



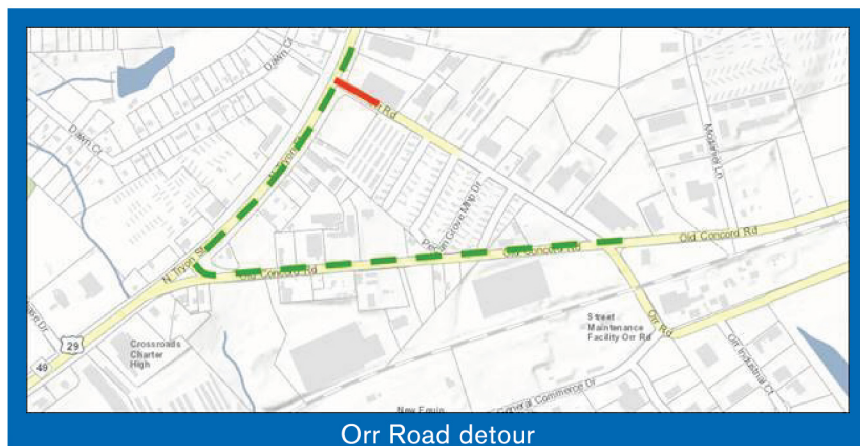
Businesses are accessible and welcome your patronage. Look for these signs to stop in and support these businesses along the Blue Line Extension alignment.

JANUARY 2015 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Schedules are subject to change based on weather, site or unforeseen conditions.

Significant changes are coming to the LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) project this year. The BLE team is preparing for major roadway construction on North Tryon Street between Old Concord Road and Mallard Creek Church Road. This construction phase requires a detailed plan for traffic control. The Charlotte Department of Transportation is working diligently with all agencies involved to develop a comprehensive and sensible traffic control plan. One of the major focuses of this traffic control plan is maintaining access to businesses and nearby communities. Over the past few months, the team has been working to fine-tune the traffic plan, keeping the community in mind every step of the way. Although unexpected situations arise, the BLE team strives to minimize inconveniences during construction while we work with the community to continue a high quality light rail system to Charlotte.

The BLE project includes many roadway improvements in addition to the extension of the light rail service to north Charlotte. In addition to roadway improvements, citizens will also see new and wider sidewalks, planting strips and bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway and improvements to the underground infrastructure. Multiple intersections will be reconstructed to improve the safety and efficiency of the traffic pattern. One of these intersections is Orr Road which is currently closed, temporarily. Crews are reconstructing this intersection to include new roadway, sidewalks, an additional lane for vehicles turning left onto North Tryon and a traffic signal.



Orr Road detour

In February, BLE construction crews will begin to implement the traffic plan to accommodate roadway construction. North Tryon Street between Old Concord Road and Mallard Creek Church Road will experience significant adjustments to the traffic pattern. **Opportunities for left turns and U-turns will be limited to signalized intersections, and concrete barriers will separate the northbound and southbound travel lanes.** Citizens will experience narrower traffic lanes, lanes controlled by barrels, bus stop relocations, barriers and/or directional signage as roadway work is accomplished at multiple locations along North Tryon Street. The pattern of traffic will continue to change as crews complete and reopen sections of roadway. Similar to the current closure of Orr Road, other side roads along North Tryon Street will temporarily close and traffic will be detoured. Expect frequent changes to the traffic pattern along North Tryon Street as construction continues.

Please note that the speed limit on North Tryon has been reduced to 35 MPH. Your safety is our first priority. Remember to be alert while driving through all construction areas. Be mindful of your speed and your surroundings as construction progresses. Be alert! Pay attention to signage and construction flaggers' directions! Plan ahead, so you can reach your destination on time. Access to businesses throughout the corridor is maintained, although there may be barrels or flaggers to direct the flow of traffic in and out of parking lots.

Thank you for your patience and for allowing us to continue to build Charlotte's future.

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