

APRIL 2015 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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



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

Spring has sprung with April showers, but the rain hindered construction conditions. Despite conditions, Blue Line Extension (BLE) construction is moving forward full force. Two more tracks have been installed as part of the South Boulevard Light Rail maintenance facility improvement project. Enhancement of this facility will provide additional storage for the new BLE light rail vehicles. The South Yard, in conjunction with the new North Yard facility, will provide maintenance and storage for the additional fleet.



Track installation at the South Yard



Paving along North Tryon Street

Roadway construction is becoming increasingly visible along the North Tryon section of the alignment. Asphalt has been laid for the new North Tryon roadway between Orchard Trace Lane and Tom Hunter Road. Grading and paving will continue as sections of the new roadway layout are cleared of utility conflicts. To prepare for the new roadway on North Tryon Street, many of the side streets will close for re-construction. A short section of Old Concord Road, just east of North Tryon Street closed in mid-March. During the closure, crews are constructing new roadway and sidewalks and beginning construction on the light rail bridge that spans between the Old Concord Station area and the median of North Tryon.

Austin Drive and Arrowhead Drive also closed April 30th for similar roadway construction.

Crews have set the first beams for the light rail bridge across Toby Creek approaching the UNC Charlotte Main Station area. Once the beams are set, construction can continue on the superstructure, or deck, of the bridge, preparing it for track installation. Just beyond the future site of the UNC Charlotte Main Station, crews are constructing retaining walls that will support the tail track. The tail track provides the extra space needed to stage light rail vehicles. Permanent fencing is being installed on completed retaining walls in preparation for sidewalk and roadway construction.



Light rail bridge over Toby Creek

BLE construction is well underway. As roadway construction continues, frequent lane closures, road closures, and traffic shifts will be necessary. These changes to regular traffic patterns are not only for construction access, but also to keep pedestrians, motorists, and work crews safe. For everyone's safety, please be mindful of your surroundings and your speed.

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