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INFORMATION:

CATS Gold Rush Red Line To Serve Johnson C. Smith University and Central Piedmont Community College

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On Friday, February 11, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) will officially announce the extension of Gold Rush Red Line service with a kickoff event at 11:00 a.m. on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU), located at 100 Beatties Ford Road. The extended Gold Rush Red Line service begins Monday, February 14 and will travel between JCSU and Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) via Center City. The lengthened service comes with the financial support of Charlotte Center City Partners, JCSU and CPCC.

The schedule will run Monday through Friday from 6:40 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Center City with service beginning at 7:45 a.m. at JCSU and CPCC. Buses will operate on 12-minute intervals, similar to what it does currently, better connecting institutions of higher education (JCSU, Johnson and Wales University and CPCC), Gateway Village, the Charlotte Transportation Center and businesses and restaurants along the route.

Excellence in Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging Award

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At the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference held last week in Charlotte, the City of Charlotte received the "Excellence in Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging Award" from the US Environmental Protection Agency. The award recognizes Charlotte for its collective work with Mecklenburg County, the Council on Aging and other agencies who worked to adopt the Status of Seniors Initiative. This initiative provides support for agencies to develop and implement strategies that encourage a more senior friendly Mecklenburg.

Specifically, the City has improved the quality of life for seniors by incorporating senior friendly design features into many of its projects and programs. Some examples include changes to street signs to improve their visibility and legibility, more pedestrian friendly street crossings, longer walk times at signalized intersections and audible pedestrian signal technology. Furthermore, the award recognizes that Charlotte's efforts to integrate transportation and land use create a sustainable, mixed-use environment where elders can thrive.

ATTACHMENTS:

January 19 Community Safety Committee Meeting Summary
(see attached file: CSS Summary 1.19.11.pdf, left side table of contents)

January 26 Budget Committee Meeting Summary
(see attached file: BCM Summary 1.26.11.pdf, left side table of contents)

January 27 Transportation and Planning Committee Meeting Summary
(see attached file: TAP Summary 1.27.11, left side table of contents)