

December 1, 2009

Secretary Ian Bowles  
Executive Office of Energy and Environment  
MEPA Office  
Attention: Holly Johnson, MEPA Analyst  
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100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Bowles,

In my capacity of Diversity Director for the City of Medford I serve as A.D.A. Coordinator, as well as the formal liaison to the Medford Commission for persons with Disabilities. I recently reviewed the Green Line Extension Draft Environmental Impact Report, specifically focusing on the Ball Square, College Ave., and Mystic Valley Parkway Stations.

It is imperative that all Green Line Stations be in full compliance with 521CMR Sect. 18 and 28CFR Part 36 Sect. 10.3.1. Beyond the stations, the path of travel to each station from various areas around the stations, access within the station, and access to and within various level changes, and from the platform to the rail cars are also crucial. Although the regulations are occasionally referenced in the report, there is absolutely no detail whatsoever in this report.

**Issues**

- Elevators - (minimum of two at each location?) no design information
- Accessible route to entry of building and at drop off areas not detailed with dimensions or slope
- Sidewalks – no width, cross slope, running slope, and in most cases no curbcuts, including where necessary, reciprocal curbcuts

- Unobstructed paths of travel outside and within each station not detailed
- Width of entrances, noting the specifications to show they are accessible and the width of turn styles, and fare transaction locations within each station not detailed
- There is no mention of the distance and/or gap from the platform to the rail vehicle (vertically or horizontally) or plates to fill that gap
- No mention of platform detectable warnings bands
- Outside areas covered from the harsh weather?
- Platform width is not designated with width or length criteria and there is no mention if any ramps are located anywhere in any of the structures at any point.
- No notation of detectable warnings at vehicular ways
- Plan shows no seating areas
- Compliant visual and audible announcements in platform and seating areas?
- Alludes to tactile/braille signage with no information given of placement or detail
- Clear width of escalators and tread design not noted
- Accessible Restrooms – no design

I find it impossible to review these plans and documents for access as there is little or no detail provided other than the mention of access and/or a color coded picture that provided no actual detail for review. It is impossible for me to give an opinion on the compliant handicap accessibility of this project based on illustrations and statements of compliant intention.

I am requesting detailed site plans and specifications in order to complete my review.

Sincerely,

Diane McLeod  
Diversity Director

CC: Michael J. McGlynn, Mayor  
Lauren DiLorenzo, O.C.D.