



CATS presents the preliminary staff recommendations for the LYNX Silver Line

The LYNX Silver Line is a proposed 26-mile light rail project from the City of Belmont, through Center City Charlotte and the Town of Matthews, with a potential extension into Union County. Community input is key in developing this project.

CATS wants your feedback on the preliminary staff recommendations for the refined Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). In January 2020, CATS began refining the LPA. In the spring of 2021, the final recommendations will be presented to the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), CATS' policy board. The LPA will then be advanced for more detailed design and environmental review.

CATS recommendations include:



Changes to the proposed light rail alignment,



Changes to proposed station locations, and



Key decision factors

Shape your community by participating in a LIVE virtual public meeting.

Six LIVE virtual public meetings will be held on CATS' YouTube page (youtube.com/CharlotteAreaTransitSystem). Each live meeting will feature a presentation and Q&A for one "Focus Area."

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Focus Area 1: Wilkinson Blvd
(City of Belmont to I-485)

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Focus Area 2: Wilkinson Boulevard
(I-485 to West Morehead Street)

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Focus Area 3: Center City
(West Morehead Street to Charlottetowne Avenue)

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Focus Area 4: Independence Boulevard
(Charlottetowne Avenue to Idlewild Road)

Thursday, February 25, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Focus Area 5: Independence Blvd
(Idlewild Road to just south of I-485 at CPCC Levine)

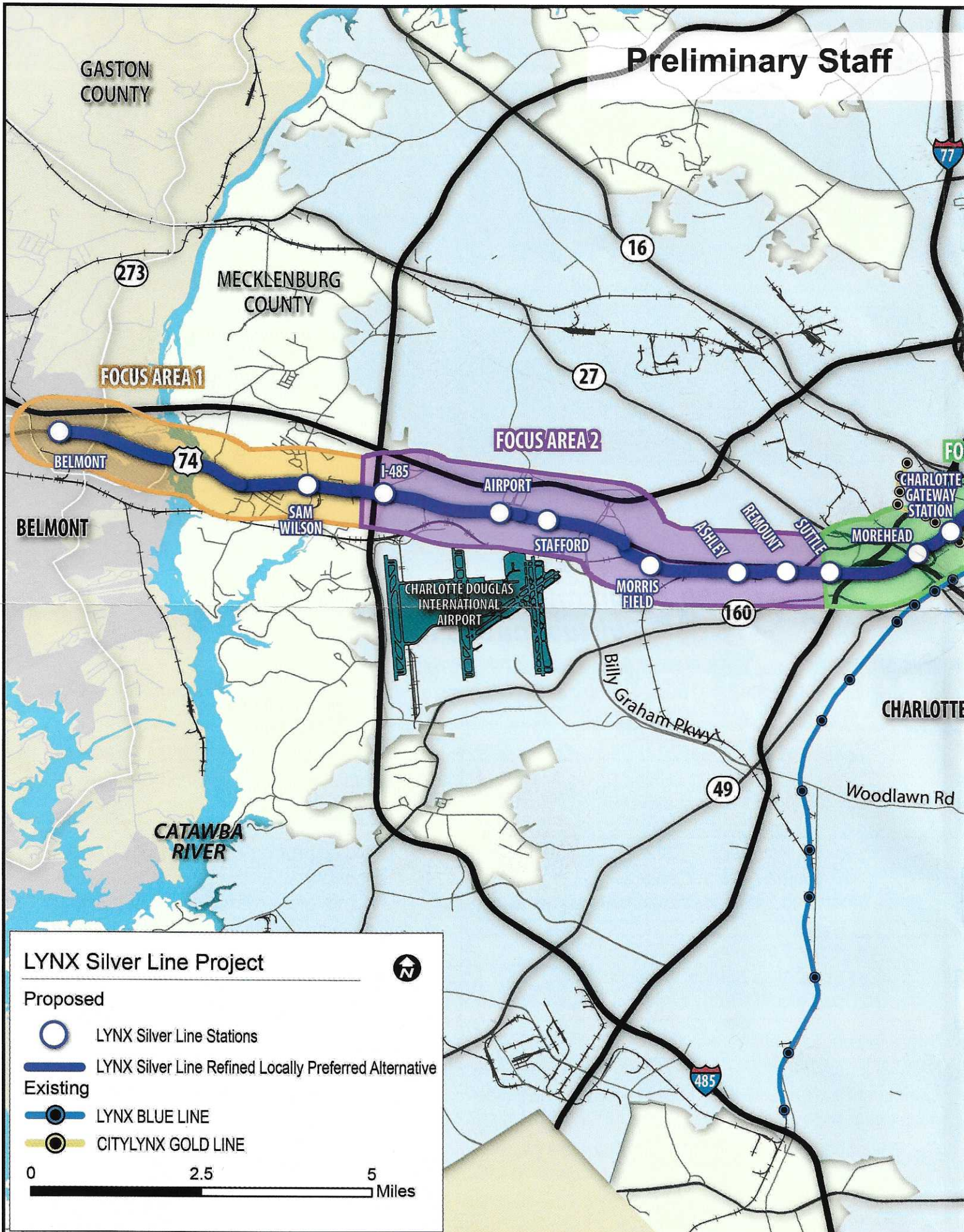
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Focus Area 6: Union County Extension

Following each meeting, recordings will be available on CATS YouTube and aired on the Charlotte City Government Channel at 2 p.m. on February 17, 18, 19, 24, 26 and March 3.

Comments may be submitted before or during the meeting via email or phone. Individuals requiring special assistance to participate should contact CATS at least 7 days prior to the live meeting.

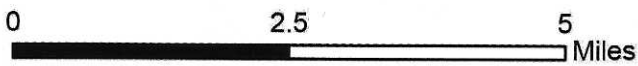
CATS is continuing to hold virtual public meetings, in lieu of in-person meetings, to protect community members and project staff from exposure to COVID-19.



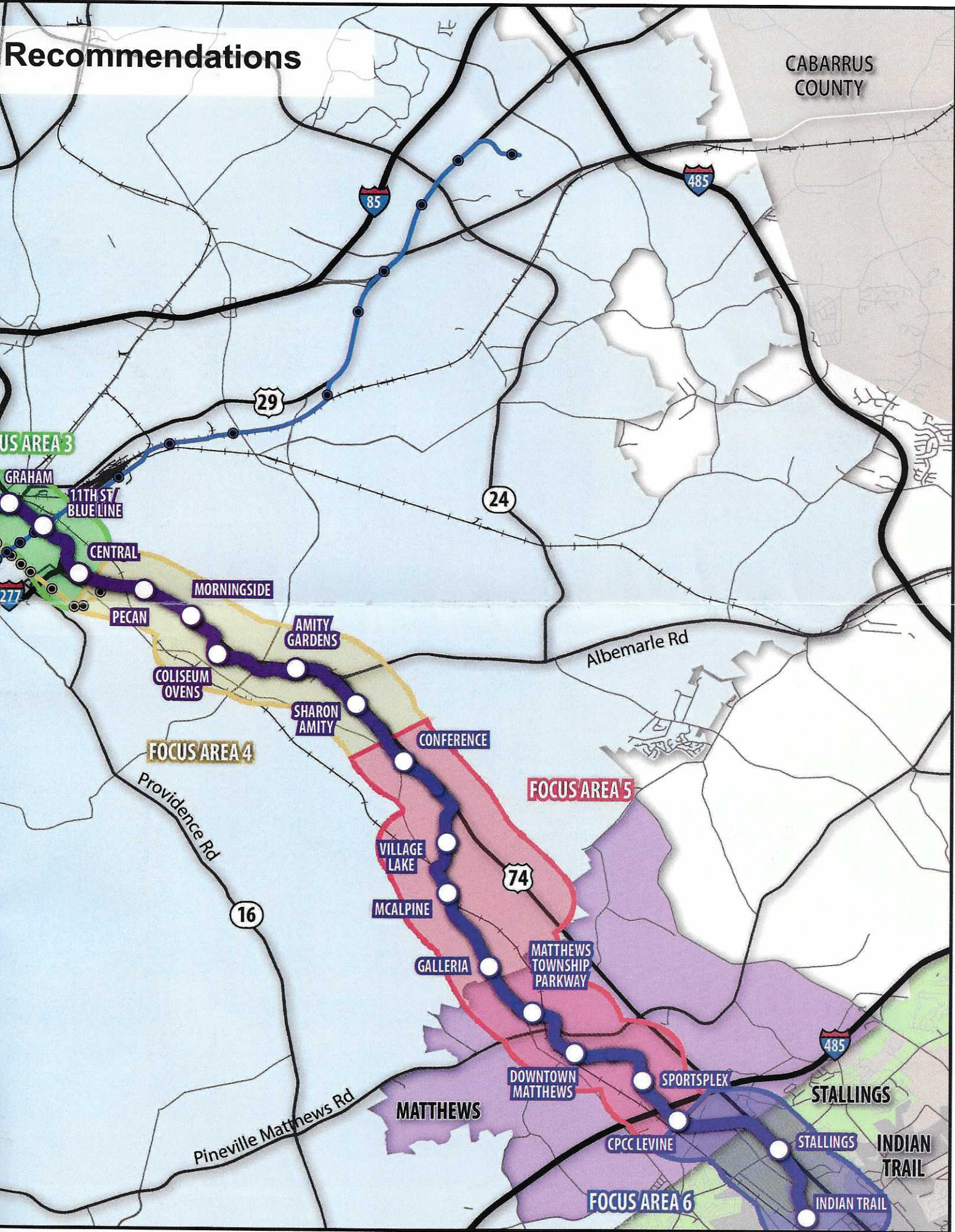
LYNX Silver Line Project

Proposed

- LYNX Silver Line Stations
 - LYNX Silver Line Refined Locally Preferred Alternative
- Existing
- LYNX BLUE LINE
 - CITYLYNX GOLD LINE



Recommendations





In January 2020, CATS began refining the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to maximize benefits and minimize risks. In making these refinements to the alignment, the project team considered development opportunities, environmental considerations, community feedback, and lessons learned from the LYNX Blue Line.

BENEFITS**TRAVEL TIME****LOCAL
CONNECTIVITY****DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES****RISKS****COST****ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSIDERATIONS****COORDINATION
WITH OTHERS****PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

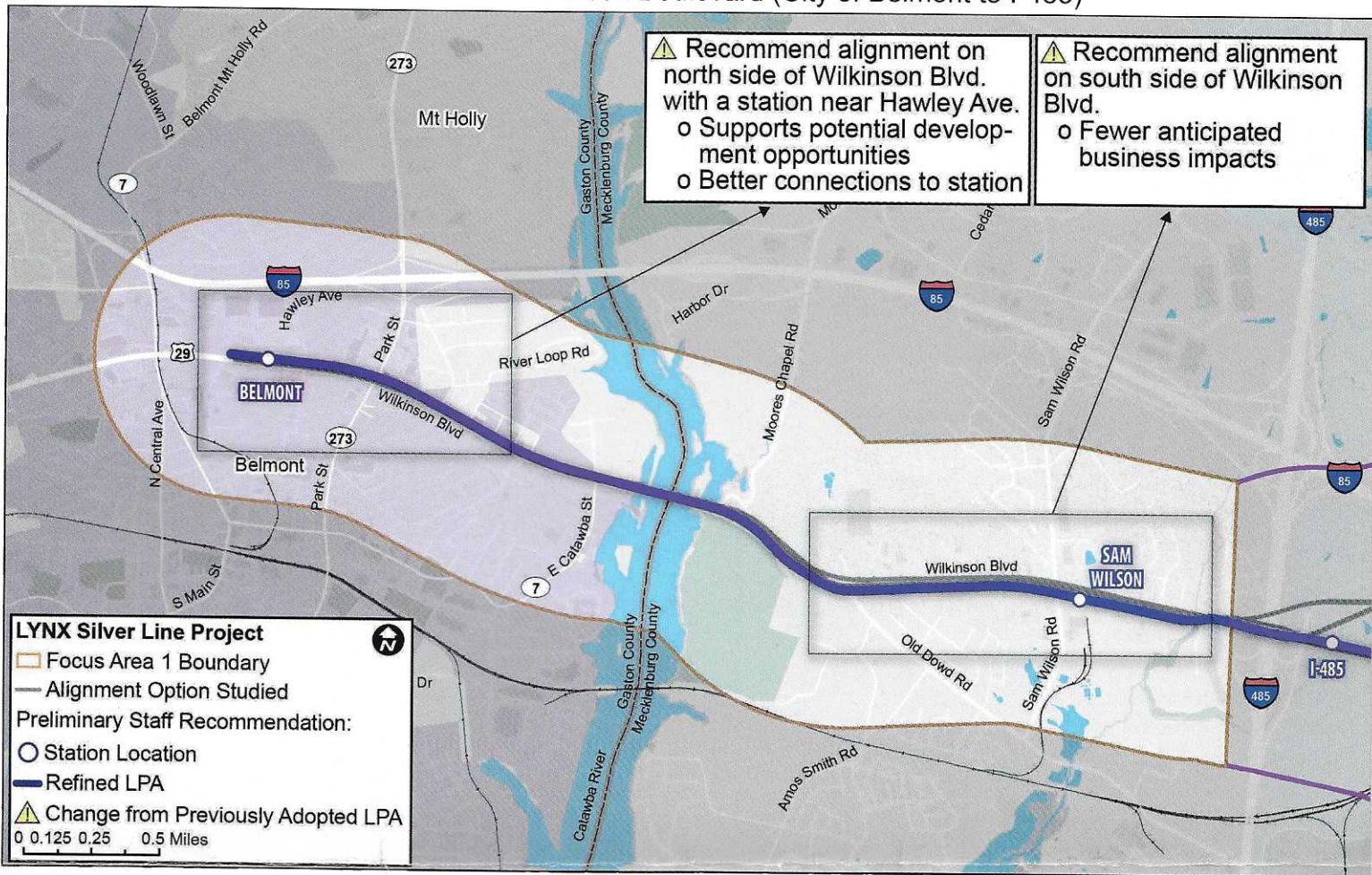
In the fall of 2020, CATS and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requested comments from the public and other agencies on:

- Previous planning studies and the previously adopted LPA,
- Alignment refinement options and potential station locations (with a discussion about how the options compare to the LPA),
- The preliminary purpose and need for the project,
- Potential environmental concerns, and
- Public engagement methods.

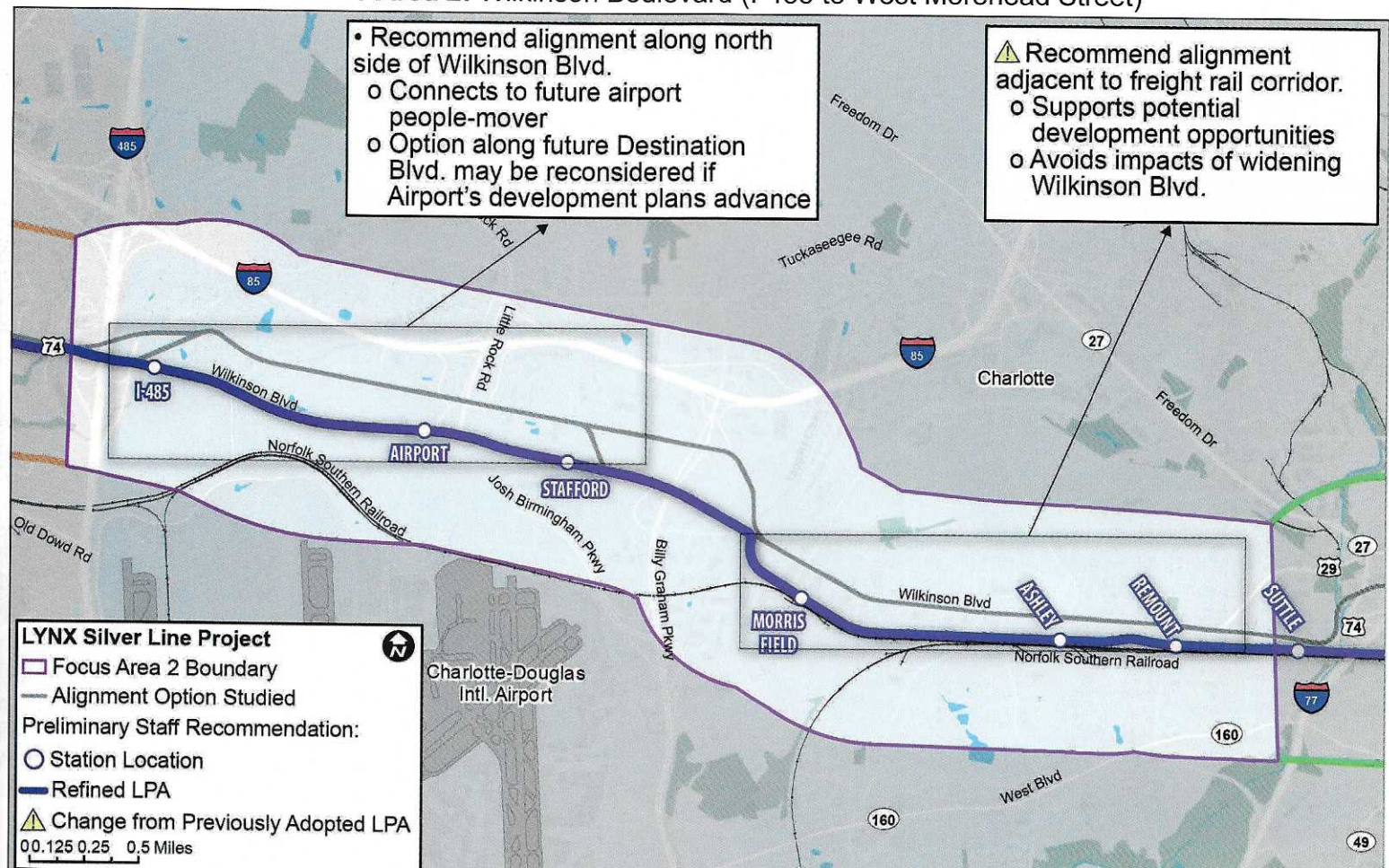
Survey responses and comments suggest that people are supportive of the project and preliminary purpose and need, with top priorities identified as “local connectivity” and “travel time.”

CATS considered the public and agency comments, along with other factors, in developing the preliminary staff recommendations you will see in the coming round of public engagement. The maps included in this mailer show the preliminary staff recommendations, and highlight where those recommendations are a change from the previously adopted LPA.

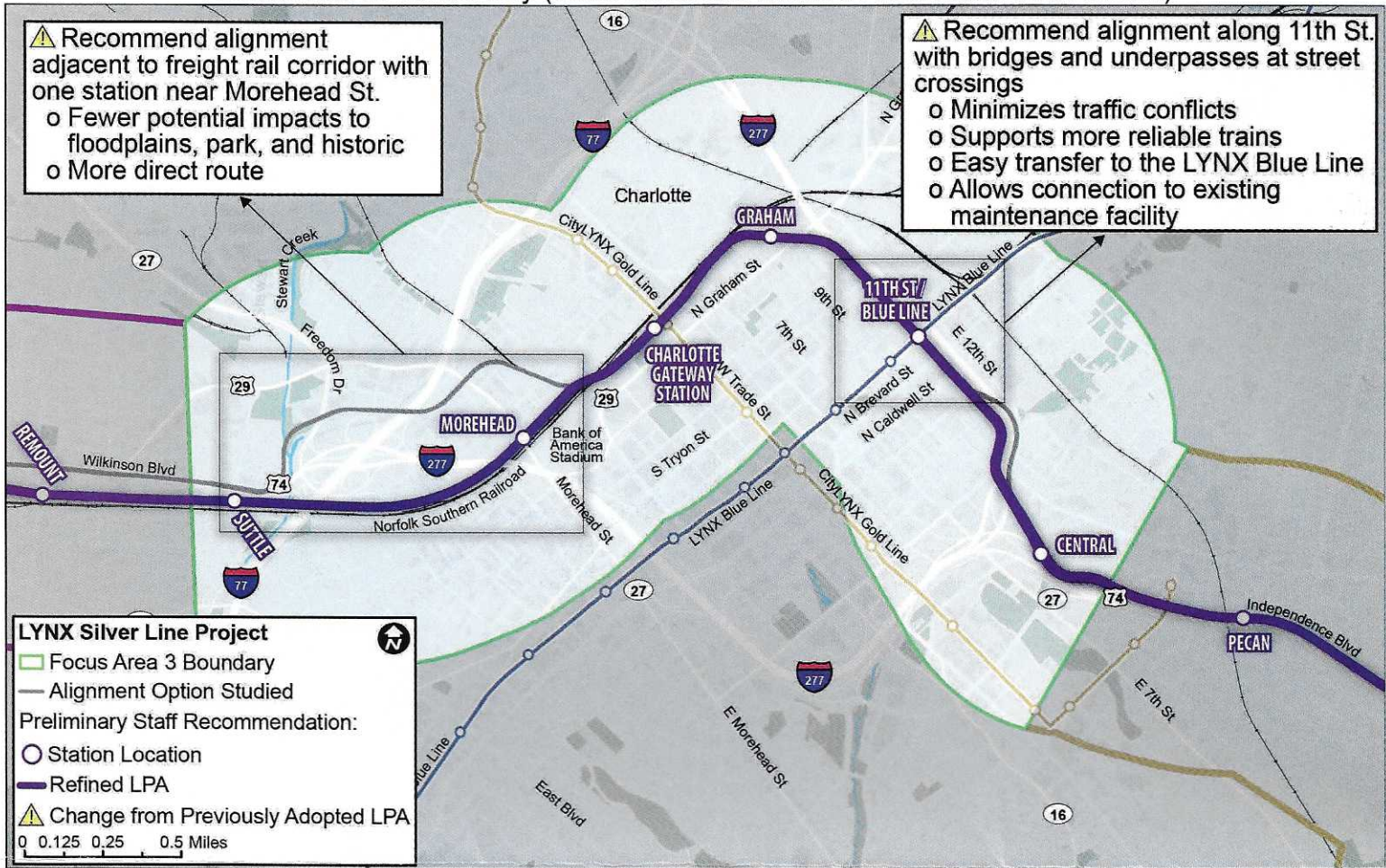
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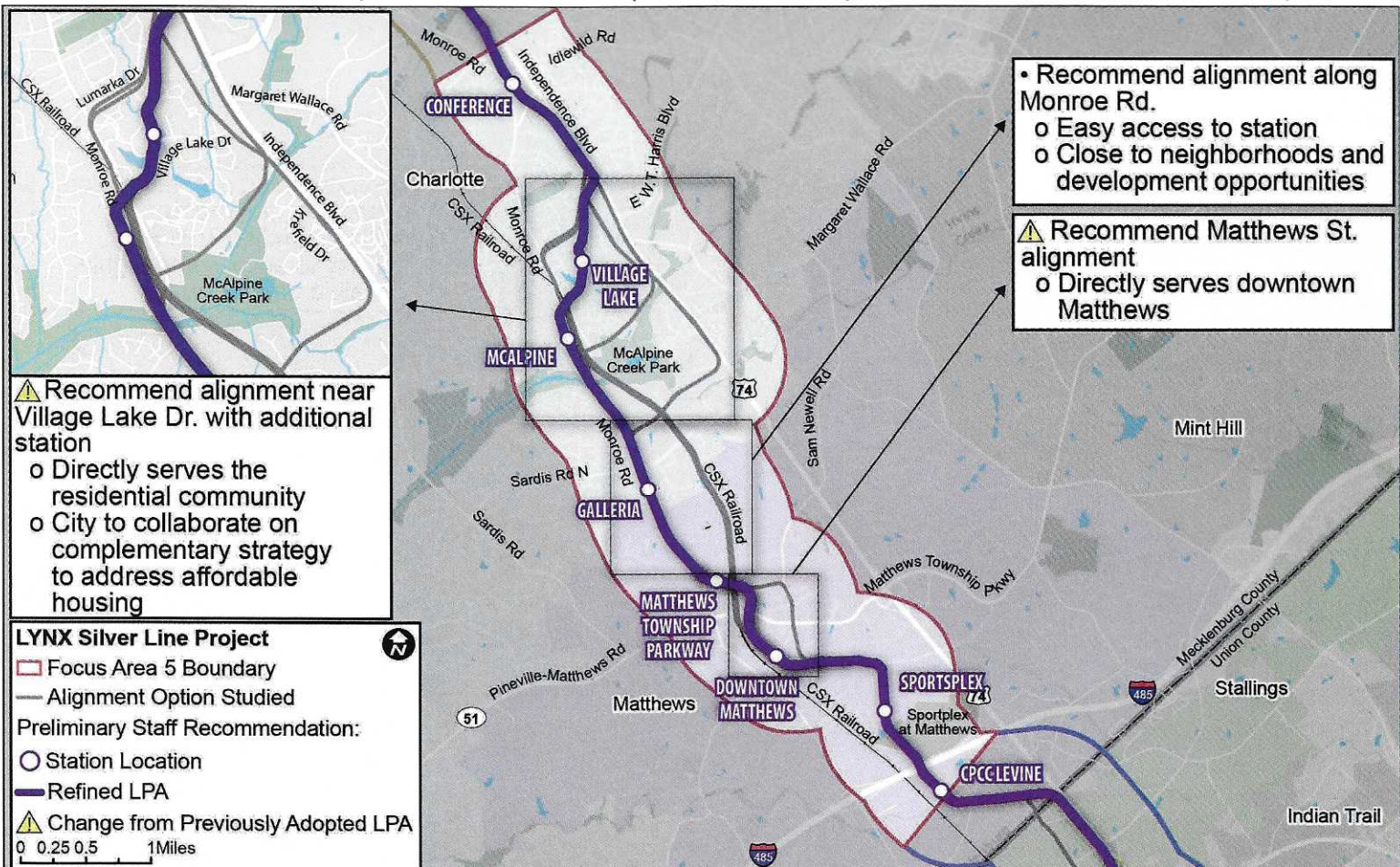
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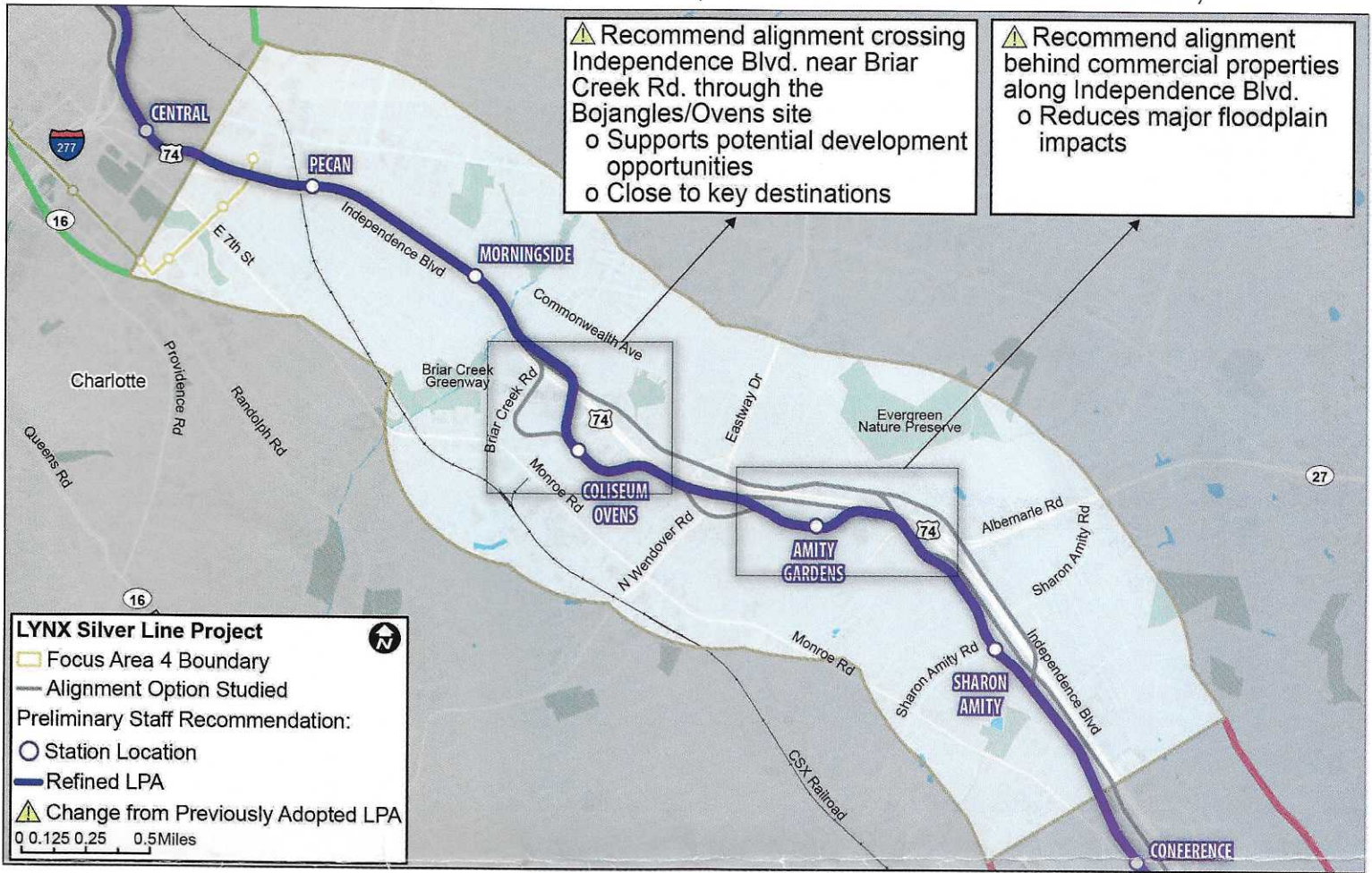
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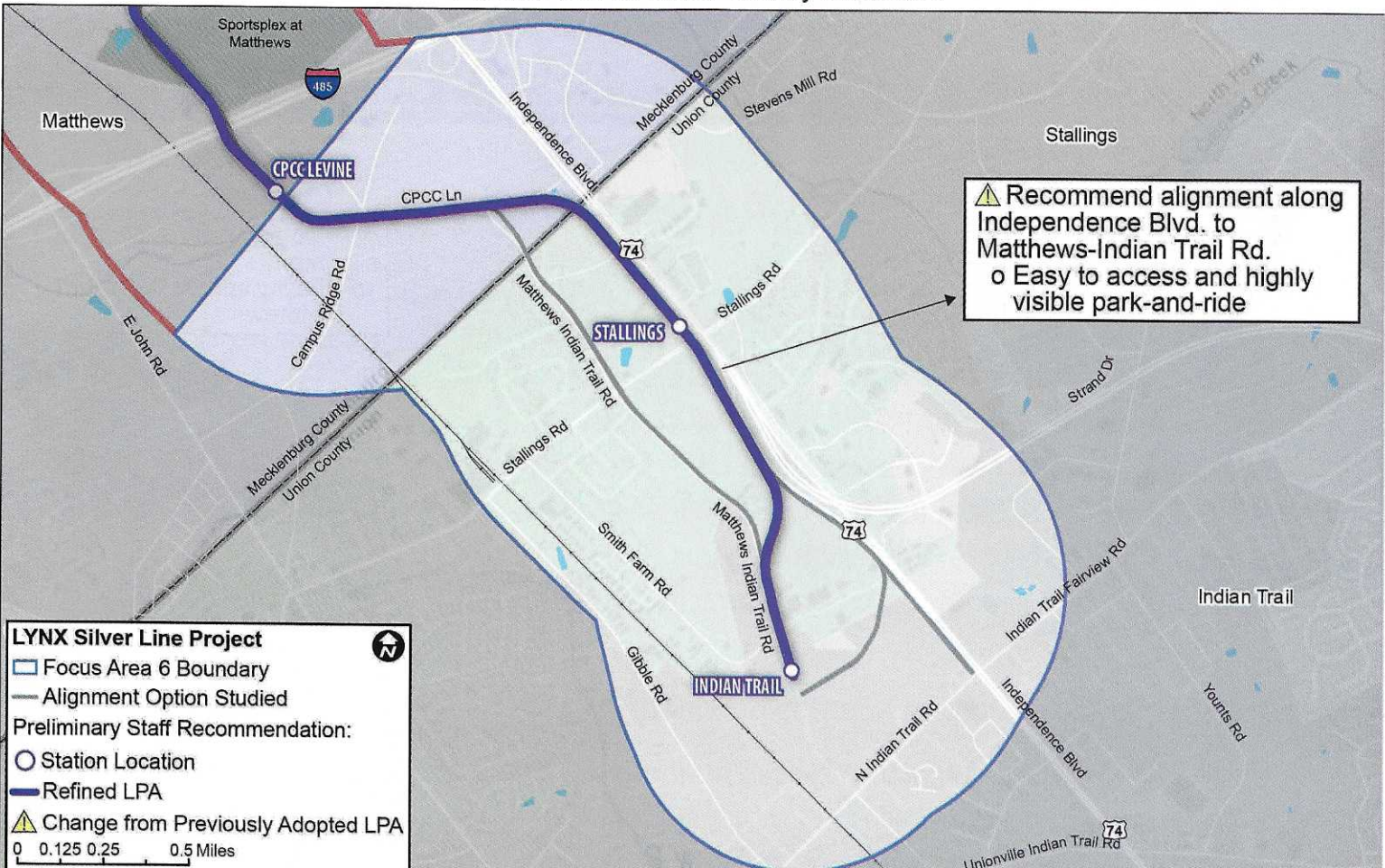
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Focus Area 4: Independence Boulevard (Charlottetowne Avenue to Idlewild Road)



Focus Area 6: Union County Extension





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To leave a voicemail comment for the project team, call **704-461-4441**.



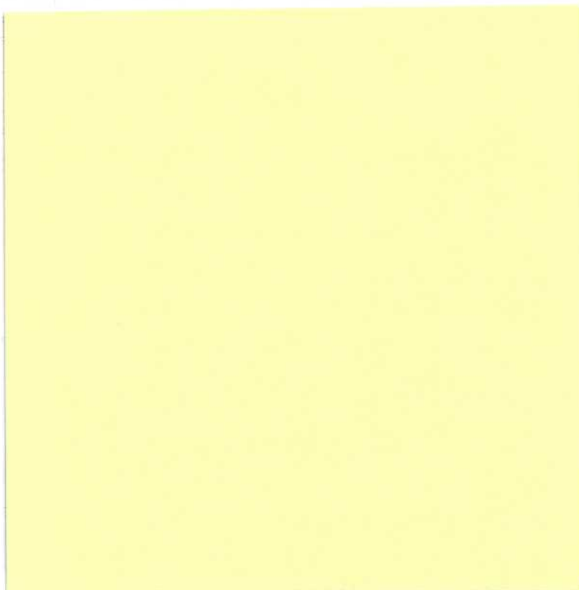
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Get involved with the LYNX Silver Line Project

Access the Online Open House via RideTransit.org/LYNXSilverLine to view project information and take the survey by March 11, 2021.

Comments may be submitted using the methods below:

- ▶ **Survey:** Visit RideTransit.org/LYNXSilverLine to take the survey online or text "Silver Line" to 704-461-4441 to take the survey on your phone.
- ▶ **Phone:** To speak to a representative, call 704-336-7433 (RIDE). To leave a voicemail comment for the project team, call 704-461-4441.
- ▶ **Email:** LYNXSilverLine@publicinput.com
- ▶ **Mail:** CATS, C/O Marketing Department, 3200 South Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28209

Contact the project team directly with your questions or to request printed materials at the phone number, email or mailing address provided.

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