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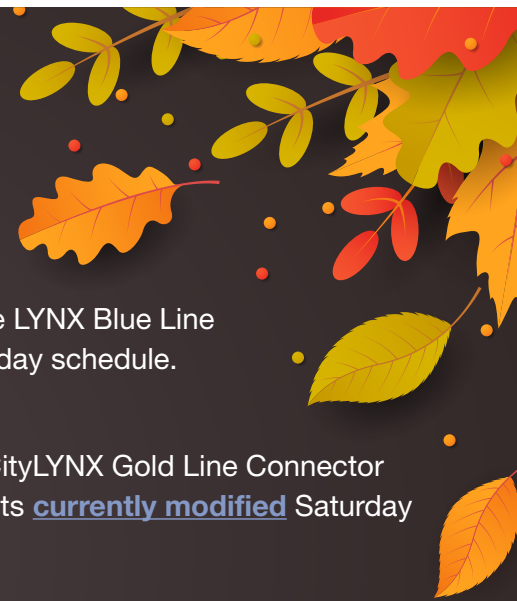
Thanksgiving Schedule

Is it just us or did Thanksgiving sneak up on you? It's hard to believe we're entering the holiday season! First off, we want to thank you for sticking with us through this unique year and wish all the best for your friends and family during this time.

On Thursday, November 26, 2020 the Charlotte Area Transit System bus routes, the LYNX Blue Line and the CityLYNX Gold Line Connector services will operate according to their Sunday schedule. No express service will operate on that day.

On Friday, November 27, 2020, the Charlotte Area Transit System bus routes and CityLYNX Gold Line Connector will operate on a Saturday schedule. The LYNX Blue Line will operate according to its [currently modified](#) Saturday schedule. No express service will operate on that day.

On Thursday November 26, and Friday, November 27, CATS Pass Sales Offices at the CTC and the CATS Call Center will be closed. On Saturday, November 28, the CATS Call Center and Pass Sales Offices will resume their normal business hours.



Holiday Bus Returns!

CATS will continue to share the holiday spirit with you by operating buses decorated for the holidays. Beginning Friday, November 27, 2020, look for one of the red holiday themed buses on your route. When this special bus arrives on your trip, rides are **FREE**. The buses will be rotated throughout the system, so they'll be put on different routes through December 31st.

Rides are free **ONLY** on the holiday bus and not on all the buses on a given day's route. Free transfers will not be provided on the holiday bus to customers. If you need to transfer, you will need to pay the fare on the second bus or LYNX Blue Line.

Season's greetings to all our customers and thank you for riding.



November CityLYNX Gold Line UPDATE

- The contractor is installing new traffic and pedestrian signals along the project corridor.
- Final paving and roadwork have been completed, except for the French Street area and on Hawthorne Lane between 5th Street and Central Avenue. In isolated cases, the roadway may need repairs or repaving to meet standards and specifications.
- The contractor has started installing shelters on platforms. Two platforms still to be built are the Sunnyside and 5th Street stops.
- Trackwork is complete along Beatties Ford Road, Trade Street and Hawthorne Lane, with the exception of repairs at the intersection of 5th Street and Hawthorne Lane to correct alignment issues with the rail.
- The sidewalks on both sides of Hawthorne Lane are open to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The city has worked with the contractor in exploring multiple options for completing work as quickly as possible. One option explored was a phased opening, where one portion of the alignment would begin testing earlier than the remaining portion. After careful review, it was determined that the time benefit from a phased opening was negligible. The city and contractor will continue looking for ways to accelerate the schedule as much as possible.
- For details and detours on road and lane closures affected by the CityLYNX Gold Project, please visit Charlotte Department of Transportation's [interactive street closure page](#) and visit the [Gold Line Phase 2 project web page](#).
- Questions? Please contact Tim Morton, Chief Construction Inspector, at 704-361-5735 or temorton@charlottenc.gov.

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Overall project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete concrete roadway work and walls near French Street • Begin rail repair work near Hawthorne Lane and 5th Street • Continue overhead wire adjustments and measurements in the Uptown area and install wire on Hawthorne Lane • Continue traffic signal installation • Continue work on platform shelters and amenities • Continue roadway work between 5th Street and Central Avenue • Continue punch list items (roadway, curb, track, sidewalk and fencing) 	Hawthorne Lane bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin correcting concrete elevation inconsistencies on bridge deck • Begin overhead wire installation
DECEMBER 2020 – EARLY 2021	
Overall project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all roadway work throughout project area • Complete overhead wire and traffic signal installation • Complete installation of platform shelters and amenities • Conduct in-street vehicle and systems testing • Complete punch list items • Streetcar opens for passenger service 	Hawthorne Lane bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete concrete elevation corrections on bridge deck • Install lighting • Bridge opens to vehicular traffic (late 2020)
FALL 2021	
Overall project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install landscaping 	

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