



Silver Line

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the LYNX Silver Line?

The currently adopted LYNX Silver Line, which is part of CATS 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan, is a proposed 26-mile light rail line stretching from the Town of Matthews, through Uptown Charlotte and continuing westward out to the City of Belmont.

When will the Silver Line be constructed?

While our goal is to complete the line by 2030, there are four-phases of work that will lead to breaking ground on the project. CATS has already begun the first phase, Pre-Project Development. The project will then be eligible to compete for federal funding during the Project Development Phase. Once all funding sources are identified, the project will move into Property Acquisition Phase and then into Construction.

Where is the project in the process currently?

The LYNX Silver Line is currently in Pre-Project Development. CATS and its partners are working on three components to the project including: Design & Environmental work, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning, and development of a rail trail. A primary focus for the Design & Environmental work is to make refinements to the light rail line.

How were the station locations and alignment chosen?

CATS staff and project consultants used high-level engineering and input from the community to determine the best alignment. The study team also analyzed a multitude of considerations including: projected population growth, planned infrastructure projects, existing activity centers and neighborhoods, and opportunities for connectivity and development. All considerations were evaluated to maximize collaborative land-use.

A final Silver Line alignment and station locations are currently being refined by completing early engineering and environmental assessments, coordinating with other infrastructure projects and continued public input.

How much will this cost to build? How will we pay for it?

CATS will determine a finalized cost estimate through the Pre-Project Development and Project Development Phases. Once a more finalized cost has been determined, funding sources will be determined. We anticipate that we will utilize a combination of local, state and federal funds.

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