



Green Line Extension (GLX) Project Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: What are the basic elements of the Green Line Extension Project (GLX)?

A: Seven light-rail GLX stations situated along 4.7 miles of new, linear track running through Somerville, Cambridge, and Medford. Station details include:

- Relocated Lechmere Station
- 5 new stations on the Medford Branch situated along 3.7 miles of new track from Lechmere to Tufts University
- 1 new station on Union Square Branch serviced by 0.9 miles of new track connecting Lechmere and Union Square

GLX conforms with all environmental commitments and committed scope elements

- Includes a multiuse community path (Lowell Street to Cambridge Crossing/Lechmere)
- Procurement of 24 Green Line light rail vehicles
- Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF)
- Any future Green Line service to Route 16 and/or Porter Square is not precluded

2. Q: What are the benefits of the GLX?

A: The Green Line Extension is a top transportation priority of MassDOT and the MBTA. It offers a number of benefits:

- A one-seat ride from the project corridor to downtown Boston, (eliminating the need for bus and rail transfers at Lechmere Station and at Orange and Red Line stations) improving travel times within the project corridor
- A projected reduction in regional daily Vehicle Miles Traveled by 25,728 miles, improving air quality and reducing automobile congestion



- Daily ridership (boardings and alightings) at the seven Green Line Extension stations of approximately 45,000 by 2030. The majority of those trips will be made beginning in the first year of service on the Green Line Extension
- A commitment to universal access, with new stations that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
- Operation in existing railroad rights-of-way, reducing the need to purchase local property and minimizing construction impacts
- Mitigation measures that will reduce existing noise and vibration impacts from area railroads

3. Q: What is the proposed schedule for GLX?

- Issue Final Request for Proposal for Design Build, 5/23/17 (completed on schedule)
- Design Build Proposals Due, 9/28/17 (completed on schedule)
- Bid Opening/Select Design Build Entity, 11/17/17 (completed on schedule)
- Notice to Proceed to Design Build Entity, 12/20/17 (completed on schedule)
- Project Completion, Summer 2022

4. Q: Will there be nighttime work? If so, what noise mitigation measures will be implemented?

A: Yes. Nighttime work is a critical element of GLX construction. Since the majority of the project is located inside of an active railroad right-of-way, the optimal work periods occur when the commuter and freight rails are out of service. Therefore, performing work at night and on weekends—when rail traffic is light or has been suspended—is vital to the completion of the project in a safe, timely, and cost-effective manner.

The GLX Design Build contractor is required to coordinate all nighttime construction activities with the MBTA and municipalities. Activities such as pile driving, drilling, and demolition operations are not allowed between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.



5. Q: What rodent control measures are underway to reduce construction impacts in the adjacent residential communities?

A: GLX Constructors (GLXC), the Design-Build Contractor for the Green Line Extension project, began implementing an Integrated Pest Management Plan for the MBTA with a pre-construction rodent survey launched in early April 2018. A1 Exterminators is the pest control contractor performing the abatement. Beginning in April 2018, and continuing throughout the four-year project, rodent control work will be performed on a regular basis from Union Square in Somerville, to Lechmere Station in Cambridge, up to College Avenue in Medford. All abatement measures will be restricted to the right-of-way and project boundary. No abatement measures will be applied on private property.

Whenever possible, A1 will utilize non-pesticide technologies such as trapping and monitoring devices. They will use only US EPA and state approved products for pesticide use. Site/job specific products have and will be selected that pose the lowest potential hazard to humans, domestic pets, and the environment. These products include:

- Mechanical traps
- Rodenticide(s): Weatherblok XT and Fastrac Pellets
- Tamper-resistant bait stations

Havahart traps (for non-rodent control)

6. Will there be pre-construction surveys done to protect abutting homes and businesses?

A: Yes. In order to document and protect the existing condition of residential and commercial property along the alignment, the GLX Design Build Contractor is performing photographic and technical survey work in areas adjacent to future work zones. The documentation collected provides property owners and contractors with an important baseline comparison of conditions before and after



construction. Property owners in areas requiring pre-construction surveys will be notified in advance of scheduled activities.

7. Q: What is the alignment for the extended community path?

A: As part of the GLX project, the existing Community Path will be extended from its current terminus at Lowell Street in Somerville to the Lechmere Station/North Point area of Cambridge. Contract specifications require the Design Build Contractor to make the Lowell-to-Lechmere connection along the GLX alignment, but the exact location of the Path will be confirmed later in the design process.

8. Q: What is the best way to access the latest information on the project? Who are the chief points of contact for GLX, the MBTA, and MassDOT?

A: For life/safety emergencies, please call 911.

For urgent GLX construction issues, please call the project hotline at:

- 1-855-GLX-INFO (459-4636)

For general information, please visit:

- www.greenlineextension.com

For inquiries or more detailed information, please email:

- info@glxinfo.com.

For all other GLX, MBTA, or MassDOT issues, please contact:

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9. Q: Is there a social media plan?

A: Yes. The purpose of the project's social/digital media plan is to promote transparency and public awareness in disseminating public information on GLX construction activities and milestones across multiple communication channels. The plan is consistent with the project's commitment to keep the public informed of construction progress and potential impacts in a way that is accessible and convenient.

10.Q: Is there an approved arts program for GLX?

A: Yes. The GLX project seeks to contribute to the vibrancy of the communities it will service by investing in a public Art Program. A budget of \$1.0 million has been allocated to be spread among the 7 stations to (a) create a warm and welcoming environment in key areas (b) unify and differentiate station facilities and (c) enhance the connection between station and community.

11.Q: What meetings are planned for neighborhood groups?

A: The GLX Project Management Team is open to meeting with a broad range of community advocacy and environmental justice organizations on a regular basis throughout construction. The project team will rely heavily on the members of the Community Working Group to make introductions and develop agendas that are focused and relevant to the needs of specific groups. If you know of a neighborhood group that would benefit by having members of the GLX project team on its agenda, please send us an email at info@glxinfo.com.

12. Q: Will there be outreach in the station neighborhoods?

A: Yes. As part of city-wide outreach efforts to engage stakeholders across Somerville, Cambridge, and Medford, members of the GLX Community Working Group have been asked to dedicate a proportionate emphasis on neighborhoods that will host future GLX stations. While all neighborhoods are encouraged to participate in public forums, the Community Working Group process has been



organized around station neighborhoods which are potentially exposed to higher levels of construction impacts and future pedestrian, vehicular traffic, and parking issues. In addition to localized meetings, the project has committed to hosting 3 to 4 project-wide public meetings per year.

13. Q: Will translated information be made available to non-English speaking populations?

A: Yes. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests should be made as soon as possible in advance of meetings. Requests for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART (Computer Assisted Review for Translation), and language translation or interpretation, should be made at least 10 business days before the meeting.

14. Q: Will there be walking tours of the GLX project during construction?

A: Yes. As the project enters its full-scale construction phase, walking tours of specific areas will be arranged via the Community Working Group process.

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