



REMINDER ABOUT THE BANK OF AMERICA ROVAL 400

CATS will be providing service on Sunday, September 29, from the LYNX Blue Line J.W. Clay Boulevard Station to Charlotte Motor Speedway for the Bank of America Roval 400. Bus service will begin the day of the race, starting at 10:00 a.m., and will operate every 20 minutes until 2:00 p.m.

Fare for the LYNX Blue Line is \$4.40 for a roundtrip and your ticket is valid onboard the Speedway Bus Shuttle Service. Tickets can be purchased from self-service vending machines located at each LYNX station, or from the **CATS Pass mobile app**. Tickets can also be purchased via the **CATS website**. Advance ticket purchases can be mailed or picked up at the Charlotte Transportation Center by 4:00 p.m. the day of the race.

Find more information about the race on the [CATS website](#).

RAIL SAFETY WEEK: IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

In conjunction with Operation Lifesaver, Inc. and the Federal Transportation Commission, CATS celebrated National Rail Safety Week Sept. 22-28, 2019, to educate the public about the dangers of not following traffic rules and laws around rail alignments.



When motorists and pedestrians don't obey traffic laws, they not only put themselves, but others in danger. This impacts traffic and travel times for the LYNX Blue Line. When a gate arm comes in contact with a vehicle, it sends a precautionary signal to LYNX operators who have to come to a complete stop at the intersection, slowing down service. Also, when a gate arm is broken, it can cost \$250-\$615 to repair for each incident. Last year, a total of 780 arms were broken across the entire LYNX Blue Line system.

Need some quick tips?

- Obey all rail traffic signs and signals. They are there for your safety, not as an inconvenience.
- As you approach a railroad crossing, always expect a train. Trains can run on any track, at any time, from either direction.
- Trains always have the right-of-way. All day, every day.
- Never drive around lowered crossing gates. It is illegal and dangerous. Even if you can't see the rail vehicle, that doesn't mean it isn't coming.

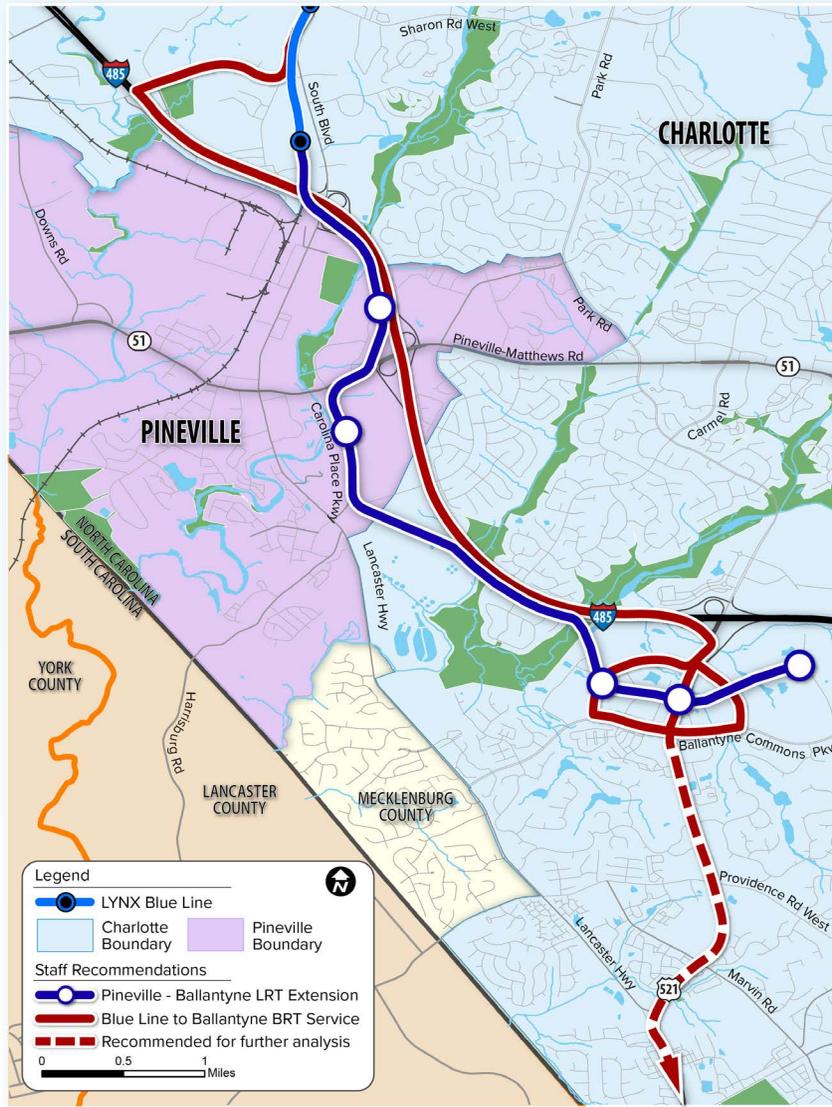
To learn more about rail safety, visit [here](#).

PINEVILLE-BALLANTYNE EXTENSION MOVES FORWARD

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), the policy board for Charlotte Area Transit System, approved the light rail alignments and express bus rapid transit recommendations for the Pineville and Ballantyne region.

Since February 2019, CATS has conducted a study to look at options to extend the LYNX Blue Line from LYNX I-485/South Boulevard Station to the Ballantyne area. After extensive public feedback, CATS recommended a route that would provide close access to more existing and potential activity centers by serving Carolina Place Mall and integrating into Ballantyne Corporate Park, potentially crossing over Route 521. The final recommendations included 5.5 miles of additional rail, an up-fit of all LYNX Blue Line platforms to accommodate three-car trains and expansion of the LYNX I-485/South Boulevard Station.

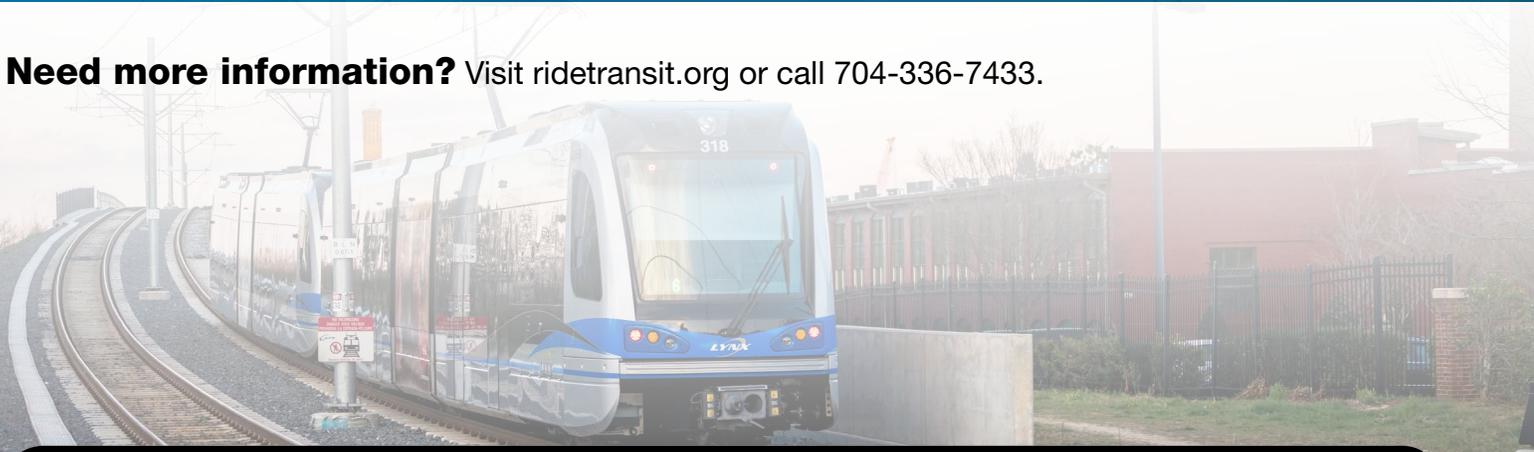
For bus rapid transit recommendations, CATS sought to use the I-485 express lanes along with more detailed infrastructure planning, such as the explorations of traffic-related enhancements for transit on Johnston Road with NCDOT, coordination with NCDOT regarding mobility hub locations on Johnston Road and coordination with Ballantyne Corporate Park property owners regarding first-mile/last-mile connections.



Next steps will include:

- **Advance design:** Design needed to provide certainty about potential property impacts
- **Establish a vision for future station areas:** Station area planning should occur to facilitate detailed alignment development. Coordination with property owners is needed to consider how light rail can integrate with the region's future plans.

Need more information? Visit ridetransit.org or call 704-336-7433.



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