

Welcome Back Jennifer Duru!

Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) would like to welcome Jennifer Duru back as the Business Liaison for the Blue Line Extension project.

We are happy to have Jennifer to continue working to serve the business community.

If you are a business and would like to contact Jennifer with your concerns or questions, please contact her at 704.432.3033 or jduru@charlottenc.gov.



Pedestrian Safety Tips Near Construction Zones

You can greatly increase your chances of having a safe walking trip near construction zones by following these tips:



-  Use sidewalks when they are available.
-  Look for "Sidewalk Closed" signs and/or "Construction Zone" signs that may be along the walking route and change your route as needed. Do not attempt to walk around the signs or walk through construction zones.
-  If proper signs are not in place to keep you from walking into a work zone, call 311 and report the location and the concern.
-  Cross at intersections marked with crosswalks or signalized intersections when possible.
-  If you must cross the street in an area with no crosswalks or signals, remember to look both ways (left-right-left) before crossing the street.
-  Always look in the direction of the approaching vehicles for the lane you are crossing.
-  At intersections, always use the crosswalks. Do not attempt to cross between stopped cars away from the intersection. Approaching vehicles do not expect pedestrians crossing away from the intersection.

Stay Connected

CATS has developed tools for you to stay informed about BLE construction updates. We want to hear from you! Your feedback is important to us. Let us know your questions or comments. Here are some ways to make your voice heard:

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MOVING CHARLOTTE FORWARD

Blue Line Extension: Northeast Corridor

May 2016



Constructing an Underpass

July 2015

Last summer, crews began work on the ramp that leads to the underpass beneath northbound North Tryon. The first step was to excavate and install a wall. To build this wall, crews drove long sticks of rebar into the earth, installed a web of rebar against the exposed earth, and formed the wall with concrete.



August 2015

Construction of the ramp walls and floor were underway by August. As one crew formed rebar and poured concrete for the ramp floor, another crew was tying rebar for the walls. The progress in August alone was remarkable!



September 2015

By September a large enough portion of the ramp floor was complete for crews to begin pouring concrete for the walls.



October 2015

Ramp wall and floor construction continued through the fall and into winter. As ramp construction progressed, preparations were made to begin work on the underpass.

March 2016

The underpass roof was complete in about a month. Crews hauled in approximately 27,000 cubic yards of fill dirt to the area east of the ramp in preparation for construction and paving of the northbound North Tryon travel lanes over the underpass.



January 2016

The underpass work included the preparation for the roof with a rebar structure constructed to support the future roadway.

April 2016

The underpass is almost unrecognizable! In April, approximately 2,300 feet of roadway was reconstructed leading up to and over the underpass.



February 2016

February was momentous! Crews completed ramp construction and began work on the underpass roof.

May 2016

Northbound North Tryon traffic is now traveling on the new pavement. Crews are finishing the final touches to the ramp and underpass.

