



Green Line Extension Project

WINTER 2014

Project Update

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is partnering with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to extend the Green Line from its current terminus at Lechmere Station in East Cambridge to Somerville and Medford. Bringing MBTA light rail service and improved mobility to these densely populated cities will address longstanding transportation inequities, result in fewer automobiles on local roads, and help to combat greenhouse gas emissions and other components of air pollution.

The project is scheduled to be constructed in four overlapping phases from 2013 to 2019. Phase I construction work began in January 2013 to widen two rail bridges that will carry the new Green Line tracks.

Upcoming Milestones

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| Jan 2014 | Advanced Preliminary Engineering Submitted to the MBTA |
| Mar/Apr 2014 | Federal Funding Application |
| Summer 2014 | Phase 2/2A Early Construction |
| Spring 2015 | Federal Funding Agreement |

MassDOT has approved funds needed to construct the first three stations along with the associated track, structures and infrastructure to make them operational. Stations will be opened in phases (see route and timetable on back).

In addition, MassDOT is working to complete an application to the Federal Transit Administration seeking funds for about half of the \$1.3 billion project; the Commonwealth would fund the other half.

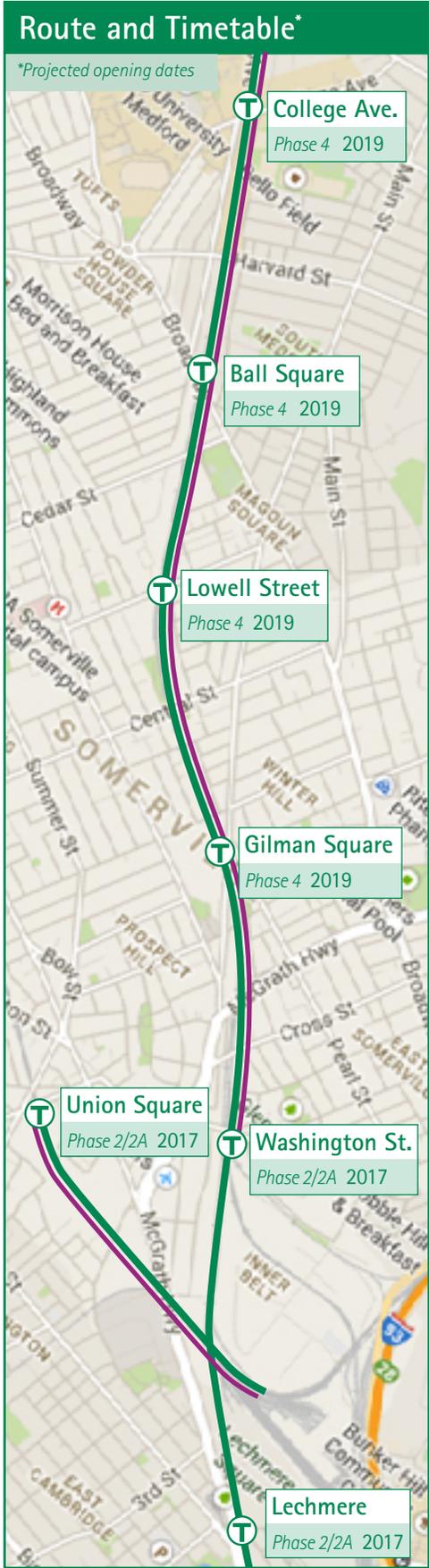
UNION SQUARE STATION

Union Square Station in Somerville will be located three blocks south of Somerville Avenue on Prospect Street, at the bridge over the MBTA Fitchburg Line commuter rail tracks. The station will have upper and lower plaza entrances, each with fare gates. Metal panel and glass curtain walls form the exterior skin, and a short canopy extends out over the upper entrance toward Prospect Street. The concourse and platforms will extend south, toward Cambridge. The station has a flexible design to accommodate proposed nearby development.



Other Station Features

- Fully accessible, including fare collection turnstiles
- Accessible drop-off/pick-up area (off Bennett Street)
- Parking for 198 bicycles (88 enclosed)
- New crosswalk at Webster and Prospect Streets
- Repaved Bennett Street with new sidewalk
- Bus connections
- Landscaping to buffer sight lines



Lower Plaza Entrance

A lower level entrance on the Union Square side of the station will offer accessible entry from a pick-up and drop-off area. Vehicles will enter and exit at Bennett Street.



Entrance from Prospect Street Bridge

The upper level entrance will be reached from Prospect Street. The city of Somerville is studying development around the station as well as ways to improve access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

More Information

Station images shown are as presented at the June 2013 public meetings, with some modifications. Full presentations and more information on the Green Line Extension project, including Fact Sheets for the other six stations, are available on the GLX website: www.mass.gov/greenlineextension. For all queries and comments related to the GLX project, please contact the project staff by email at info@glxinfo.com.

