Construction of the CityLYNX Gold Line Streetcar Project - Phase 2 continues. In order to safely and efficiently raise the existing stop platforms for level boarding with the new, modern streetcars and upgrade power on the current Gold Line Streetcar, service will discontinue on Monday, June 3, 2019, until Phase 2 opens.

Service to and from all existing Gold Line destinations will be accessible via the CityLYNX Connector Bus Service. Service to and from all existing Gold Line destinations will be accessible via the CityLYNX Connector Bus Service. For stop locations, customers should look for bus stops along the current Gold Line route that say “CityLYNX Connector”. When the bus approaches, the headway sign will also say “CityLYNX Connector”.

The CityLYNX Connector bus service will operate the same schedule as the Gold Line Streetcars: Every 15 minutes each day until 7 p.m., then every 20 minutes after 7 p.m. Service will operate 7 days a week. The service will remain free as the streetcar is free.

Find out more information here.
CATS, Charlotte Area Air Awareness and Sustain Charlotte are teaming up once again to hold the Clean Commute Challenge June 1 to 30.

Log clean commute trips at Way2GoCLT.com to be eligible for awesome prizes, including Whitewater Center Day passes, Panther’s tickets and Carowinds passes. Once you’ve signed up, you can download the Commuter Tracker App on your mobile device for an easy way to log your commute.

**WHAT:**
Win prizes by logging clean commutes on [Way2GoCLT.com](http://Way2GoCLT.com). A clean commute is an alternative to driving alone to work, including carpooling, vanpooling, riding transit, bicycling, walking and telecommuting.

**WHO:**
Anyone who lives or works in Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union or York (SC) counties.

**WHY:**
Minimizing vehicle emissions is one of the most powerful steps our community can take to improve air quality. Challenge your friends and coworkers to make a positive change! Your company could even win the Team Spirit Award!

**WHEN:**
June 1 to June 30

**HOW:**
Check out the [official rules](http://official rules) to learn more and sign up!
CATS will conduct some slight changes to CATS bus routes to accommodate the opening of the Sugar Creek Bridge to better access the LYNX Sugar Creek Station and changes to the Waverly Park and Ride:

- **Route 4**: Routing on N Davidson St., Anderson St., Atmore St., & Norwell Pl. will be removed and replaced with routes continuing on E. Sugar Creek Road before turning left on Greensboro Street and continuing to LYNX Sugar Creek Station.

- **Route 13 and 211**: Routing is changes to ensure there is service on Raleigh Street and Greensboro Street after the opening of the Sugar Creek bridge.

- **Route 61x**: CATS will extend the 61x to serve the new Waverly Park and Ride.

Find more information about the service change at [ridetransit.org](http://ridetransit.org).

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**CAROWINDS BUS SERVICE STARTS JUNE 10**

Need a ride to family fun? Ride CATS bus route 42 Carowinds Blvd. from LYNX I-485 Station starting June 10 and skip the stress of parking!
As competition to recruit and retain top talent grows tougher, many companies like yours are offering commuter programs as part of their benefits. Two common phrases you’ll likely to encounter as you continue to build your programs are “commuter engagement” and “commuter management.” Although both important to a robust commuter benefits program, they are not interchangeable.

**What is commuter engagement?**
These programs focus on making people feel good about adopting alternative commuting modes. While short-term commuter events like Bike-To-Work Week are effective, the strategies should aim forward long-term behavior change.

Some effective strategies include:
- Games, friendly competitions, challenges, and other incentive programs available at Way2GoCLT.com
- Giving commuters financial incentives for leaving their cars at home, such as through parking cash-out programs
- Points programs in which commuters collect points they can later redeem for rewards

**What about commuter management?**
These programs simply seek to provide commuters with resources and information to make smarter choices to alternatively commute.

This can include:
- Rideshare matching systems like Way2GoCLT.com
- Survey distribution and data analysis features to inform program planning (We can help with this!)
- Commute logging tools to track progress in challenges and incentive programs (like Way2GoCLT.com)

CATS wants to help empower YOU to successfully manage both types of programs and can help you along the way. Please email ETCInterest@Charlottenc.gov TODAY to get started!