

## Community Meeting



## LYNX Blue Line Extension

July 18, 2013

## LYNX Blue Line Extension Groundbreaking



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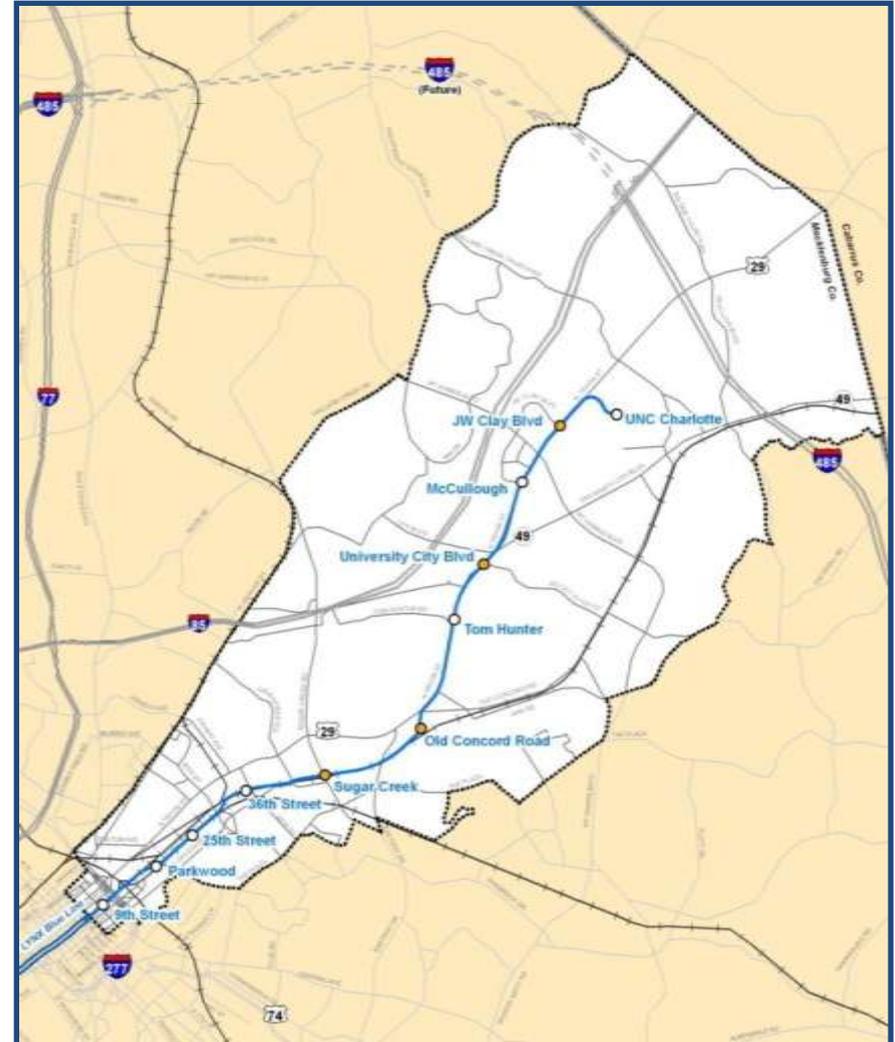


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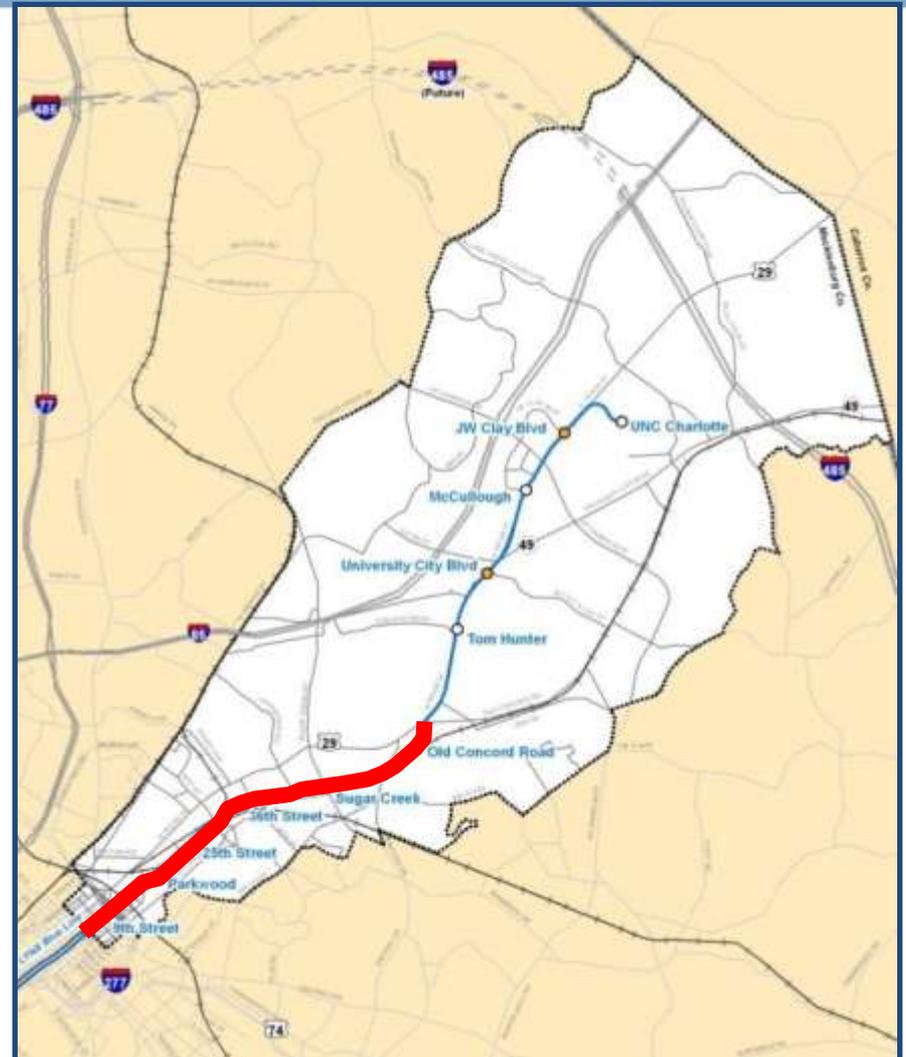
## Project Overview

- 9.3 miles, 11 stations
- 4 park and ride facilities
- Approximately 3,100 parking spaces
- Accommodates 3-car trains
- 25,000+ daily riders
- Improvements to Highway 29 north of Old Concord Road
- Connects UNC Charlotte campuses
- Initial peak period service 7.5 minute frequency
- Connecting bus services
- Revenue service in 2017



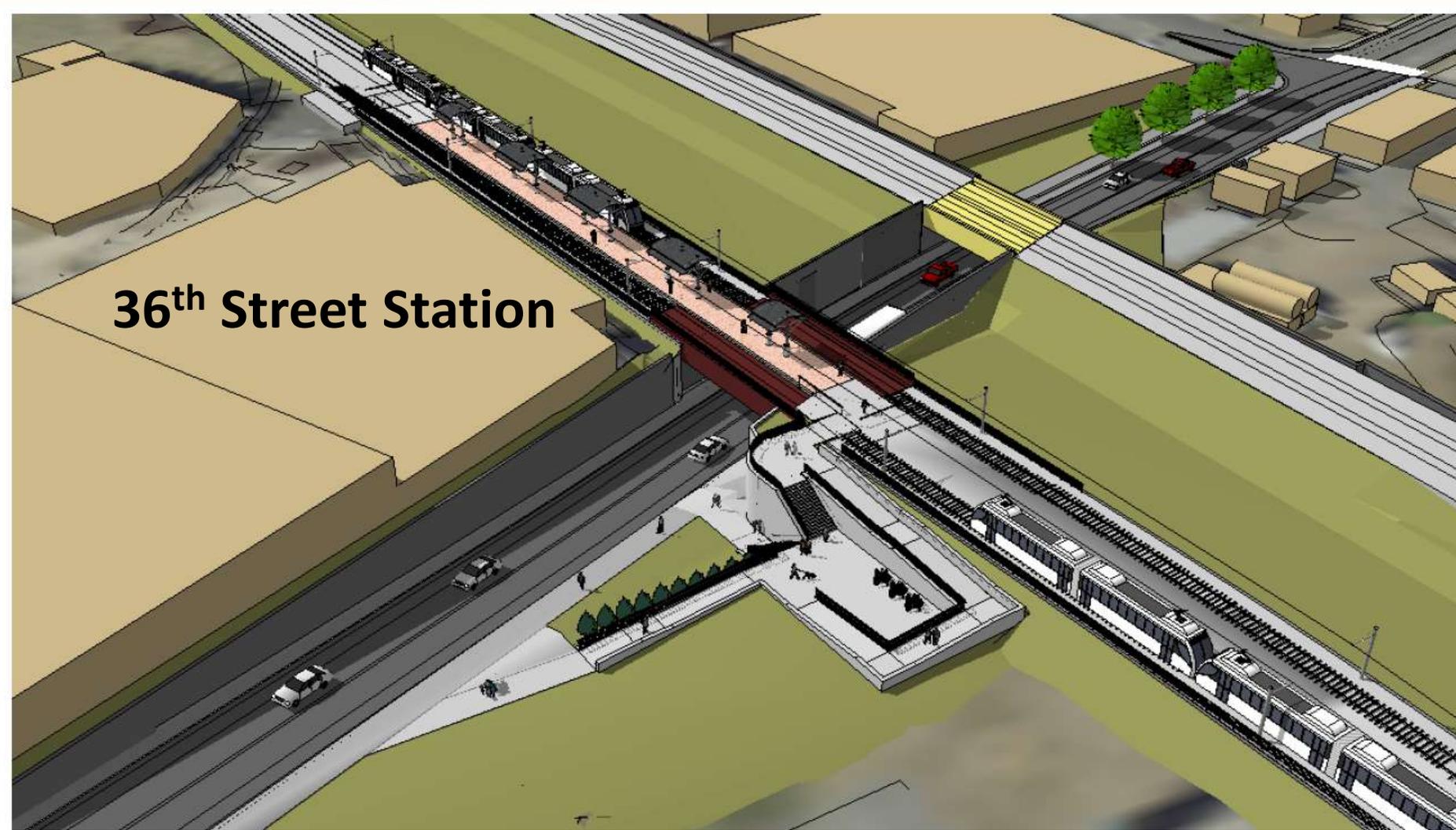
## Segment A

- Uptown Charlotte
- Railroads
- Historic Districts
- Industry
- Residential Neighborhoods





**9<sup>th</sup> Street- Uptown  
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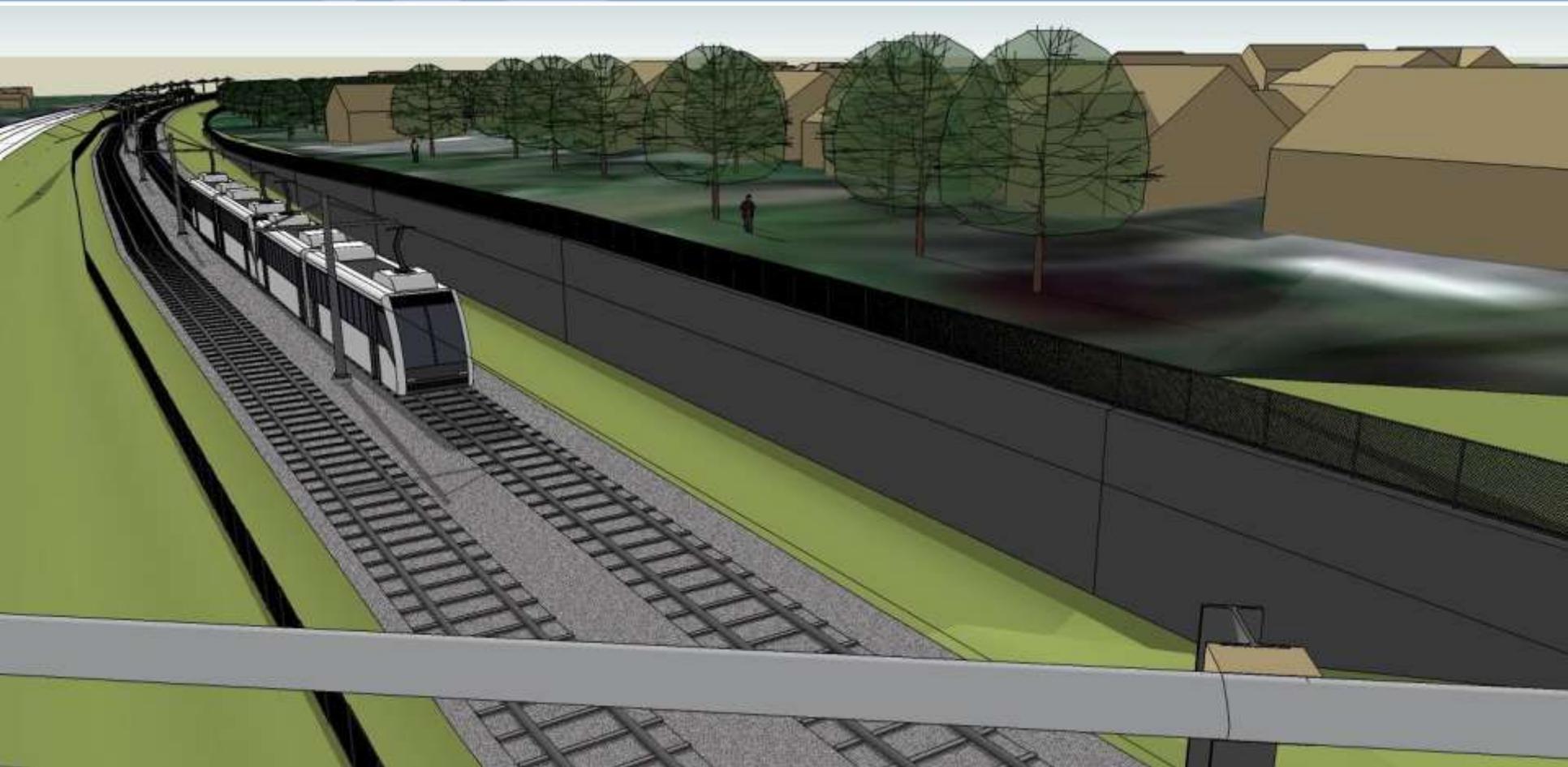


**36<sup>th</sup> Street Station**



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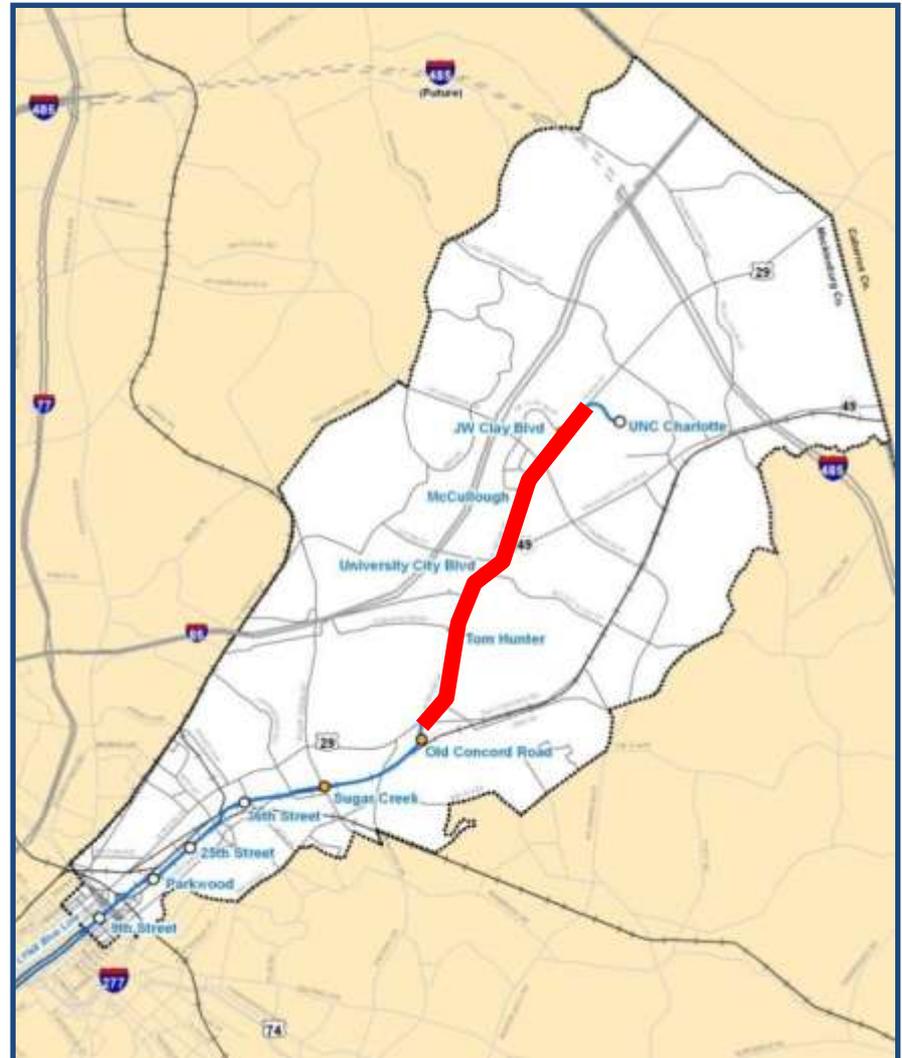
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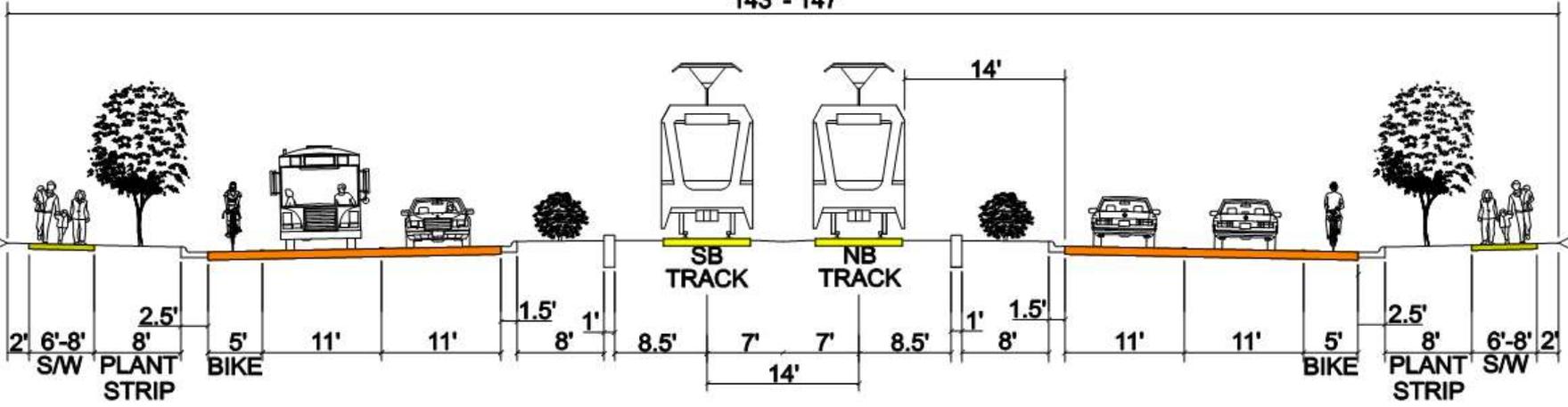
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## Segment B/C

- NCDOT
- Business Coordination
- Traffic Management



143' - 147'



## Station Locations

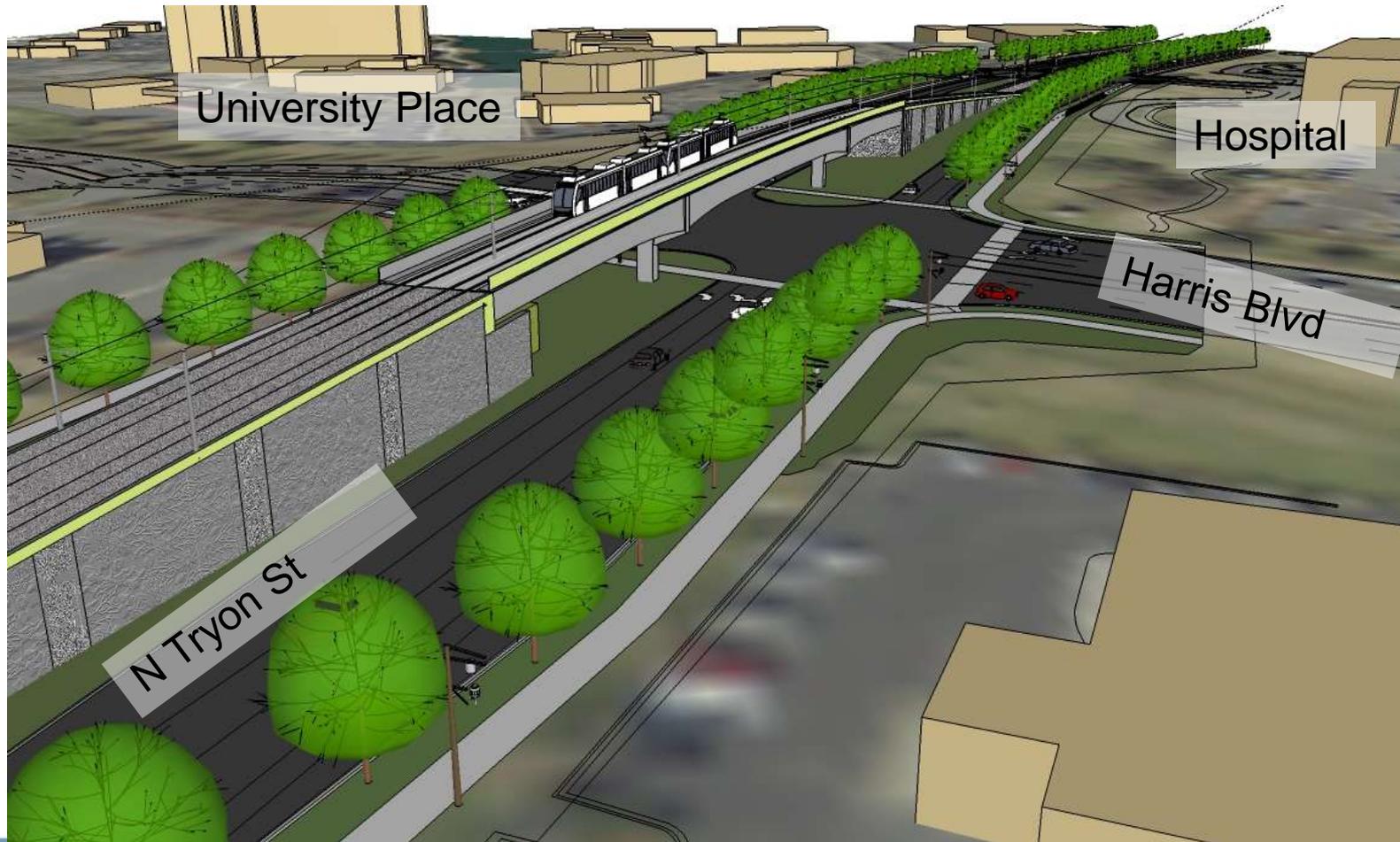
- Tom Hunter
- University City Boulevard
- McCullough
- JW Clay Boulevard
- UNC Charlotte





Typical  
Median  
Station

## Light rail bridge over W.T. Harris Boulevard



## Urban Design Framework

Designed to

- Leverage public art dollars
- Integrate public art to mitigate visual impacts



## University City Boulevard

- Artist treatment to platform
- Artist treatment to windscreens



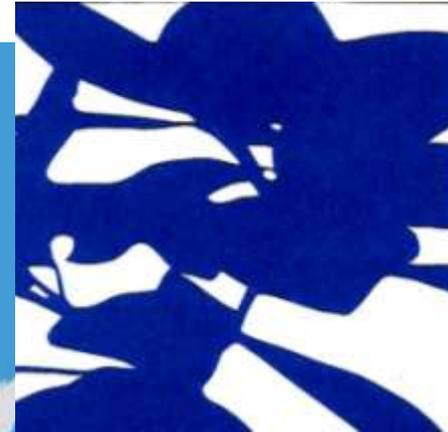
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- Artist treatment to platform
- Artist treatment to windscreens



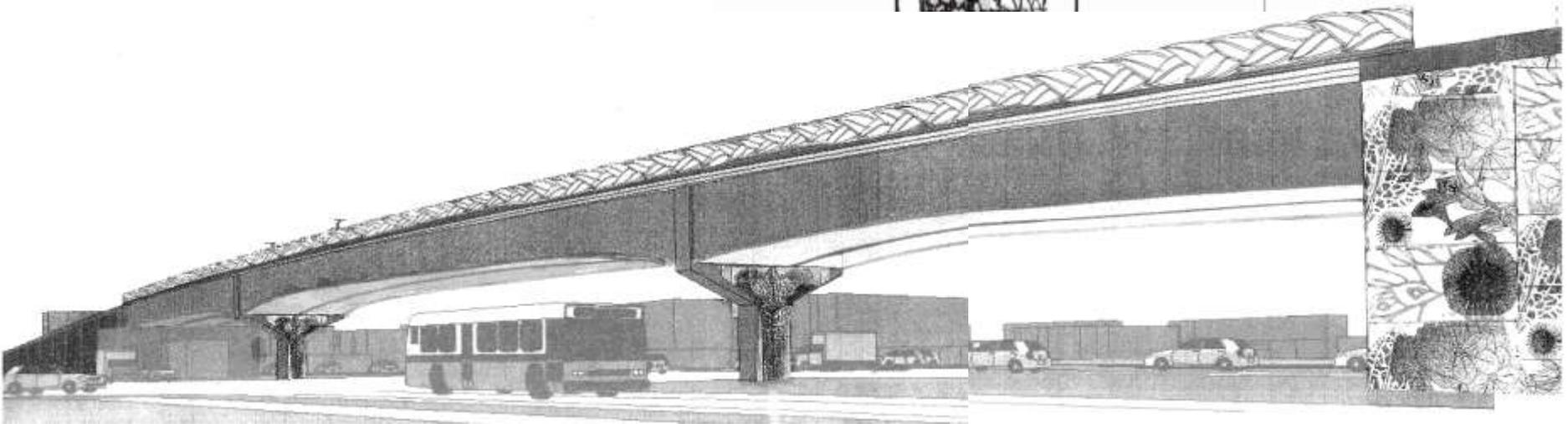
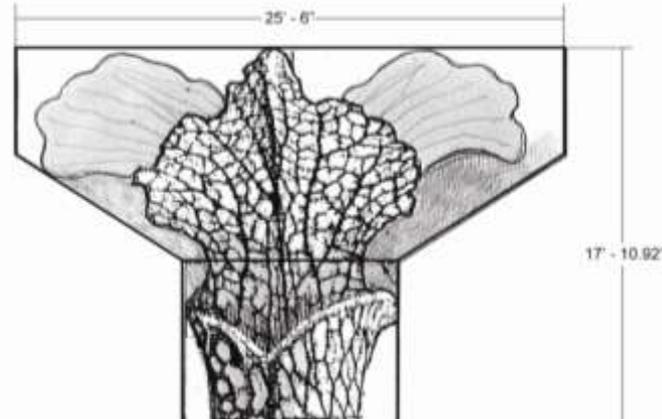
## McCullough

- Artist treatment to fence
- Artist treatment to windscreens
- Artist treatment to benches



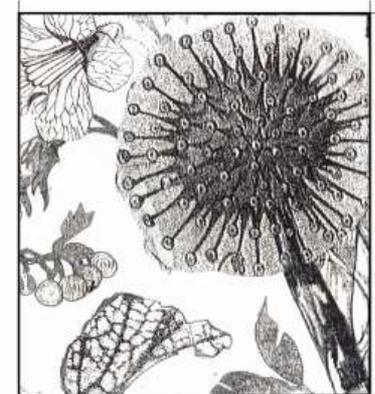
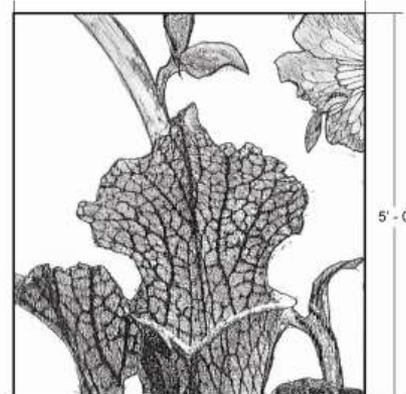
## WT Harris Bridge

- Bridge piers
- Bridge railing



## Retaining Walls

- Artist treatments for largest walls
- High-end segmental block wall for smaller walls



Milestone	Date
State Funding Agreement Signed	March 2012
FTA Approval to Enter Final Design	May 2012
Federal Funding Agreement Signed	October 2012
<b>Advanced Utility Relocation Begins</b>	<b>June 2013</b>
Right-of-Way Acquisitions Complete	January 2014
Start Major Civil Construction	January 2014
Begin Testing and Integration	December 2016
Initiate Revenue Service	March 2017

## Current Activities

- Real Estate acquisition underway
  - 322 parcels
  - 20 business relocations
- BLE Transit Station Area Plans
  - Council approved in May
- Demolition
  - 9 structures, currently underway
- Advanced Utility Contracts



## Advanced Utility Relocation

### Types of work:

- Grading and drainage
- Public and private utilities
- Joint duct banks
- Retaining walls
- Duke transmission

### Likely impacts of construction:

- Traffic
- Parking
- Access
- Visibility



## Business / Community Liaison

- Points of contact
  - Business Liaison
  - Community Specialist
- Agency coordination
- Communications Strategy
- Collaboration
  - Residents, businesses and non-profits



## How You Can Stay Informed

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