

# Medford Green Line Extension Update

Dear Neighbor,

State transportation officials recently announced that construction of the Green Line extension to Medford is scheduled to begin in 2011, and be completed in late 2014.

That means over the next four years, detailed planning will take place regarding how far the extension will go, where station stops will be located, and a host of other related issues.

The time for the Medford community to get involved in the project is NOW, and the Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance (MGNA) is here to help.

The MGNA is a group of citizens who support the Green Line extension to Medford, and who advocate for proactive involvement from the city, its residents and all stakeholders to ensure that the extension is completed in a manner that is most beneficial to the community.

Executed properly, the Green Line will provide thousands of Medford residents with an environmentally friendly alternative to automobile use; provide better access to and from Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and beyond; improve our air quality by taking cars off the road; and make Medford a better place to live, work and visit.

Proper execution depends on active participation and input by all segments of the Medford community. You can do this by:

- Visiting MGNA's website, [www.medfordgreenline.org](http://www.medfordgreenline.org), and familiarizing yourself with the project history to date, and also the MGNA's recently released Proposed Station Study report.
- Attending the public meeting state officials are holding on the Green Line extension at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15**, at the McGlynn School, 3002 Mystic Valley Parkway.
- Attending the first MGNA organizational meeting, to be held at **7 p.m. on Monday, November 27**, at the South Medford Fire Station, Zero Medford Street.

Full participation by the Medford community is vital to the success of the Green Line project. We hope you do your part to get involved.

**Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance**



## MGNA OBJECTIVES

- Provide the maximum number of residents with convenient access to the Green Line without the need of a car.
- Underscore accessibility and fully comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Extend the Green Line as far as Route 16 using existing MBTA right-of-ways
- Take *NO* Medford residence or business by eminent domain.
- Respect the character and scale of the surrounding community neighborhoods.
- Feature stations that are pedestrian- and neighborhood-oriented, not car-oriented.
- Provide well-designed and convenient connections to existing bus routes at all stations.
- Connect both sides of any Green Line station with its surrounding neighborhood and existing and planned pedestrian/bike paths.
- Create safe, welcoming transportation environments with high-quality station design.
- Exclude the construction of any parking garages.
- Do no harm. Existing traffic and parking issues must be dealt with and not made worse.