank you for your consideration,
Annette Tecce
63 Old Rutherford Avenue
Charlestown, MA 02129

From: steven.ozier@gmail.com on behalf of [Steven Ozer](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Ave / Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:59:33 PM

Please include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan

This is a vital link to making the gateway to Boston more attractive and accessible for residents of Boston and the surrounding communities.

It has been long neglected while many other gateways surrounding the city have seen significant upgrades and renewals.

Safe and convenient pedestrian access to the 2 MBTA stations in Charlestown along with bike paths on Rutherford Ave go a long way to improving the alternative transportation options in the city and the surrounding communities of Cambridge, Somerville and Everett.

Thank You

Steven Ozer
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Charlestown, MA 02129

and

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From: [Kateri McGuinness](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square Project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:37:41 AM

Hello,

I am writing to urge the city to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This is an extremely important project for our city. This project will improve connections to the MBTA stations and enhance the quality of life in the surrounding communities of Cambridge and Somerville. My husband and I, along with our two young daughters, love living in Charlestown. We are invested in the community and wish to remain life long residents. We understand that not every project can be approved and funded, but the Rutherford Ave/Sully Square redesign is necessary to make our city streets safer, attract businesses, offer green space, and give the street back to the neighborhood.

Thank you,
Kateri McGuinness
Charlestown Resident

From: [Levin Liz](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Cc: [Levin Charles R.](#); [Levin Liz](#)
Subject: Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:49:11 AM

Dear MPO Members,

As Charlestown residents, we encourage you to include the funding for Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. The proposed improvements provide for a balanced transportation system that provides good vehicular, transit, bicycle, and walking access to our community as well as more open space.

Currently Charlestown has two transit stations--Bunker Hill Community College and Sullivan Square Stations, both of which are difficult to access. Indeed we rarely use the Sullivan Square Station, which is closest our home and intermodal, because we regard the access unsafe. The Schraft Building across the street from the station actually has to provide shuttle buses to go one block.

The plan for Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square is a model for how our future streets should be designed to accommodate all users and to knit together our neighborhood by providing better access to all modes of transportation. Please show your support for sound planning by voting to include this project in the Boston MPO transportation plan.

Liz

From: [Anthony A. McGuinness](mailto:Anthony.A.McGuinness)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Ave. and Sullivan Square in Charlestown.
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:14:35 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This project will create connections to the MBTA at Sullivan Square and Community College making the T more accessible.

Thanks you,
Tony McGuinness

Anthony A. A. McGuinness

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From: [Jean Bernard](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Cc: grobbs@yaho.com
Subject: Rutherford Ave. and Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:48:26 AM

I am writing to inform you that I am a resident of Charlestown, and my home is located at one street behind the Sullivan Station. I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. The Sullivan Square Station by far is one of the busiest station on the Orange Line; Connecting folks to the surrounding communities of Cambridge, Somerville, Everett, etc. Thus, it has been neglected for years now, while all the other areas have been improve.

I appreciate your assistance with this important public issue.

Sincerely,

Jean Bourguignon
Resident of Sullivan Square Area.

From: Celticsp17@aol.com
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:09:09 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.
Thank you for your consideration

Cindy Kimball

From: [Chandler Blake](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square Project Support
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:54:45 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a long time resident of Charlestown and an avid biker and supporter of the continue bike improvements in Boston. I am writing to urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Boston's efforts to improve biking in and around the city has truly prompted increased the value of our city.

Regards,

Chander Blake
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Charlestown

From: [William Lamb](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square Project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:02:42 PM

ATTN.:

David Mohler
c/o Mark Callahan
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, MPO Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116

The Charlestown Preservation Society has long been interested in seeing improvements to Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square in Charlestown. The recent city sponsored design process for this area has produced a design that has our strong support. With planned improvements to traffic flow, pedestrian safety, access to MBTA stations, and the regional bicycle path network this project would greatly benefit our community.

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Yours truly,

William Lamb

William Lamb, Chair
Design Review Committee
Charlestown Preservation Society
617 241-8757

From: [Mark Rosenshein](#)
To: ["publicinformation@bostonmpo.org"](mailto:publicinformation@bostonmpo.org)
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square Project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:58:37 PM

ATTN.:

David Mohler
c/o Mark Callahan
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, MPO Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council has worked for many years with the Boston Transportation Department and the Charlestown community to design and see implemented improvements to Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square in Charlestown. The most recent process with the City has resulted in a strong design concept that is supported by the community and has received the full endorsement of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. The community is encouraged by the proposed improvements in pedestrian access, traffic flow and management, reintegration of the MBTA stations with the community, a regional bike path and increased community connectivity to currently isolated portions of the neighborhood. The improvements will enhance the community as well as increase regional integration between Cambridge, Somerville, Chelsea and Everett.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council strongly urges you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Yours truly,

Mark Rosenshein, Chairman
Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee
Charlestown Neighborhood Council, At-Large Representative
617 331-4281
14 Mystic Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

From: [George Ulrich](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:37:32 PM

Hello,

It has come to my attention that the Boston MPO is currently engaged in a process to vote on the regional plan for the Boston metro area. It is critical that the **Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square** projects be included in this fiscally constrained plan if construction funding is to be realized. I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. On behalf of the Boston Cyclists Union and Rozzie Bikes I support the neighborhood connections to the MBTA stations and improving the surrounding communities of Cambridge and Somerville.

Thank you,

George Ulrich

From: [Carl Jahn](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:14:31 PM

To whom it may concern,

As a long time Charlestown resident, I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This is critical to the well being of the neighborhood.

Carl Jahn
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From: [Justin Ferguson](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:34:03 AM

I urge to please include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. As a resident of Charlestown, I live on Parker St. and know how desperately this project is needed for the area. The current traffic patterns are untenable, and as a father it is downright dangerous trying to cross the rotary on foot. The area around Sullivan Square is in much need of updating, and can thrive with the funding of these projects. Hopefully with this funding, more people will be attracted to living close to T stations helping to reduce the amount of cars on the road. I implore to fund these vital projects.

Sincerely,
Justin Ferguson

From: [Tanya Paglia](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:51:00 PM

Dear Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO),

As a Somerville homeowner and resident, I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Sincerely,
Tanya Paglia
38 Trull Street
Somerville, MA 02145

From: [Arents, Nancy](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:19:45 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. I am a 11 year resident of Boston and a 7 year resident of Charlestown. I use the T daily and drive through Sullivan Square multiple times a week. This area MUST be improved upon. I take the bus two stops from Charlestown to Sullivan Square Station because I am afraid that I'm going to be killed walking to the station. It is extremely unsafe, not to mention a total eyesore.

Nancy Arents

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From: [Noël Twigg](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:26:59 AM

As an avid biker and an advocate for neighborhood improvements, I urge you to include funding the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects when developing the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. It's an important link for the surrounding neighborhoods and much used by bikers and pedestrians in their daily commute, as well as those looking to access the MBTA stations.

Thank you,
Noel Twigg

From: [Amy Branger](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue/ Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:08:01 AM

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan has been in the pipeline for 10 plus years. Charlestown has had to bear the brunt of Central Artery construction impacts and it's time to reclaim Rutherford for our community.

Thanks

Amy Branger
19 Tremont Street
Charlestown

From: simas_brad@comcast.net
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square Projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:42:29 PM

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Please also include funding for the neighborhood connections to the MBTA stations - green line extension to Somerville's Union Square.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Brad

From: [Tony Reidy](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:24:29 AM

Hello at the MPO -

This note is to serve as support for including the Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square project in the Boston MPO Transportation Plan. These projects will be the final pieces that "complete" the transformation of Charlestown - and prepare the way to link it to the new Assembly Square project in a seamless beautification of the neighborhoods.

Currently, people coming off 93 or down 99 are "welcomed" to Boston by a massive eye-sore - it's time to change that to make it a proper entry to the city and make the area more useable for the thousands who commute through and walk the area each day.

Sincerely,

Anthony Reidy

112 High Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

From: [Daniel Shugrue](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:36:38 AM

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan

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From: [Holger Zwickau](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Rutherford/Sullivan square project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:25:31 AM

Hello,

I sincerely urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

I think this is a very important project to help improve our city.

Thank you,

Holger Zwickau
Charlestown Resident

From: [Joe Rapoza](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Save sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:49:28 PM

Greetings,

>From the desk of Joseph Rapoza. I sponsored bicycle events at Sullivan Square for years prior to the big dig when the space was taken away by the project.

I hope that funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects are in the Boston Long Range Transportation Plan. It would be great to have such an area back again.

Sincerely,

Joe Rapoza



May 25, 2011

David Mohler, Chair
Transportation Planning and Programming Committee
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150
Boston, MA 02116

Re: Long Range Transportation Plan Universe of Projects

Dear Mr. Mohler:

My name is Lauren Grymek and I am writing on behalf of the Seaport Transportation Management Association (Seaport TMA) to express our opinion that the **Silver Line Phase III** and **T Under D** projects be modeled for inclusion in the Long Range Regional Plan currently being drafted by the Boston Region MPO. We believe that these projects are absolutely vital to the future growth and prosperity of the South Boston Waterfront and, by extension, that of the entire Boston region.

The Seaport TMA is a non-profit consortium of 29 leading businesses, employers, developers, and property managers in the Innovation District of the South Boston Waterfront dedicated to easing commutes, reducing local traffic congestion and advancing the use of alternative transportation options. Collectively the Seaport TMA represents nearly 20,000 daily commuters and over a million annual visitors in the area.

Our organization has staked an early claim in the South Boston Waterfront because we see the enormous potential for development in the neighborhood. Already home to beloved institutions like Boston Children's Museum and the Institute for Contemporary Art, this area continues to expand with development projects such as Liberty Wharf coming online and companies relocating here. The City's efforts to make the Waterfront Boston's new Innovation District are paying off, as evidenced by Vertex Pharmaceuticals' decision to relocate to Fan Pier. Finally, the Boston Convention and Exposition Center is looking to expand, including the construction of a new headquarters hotel.

All told, the South Boston Waterfront could see as much as 21 million square feet of new development over the long term. That translates to over \$100 million in annual property tax revenues for the City, 15,000 new residents and 35,000 new jobs. But we must lay the necessary groundwork to facilitate that development. That's why we believe T Under D and Silver Line Phase III are so important.

T Under D

Listed in the Central Area Universe of Projects under the "Modernization – Transit Investment," the so-called "T Under D" project would extend the Silver Line under D Street in the South Boston Waterfront. The project would reduce travel times and improve safety for Silver Line rider travelling to and from



Logan Airport and, in the future, Chelsea. It would also improve vehicular traffic on D Street and adjacent roadways by eliminating a signalized intersection.

The project addresses identified needs in four areas: maintenance, modernization and efficiency; livability and economic benefit; mobility; and environment and climate change. Scoring favorably in these areas indicates that this project will add significant value without a significant investment.

Silver Line Phase III

The MPO's draft needs assessment identifies the "three-seat ride" between locations in Boston, Brookline, and Newton and the developing South Boston Waterfront and Logan Airport as a transportation challenge. This issue can best be addressed by completion of the Silver Line Phase III linking the two existing Silver Line segments and connecting with the Green Line at Boylston Station and the Orange Line at Chinatown.

The project can also help to address the much-cited issue of congestion in the Central Subway by connecting the Green Line with the Orange Line, Red Line, and other South Station transportation modes without the need to transfer at Park Street. Silver Line Phase III also addresses transportation equity issues by providing a one-seat ride between Roxbury and Logan Airport and new job opportunities in the South Boston Waterfront.

Phase III work has been placed on hold pending funding to continue Preliminary Design work, which needs to be completed before the federal New Starts funding process can continue for this project.

We believe these two transportation improvements are critical to the continued success of the emerging South Boston Waterfront neighborhood. We urge the MPO to include these projects in the modeling about to be undertaken, and to include the projects in the final Long Range Transportation Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren H. Grymek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren H. Grymek
Executive Director

From: [Burton Holmes](#)
To: mcgahan@ctps.org; tppc@bostonmpo.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; jeffrey.mullan@state.ma.us
Cc: friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Somerville Community Path
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:35:01 AM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Sincerely,

Burton Holmes
85 Benton Rd.
Somerville, MA 02143

From: [Lorna McPhee](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Sullivan Square Projects
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:52:03 PM

To Whom it may Concern:

It is critical that the **Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square** projects be included in the Boston MPD plan. Including the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan will improve not only the appeal of Charlestown but of the surrounding towns like Somerville and Cambridge as well. With all of the improvements being made to the area off of Middlesex Ave (behind Home Depot) it is critical that Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square be able to handle the increase in traffic and keep up with the look and feel of the area. Please considering this when voting.

Regards,
Lorna Murphy

From: [Blythe](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Sullivan square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:39:56 AM

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Sincerely

Blythe Robertson & Mary Perkins
48 Baldwin Street
Charlestown MA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nick Mian](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Sullivan Square
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:48:10 AM

Hello

As a resident of Somerville in the Sullivan Square neighborhood and property/business owner in CHarlestown, I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This area of Boston is unparalleled for untapped development potential and improvement of transportation and streetscape. Thank you in advance for your commitment to the residents and business owners of the Sullivan Square neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Mian

From: [Kate Kennen](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Sullivan Square/ Rutherford Ave Project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:56:49 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Kate Kennen and I am co-chair of the community group, Friends of Sullivan Square. For over 15 years, the community has been discussing potential improvements to the Sullivan Square and Rutherford Ave area, to provide a safer way to access the T stop at Sullivan Square. We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Improvements to this area will provide alternate modes of transportation (bike lanes and bike paths), increased access to the T, and new green space for residents. The improvements will not only benefit Boston, but the neighboring communities of Somerville, Cambridge and Everett alike.

We appreciate your consideration of our project in your decision making process.

Best,

Kate Kennen
Friends of Sullivan Square, Co-Chair

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From: [Vaughan Rees](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Support for Green Line extension Phase II
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 10:16:04 AM

I understand that the MPO is considering eliminating Phase II of the Green Line extension from College Avenue to Route 16 under the current Long Range Plan.

I wish to place on the record my support for Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach") which retains Phase II of the Green Line extension. This Strategy has massive support from the local community.

The extension of the Green Line to Route 16 is essential for the future needs of the community that it will serve. It is impossible to imagine that the main beneficiaries of this project - the children of West Medford and adjacent areas - would not support the project now and in the future. This service will provide critical access to schools, jobs, sporting, and other opportunities for a new generation of young people in this area.

The need for accessible, reliable transportation is made more pressing because of the location of Environmental Justice communities in the area of Phase II of the Green Line extension. Six census tracts meet federal government environmental justice criteria: Tract 3397 (Harvard Street-Main Street-Mystic Avenue area); and Tracts 3393 and 3394 (West Medford, on either side of the Mystic River). Portions of Tracts 3395 and 3396, between Boston Avenue and the Somerville line, also are considered Environmental Justice communities.

The MPO should consider the Commonwealth's legal commitment to provide a full and equitable extension of the Green Line and the future needs of this traditionally underserved community. The strong and unified voice of the local residents, through groups such as the Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance, make clear the importance of this project and the huge support it has from the community.

I urge you to act in accordance with the wishes and needs of this community.

Sincerely,

Vaughan Rees
Rock Hill St
Medford, MA

From: RevEmerson@aol.com
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: support for route 16 station
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:15:29 AM

Please continue to include the proposed T station at Route 16 on the Green line in your Long Range Transportation Plan.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dorothy Emerson
225 Arlington St
West Medford

From: [Peter Furth](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: support for Rutherford Ave project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:31:41 PM

Dear MPO,

I write to express my support for funding Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square (Charlestown) in the metropolitan capital plan for transportation. It's difficult to imagine any site that is as dangerous and desolate today that can be transformed into a lively, transit-oriented development, a safer arterial, and a sorely needed linear park and with bike paths. Unlike some other projects that don't change streets very much, this one will give the metropolitan area a real "improvement" for its transportation improvement dollars. Also, this is a site of strong metropolitan interest -- a gateway to the hub, a link between Boston, Somerville, and Everett, and a link in the parks / bikeway network between the Charles River Reservation and the Mystic River Reservation.

Peter Furth

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From: [Jen Truong](mailto:Jen.Truong)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Support for Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square Project Funding
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:40:21 PM

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to support funding for construction involving Rutherford Ave/Sullivan Square. As a resident of Charlestown, I feel that the redesign of this area is vital to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, improve access to public transportation and green space as well as cope with traffic volumes and speeds. Our family has particular interest in this going forward as I currently commute via public transportation with my 18 month old daughter and find the Sullivan Square area particularly treacherous.

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Best,
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From: [Gerald Robbins](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Support for Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square Project
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:28:21 AM

We urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square redesign project in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. This project is critical to providing decent pedestrian and bicycle access to Sullivan Square Station as well as to other parts of Charlestown in Boston, Somerville and Cambridge. Currently this corridor is dangerous and dirty. A redesigned Avenue and Square will greatly ameliorate transit connections and traffic flow especially when Assembly Square is realized.

Thank you.

Gerald Robbins
63 Pearl Street
Charlestown, MA

From: [Erik Egbertson](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Support Investment Strategy No. 1 Green line to route 16
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 11:29:44 AM

I'm writing to support Investment Strategy No. 1, which retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension. I was sorry when this was eliminated from Phase I and am shocked its being considered for elimination from Phase II.

What has changed from the early days of the last century when Boston decided it would be the first in the country to implement a subway? Now we can't even lay a bit more track to a major route on the north shore?

Gas prices are rising and connection of neighborhoods to a subway line will be fundamental in ensuring these communities thrive in the future. The state needs to take a hard look at where its investing and focus on modes of transportation that are the most efficient. Light rail service has and continues to be a good investment.

I challenge the Boston MPO to not only keep the route 16 extension but consider future projects to connect the T lines radially and restore the wonderful system of light rail Massachusetts had in earlier days. Show some vision.

-Erik Egbertson - Medford

From: [Deb Agliano \(DebOnTheWeb\)](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: support Investment Strategy No. 1
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 5:37:00 AM

I support Investment Strategy No. 1 ("Current Approach"), which retains Phase II/Route 16 of the Green Line extension in the Long-Range Plan. With the continuing increase in gas prices, overcrowding on the roads and harm to the environment, expanding public transportation is very important.

Thank you,

Debra Agliano
29 Winslow Ave
Medford

From: [Nitchie, Chris](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Support of Green Line Extension to Route 16
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 11:46:48 AM

I am writing to show my support for the Green Line Extension to Route 16 and to not allow this final leg of the extension to be eliminated from the MPO's long range Plan. I feel that having the Green line extended to Route 16 will take advantage to the existing paved and dirt pathways (that are already being improved) along the Mystic River to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the Green line extension thus expanding the overall usability of the project and reaching many more potential riders than could be accomplished without extension to Route 16. The Mystic River is a natural corridor for pedestrian and bicycle traffic and it makes logical sense to connect the Green line to this corridor.

Thank you,

Chris

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To: mcgahan@ctps.org; tppc@bostonmpo.org; publicinformation@bostonmpo.org; Jeffrey.Mullan@state.ma.us; friendspath@yahoo.com
Subject: Support the Community Path
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:26:33 AM

To Ms. McGahan and the MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee:

I hope you will vote to fully fund the construction of the Community Path from Lowell Street (Somerville) to Lechmere/Northpoint (Cambridge), as a line item in the LRTP Investment Strategy, in the same time frame as the Green Line Extension. Since the two projects need to share infrastructure, rights-of-way, and simultaneous heavy construction, it makes financial and practical sense to design and build the Community Path together with the Green Line.

This Path will add to the commercial benefits of the Green Line extension funneling foot and bicycle traffic from as far away as Lexington. As someone who has recently fallen in love with the existing Paths in Somerville and Arlington, I can attest to their effects on shopping patterns. Very often, my wife and I spend our Saturdays riding down the Paths on our recently purchased used bikes from one coffee shop to the next, she grades papers and I study. In this economy more and more people are choosing to spend their three-day weekends at home exploring their own neighborhoods. While exploring these paths we observe businesses who see the potential profits to be made and place entrances and visible signs along the path. Foot traffic drives sales much better than car traffic, as parking can become a chore and a discouragement and many cities have shut down areas to cars to drive up spending in the local economy. I hope that you embrace this project and help to make the metro Boston a better place to thrive as either a business or a citizen.

Thank you for your efforts to balance different transportation modes and the environment in your Long Range budget.

Sincerely,
Glen Fant & Anne-Marie Wayne
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From: [Tai Dinnan](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Surface Option
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 1:28:17 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I urge you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. I don't have a car and must use bike or public transport to navigate this area. The Surface Option seems much safer and better for the long term viability of all of our neighborhoods.

-Tai

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From: [Karen Ferguson](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Urgent!
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 11:43:32 AM

I urge to please include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. As a resident of Charlestown, I live on Parker St. and know how desperately this project is needed for the area. The current traffic patterns are untenable, and as a father it is downright dangerous trying to cross the rotary on foot. The area around Sullivan Square is in much need of updating, and can thrive with the funding of these projects. Hopefully with this funding, more people will be attracted to living close to T stations helping to reduce the amount of cars on the road. I implore to fund these vital projects.

Karen Ferguson

Sent from my iPhone



walkBoston

June 1, 2011

David Mohler
Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization
Attn: Mark Callahan
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Dear Mr. Mohler and Members of the MPO:

WalkBoston urges you to include funding for the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects in the Boston MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

The existing design and operations of Rutherford Avenue and its ugly and fast underpass discourage transit, pedestrian and bicycle trips. It is a reflection of an outmoded approach to transportation and roadway planning which we have happily abandoned. Repairing this mistake, and providing greatly improved multi-modal transportation options to the residents and employees of nearby Boston, Somerville and Cambridge neighborhoods make the proposed Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square projects valuable transportation investments.

Thank you for considering our comments in your deliberations.

Best regards,

Wendy Landman
Executive Director

From: [John Murphy](#)
To: publicinformation@bostonmpo.org
Subject: Yes on Green Line Extension to Route 16
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:06:17 AM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I strongly support the Green Line Extension to Route 16 and urge you to support this very much needed project. We are in the age of declining oil supplies and low energy prices will be a thing of the past. Please extend the Green Line to Route 16. I believe if resources were available, it should go all the way to Route 128!

Sincerely,

John Murphy
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