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Dear Mr. Brennan:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed your letter dated May 14, 2014 requesting a re-evaluation of the Green Line Extension (GLX) Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 4(f) Evaluation dated October 2011 to include construction of the Somerville Community Path (SCP). Based on the information contained in your letter, FTA concurs with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) assessment that construction of the SCP in conjunction with GLX project will minimize community impacts and not alter the conditions under which the FTA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on July 9, 2012.

As indicated in the October 2011 EA, the MBTA originally proposed to only design and engineer the SCP. However, as design of the Project progressed, the MBTA determined that in order to improve station access, egress, and accessibility as well as support utility relocation and minimize community disruption it is necessary and prudent to construct the SCP as an element of the GLX Project. Moreover, FTA evaluated the scope and impacts of the SCP during its review of the EA.

Therefore, in accordance with 23 CFR 771.129, FTA finds the July 9, 2012 FONSI remains valid.

The FTA looks forward to continuing to work with the MBTA on this transit improvement.

Sincerely,

[Mary Beth Mello – signature on original]

Mary Beth Mello
Regional Administrator