

## **GOLD LINE FAQs**

**August 7, 2020**

### **What has caused the most recent delay?**

The contractor has been pouring concrete on the bridge in preparation for rail installation. The contractor did not pour the concrete per the design plans resulting in incorrect elevations. The elevation differences must be fixed before rail can be installed.

### **Why did we hire this contractor?**

The city uses a competitive bidding process to select a contractor to build the project. State law requires us to award the construction contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder. All bidders for this project were pre-qualified by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and were required to have done projects of similar size and scope within the past 10 years.

### **How much are these delays costing taxpayers?**

According to our contract, costs associated with re-doing work is the contractor's responsibility.

### **The bridge completion date has been pushed back twice before - How is the City monitoring the contractor's progress?**

The city has committed additional personnel to push the contractor to meet its commitments and deliver a quality project to Charlotte residents. This includes construction inspectors who check behind the contractor's work to ensure it meets the project specifications per our contract. The city has identified construction deficiencies and the contractor has had to address the deficiencies. Had these deficiencies not been caught when they were, the scope and magnitude of the re-work required – as well as the associated delays – would have been greater.