CATS to Present Preliminary Staff Recommendations for Public Review and Comment



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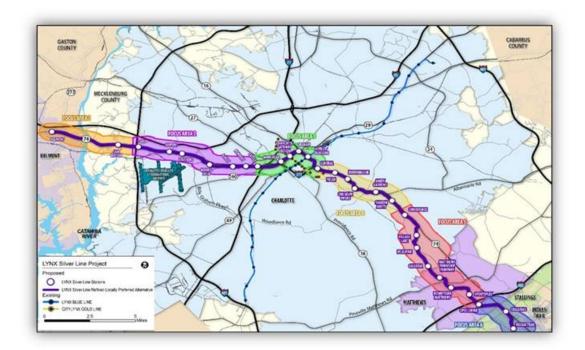
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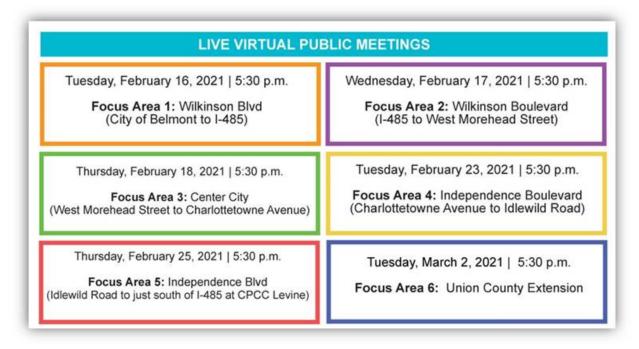
Dear Community Member,

Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is conducting a third round of public outreach for the LYNX Silver Line project. In fall 2020, CATS presented project information and alignment refinement options, and asked for public and agency feedback. Over the past several months, CATS considered the comments received combined with an evaluation of benefits and risks of each option. CATS now presents preliminary staff recommendations for the refined Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), which includes changes to the proposed light rail alignment and station locations.

As part of this effort, CATS will host SIX live virtual public meetings. Each live meeting will feature a presentation and a Q&A with project team for the designated focus area. Meetings will live-stream on CATS' YouTube page according to the following schedule:

Focus Area LIVE Virtual Public Meetings:





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

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

https://youtu.be/tv87wznhqHs

To join via phone dial: +1 646-558-8656

Webinar ID: 810 9897 2452

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

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

https://youtu.be/q07Q9kQd2II_

To join via phone dial: +1 312-626-6799

Webinar ID: 865 9592 6261

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

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

https://youtu.be/G0AL0Xfk7PE

To join via phone dial: +1 312-626-6799

Webinar ID: 848 0787 1538

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

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

https://youtu.be/9ta1xE-BQaw_

To join via phone dial: +1 301-715-8592

Webinar ID: 843 6215 9511

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

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

https://youtu.be/92dRwwf_60c

To join via phone dial: <u>+1 646-558-8656</u>

Webinar ID: 849 4616 2021

Focus Area 6: Union County Extension

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

https://youtu.be/d1kVg-t2gvU

To join via phone dial: <u>+1 301-715-8592</u>

Webinar ID: 847 2729 6111

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Recordings of the meetings will air once on the Government Channel the following day at 2:00 p.m.

How the Public Can Provide Feedback:

The <u>Online Open House</u> is available on the <u>RideTransit.org/LYNXSilverLine</u> webpage. There you can view detailed maps of the updated alignment and offer feedback through a survey. We encourage you to provide feedback by participating in the live virtual public meetings or via the online survey by March 11, 2021. Additionally, comments may also be submitted by:

- Survey: Visit the Online Open House 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 <u>704-336-7433</u> (RIDE). To leave a voicemail comment for the project team, call <u>704-461-4441</u>.
- Email: <u>LYNXSilverLine@publicinput.com</u>
- Mail: CATS, C/O Marketing Department, 3200 South Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28209

Next Steps

Following the public comment period, CATS will present the recommendations to the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), CATS' policy board during an information session in March. When adopted in April, the project will move forward with more detailed planning, design and environmental review.



We will continue to engage with the public throughout this outreach effort. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,

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