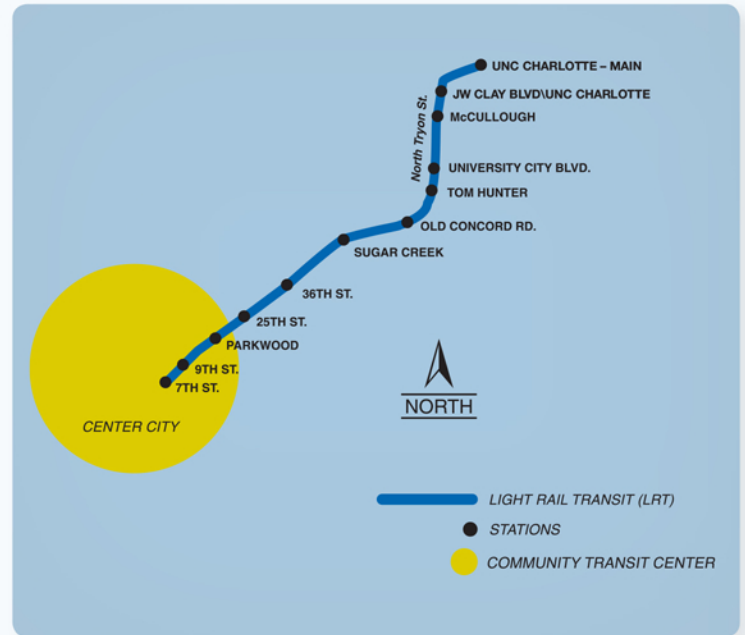


Fast Facts

- 9.3 mile extension of the LYNX Blue Line with 11 stations
- Runs in an exclusive right-of-way free of congestion
- Projected 24,500 average weekday trips by 2035
- 4 park and ride stations with approximately 3,000 spaces
- Continuous travel from I-485/South Boulevard through Center City to UNC Charlotte projected to be 47 minutes
- Key activities centers
 - UNC Charlotte Main Campus
 - Carolinas Medical Center - University
 - UNC Charlotte Center City Campus
 - Charlotte Transportation Center
 - Center City Charlotte
 - Blumenthal Performing Arts Center
 - Time Warner Cable Arena
 - ImaginOn The Joe and Joan Martin Center
 - Historic North Davidson
- Planned integration of bus service from adjacent neighborhoods to light rail stations
- Estimated project budget \$1.16 billion



LYNX Blue Line Extension Milestone Schedule



Project Milestones

FTA Approval to Enter PE	November 2007
Final EIS Complete	August 2011
NEPA Record of Decision	December 2011
65% Design Complete	December 2011
FTA Approval to Enter Final Design	July 2012
Federal FFGA Signed	October 2012
Advanced Utility Relocation Begins	June 2013
Start Construction	January 2014
Initiate Revenue Service	2017



Rendering of W.T. Harris Boulevard Bridge

7,600



number of jobs

that would be generated by direct construction activities in the region.

- Final Environmental Impact Statement

Benefits

- **Congestion free commute:** Operating in a dedicated right-of-way eliminates congestion and accident delays versus traveling in the roadway.
- **Consistent travel time:** Travel time will be the same the first day of operation as it is in 2035.
- **More transportation choices:** The LYNX Blue Line Extension will offer alternatives to travel on I-85 and North Tryon Street while providing more options for travel to work, school, entertainment, and medical destinations.
- **Integration of land use:** The design of LYNX stations supports the City's Centers, Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework by concentrating a mix of complementary, well-integrated land uses within walking distance of transit stations.
- **Stronger neighborhoods:** People in neighborhoods adjacent to stations or connected by bus services will have greater access to employment and educational opportunities.
- **Improved roadways:** Construction of the LYNX Blue Line Extension will include roadway improvements to North Tryon Street and grade separated rail crossings into and out of North Tryon Street, over the I-85 Connector Road, University City Boulevard, and Harris Boulevard.
- **Improved pedestrian and bicycle travel:** The project includes the addition of bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping for a safer, more comfortable pedestrian experience.

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