



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

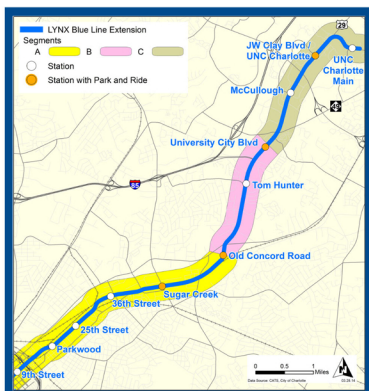
JUNE 2014 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

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

June brings warmer days, sunny skies and more orange barrels along the LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE). We want to remind everyone traveling in areas near the BLE to be aware of construction traffic that could be entering or leaving job sites. We urge pedestrians and motorists to follow the detour and closure signage to remain safe. It is NEVER safe to enter construction sites or to cut through a work area that is marked as closed. Please be aware and stay safe!

Segment A

Segment A of the project from the Seventh Street light rail station to Old Concord Road is well under way. It's not easy to notice most of the work in this segment because much of it is on railroad right-of-way and not clearly visible to passing traffic. However, two significant road closures in this segment will affect many pedestrians' and motorists' normal travel path.



Please allow extra travel time and follow the detour signage throughout the construction phase.

Eastway Drive is now closed at the bridge over the Norfolk Southern (NS) and North Carolina Railroad tracks. The barricades are placed just south of Curtiswood Drive and just north of Howie Circle. No vehicles or pedestrians can travel over the bridge. The first steps are milling the pavement, removing more pavement with high-pressure water spray, then applying a new pavement overlay in the section of the bridge that will remain in place. This work requires warm and dry weather for certain steps of the paving process. Soon crews will be ready to excavate the soil from under the north end of the bridge to begin the construction of the additional span to extend the bridge farther north. This extra length on the bridge is required so there will be room under the bridge for the

light rail tracks. The Eastway bridge will remain closed until late December, but access is maintained to all of the businesses located on Eastway Drive. However, motorists need to approach from the appropriate end of Eastway Drive to reach the businesses. The posted detour uses North Tryon Street and East Sugar Creek Road to bypass the closure.

East 36th Street is the next major closure at the NS tracks just west of North Davidson Street. Closing on Monday, June 16 for approximately two years, crews will build a bridge for NS, a bridge for the light rail tracks and transit station, and rebuild the new roadway so that it travels under the railroad and light rail tracks. The posted detour for East 36th Street uses North Davidson Street, Matheson Avenue (30th Street) and North Tryon Street.

Segments B and C

The civil construction of new roadway and preparation of the median areas, where the light rail tracks will be laid, will soon be obvious to motorists and pedestrians along North Tryon Street between Old Concord Road and the UNC Charlotte campus.


The contractor is clearing trees and low shrubs on North Tryon Street between JW Clay Boulevard and Barton Creek Drive. The contractor will build a long series of retaining walls along the outside shoulder of southbound North Tryon Street between Barton Creek Drive and JW Clay Boulevard. Crews will also clear through the woods towards Toby Creek to create a construction entrance onto the UNC Charlotte Campus and start building the first sections of storm drainage on the UNC Charlotte campus. CATS construction managers are working closely with university staff to maintain access for students, faculty, staff and visitors.



Clearing continues in the University area as crews prepare to widen North Tryon Street.

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