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Dear Mr. Della Penna: *Craig*

On behalf of Transportation Secretary John Cogliano, thank you for your recent letter on the inter-relationship between the proposed Community Path, MassCentral Rail Trail, and extension of the Green Line beyond its current terminus at Lechmere Station. The Executive Office of Transportation appreciates your participation in the environmental scoping process for the proposed extension of the Green Line, and the continued advocacy of the MassCentral Rail Trail Coalition on important trail and bicycling issues in the Commonwealth.

A sustainable and equitable transportation system should provide its users with a range of transportation options, and the extension of the Green Line is an important opportunity to increase non-automotive travel in the communities immediately north and west of Boston. As you may be aware, the recent Certificate issued by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Green Line project calls upon the Executive Office of Transportation to coordinate with the sponsors of the Community Path project and to include conceptual designs for the Path in the submitted Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Green Line extension. The Executive Office of Transportation is committed to realizing the recommendations of the MEPA Certificate, and has been collaborating with the City of Somerville on issues of design and siting for the Community Path project. EOT looks forward to continuing to work with the project proponents for the Community Path effort.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (617) 973-8064.

Sincerely,

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