

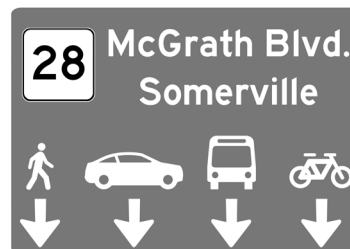
Green Line Extension. The Green Line Extension (GLX) project team held community meetings in late 2014 and in the first half of 2015 to present 100% complete designs for Lechmere, Union Sq. and Washington St. stations, and 90% complete designs for Gilman Sq., Lowell St., Ball Sq., and College Ave. stations, and the Community Path extension. In June, Tufts University unveiled its plan to construct a 100,000 sq. ft. academic building above the College Ave. station (at the intersection of Boston and College Aves.), along with a foot-bridge that will connect the new facility to the Tufts campus. In the current GLX project schedule, the new stations would open in a phased approach from 2018 (Lechmere, Union Sq., and Washington St.) through 2020 (Gilman Sq., Lowell St, Ball Sq., and College Ave.).

The GLX project team, led by HDR/Gilbane, and AECOM and the MBTA are currently overseeing the initial construction work, some of which pertains to the entire corridor and some which pertains specifically to the building of the Lechmere, Washington St., and Union Sq. stations. Construction this year includes rebuilding the affected bridges on the route, moving utilities, relocating commuter rail tracks and providing drainage, rebuilding the retaining walls and building noise walls. In January 2015 the Federal Transit Administration granted \$996 million to partially fund the GLX. This funding covers nearly ½ cost of the project; the State is obligated to match this sum to ensure full funding of the GLX project.

Community Path. MassDOT/MBTA is designing and constructing the full Path extension along the GLX corridor from Lowell St. to Lechmere stations. This multi-use Path will share the GLX corridor infrastructure along four stations and will also serve as the GLX utility corridor, emergency egress, ADA-access, and maintenance route. Upon completion, the Path will connect the Minuteman and Charles River paths, linking a network of approximately 48 miles of continuous bike/ped path. The Path extension is expected to be completed in late 2020 with the rest of the GLX project. The Washington St. to Lechmere segment is slated to be built by 2018. Construction of the first segment, from Cedar St. to Lowell St. (a City of Somerville project), is expected to be completed this summer.

Initiative to Change Policy Related to Populations Affected by Traffic Pollutants. STEP, the City of Somerville, and the Chinese Progressive Association in partnership with Tufts University Schools of Public Health and Engineering, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) are collaborating on a 3 year project started in 2013. The goal is to protect the health of people living near highways in Somerville and Boston by using knowledge gained from the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health (CAFEH) study. The team seeks to impact the siting and design of housing, schools, and open space near highways to reduce pollution exposure with practical, realistic solutions. A longer term goal is to broaden this effort regionally. The project is funded by a grant from The Kresge Foundation. Information on this project and the research findings is available at <http://sites.tufts.edu/cafeh/>.

McGrath Boulevard Project. Removing the McCarthy Overpass on Route 28 (McGrath Highway over Washington St.) and turning McGrath into a street level multi-modal boulevard would connect Union Sq. with East Somerville and Inner Belt, and would make the route safer and more accessible for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. In May 2015, MassDOT held the second public information meeting for the project, which is currently in the project development phase.



This phase, which should last 12-18 months, takes the concept of replacing the overpass with an at-grade boulevard and develops a preliminary design.

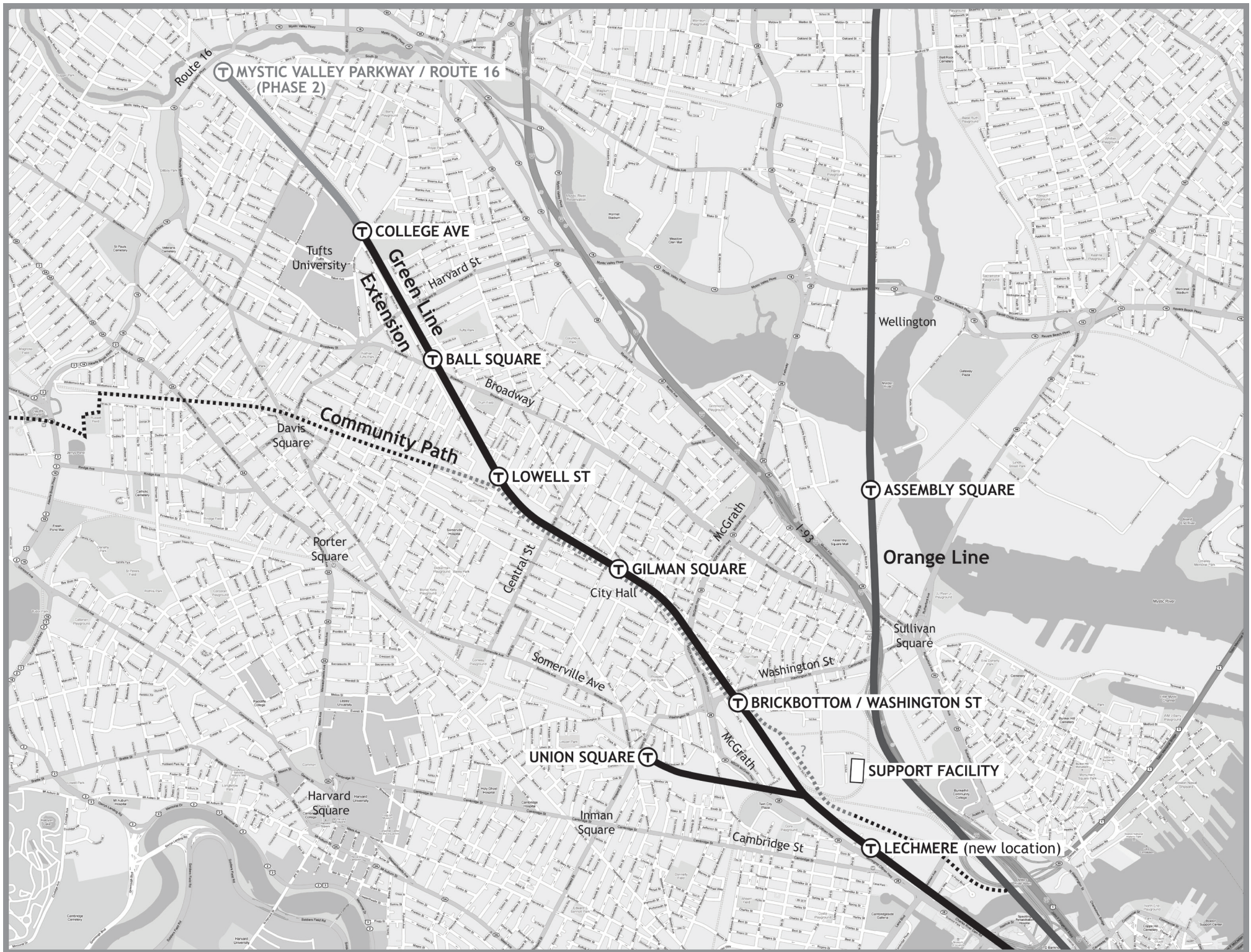
A key area of focus in this phase is whether the new boulevard should have a 6-lane cross-section as recommended in the initial Grounding McGrath Planning Study of 2013 or a 4-lane cross-section as is strongly preferred in Somerville.



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T BALL SQUARE

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T UNION SQUARE

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T LECHMERE (new location)