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Draft Outline of Green Line Extension Station Workshops and Public Meetings on the Maintenance Facility and Community Path

SEPTEMBER

Subcommittee Meeting: Meeting to develop community design principles. Circulate to DWG for review and comment so principles are provided at the workshops. Finalize principles for Workshop presentation and public comment.

Round One, Station Design Workshops: Two public meetings in the corridor will outline the MBTA's Station Design Program. The goal of these workshops is to provide a "Station 101," outlining the elements of all MBTA stations (elevators, escalators, etc.) and showing three sample designs for the GLX (two models plus Lechmere) and perhaps samples from around the country to get people thinking about the station style possibilities and materials along the corridor. These meetings will kick off the design process and encourage people to think about what goes into a station and how it can best fit into the neighborhood. There will be a presentation, then an Open House/Comment segment to gather ideas on the samples presented. Both meetings will present the same general info; round one is not oriented to individual station locations.

OCTOBER

Public Meeting on the Maintenance Facility: Present an update (post FEIR) and discuss design issues, such as the exterior appearance and program elements. NOTE: Based on the current GLX schedule, this meeting may be moved to early December (November will be tied up with the second round of Station Design Workshops.)

Community Path Design Workshop: This workshop will re-introduce the design, lay out a schedule, etc. It can be in October or be postponed until after a decision on TIGER II funding (due in October). NOTE: The City of Somerville is applying for federal funding for the Community Path construction.

NOVEMBER

Round Two, Station Design Workshops: Present design draft renderings for each station to the communities in a series of workshops. The preliminary schedule of meetings is:

- Somerville: meetings to cover Gilman Square and Lowell Street Stations; Union Square; Brickbottom; Lechmere

- Medford: Ball Square and College Avenue
- Cambridge: Lechmere

These will be full workshops in the same format as the land use events: presentation of the draft designs, then areas/time for reactions, comments and discussion by station.

JANUARY 2011

Second meeting of the GLX Design Working Group: Review the results of the design workshops; prioritize concerns; make recommendations to MassDOT.

SPRING 2011

Round Three, Station Design Workshops: MassDOT will present designs based on the MBTA's program needs and community comments on look, feel and use of the stations. The following meetings are anticipated:

- Somerville: meetings (to be determined) to cover Gilman Square and Lowell Street Stations; Union Square; Brickbottom; Lechmere
- Medford: Ball Square and College Avenue
- Cambridge: Lechmere

Round Two of Meetings on the Maintenance Facility and Community Path: Present concepts and plans to the corridor.

QUESTIONS for DWG Consideration

- The workshop format for the Land Use events included a presentation, then time for participants to go to station areas, make comments, ask questions and discuss ideas with other people interested in each station. *What did you think of this format? Would you change it in any way?*
- Do you have suggestions for workshop locations in your community? Keep in mind that they have to accommodate at least 100 people, not cost too much, be accessible and (preferably) have a sound system.
- What kinds of materials are useful for the workshops? For the land use events, MassDOT provided maps, layouts, Post-its for comments (and comment sheets can be made available).
- Would you be willing to flyer the station area you represent with flyers provided by MassDOT for the workshops?
- What principles would you suggest to guide the design process? (for the subcommittee to discuss)