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Mr. John Long
Somerville City Clerk
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Ave, 1st Floor
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: #207735
#207736
#207890

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for contacting the MBTA with respect to recent City Council resolutions pertaining to the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. We continue to appreciate the support from the City of Somerville to help make GLX a reality.

As you will recall, GLX was previously halted due to projected cost overruns and the project was nearly lost. Following the project's temporary shutdown and in order to move the GLX Project forward, the project was re-scoped in order to remain within the available funding as described in our Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration. An extensive review and scope reduction effort was made in order to have the project remain within the \$2.3 billion budget. It is within this context that the Resolutions developed by the Somerville City Council are reviewed by the MBTA.

With regard to Resolution #207735, calling for an elevator to be installed at the forthcoming Union Square Station, the present design of the station meets the ADA Code requirements and therefore the request for an elevator falls outside of the present GLX Project.

With regard to Resolution #207736, calling for design enhancements at all seven GLX stations, the present GLX station designs meet all building and accessibility codes. Any betterments beyond code requirements fall outside of the current scope and budget of the GLX project.

With regard to Resolution #207890, calling for design modifications to the Community Path Extension (including a connection to a future Grand Junction Path, a widening of the Community Path Extension viaduct, and the addition of at least 2 rest areas), these design changes fall outside of the present GLX Project scope and budget.

The MBTA remains appreciative of the prior and ongoing City of Somerville support associated with making the GLX a reality for the residents and visitors of Somerville, Cambridge and Medford, and the MBTA looks forward to continuing that very productive relationship going forward.

Sincerely,

John Dalton
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MBTA Green Line Extension Project

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