As CATS progresses toward the opening of Phase 2 of the CityLYNX Gold Line project, testing is a key component to ensuring a safe and viable transportation option. Testing is an important and necessary component of the project phase.

CATS wants to ensure that the community exhibits safety as we begin testing and enter into revenue service. We encourage you to view our Future Is Golden podcast that shares details about the testing phase.

Community members will start to see streetcars within the CityLYNX Gold Line corridor.

Key safety tips to be aware of:

- **Always obey ALL traffic signs and signals.** They are there for your safety, not as an inconvenience.
- **Streetcars run in both directions.** Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.
- **Streetcars run in the same travel lanes as other vehicles.** Ensure you’re giving streetcars ample space to avoid any collisions.
- **Streetcars cannot stop as quickly as you can.** Streetcars take almost 100 feet to stop.
- **Streetcars cannot swerve out of the way of pedestrians, vehicles and cyclists.** It is your responsibility to stay out of the streetcar’s path.
- **Wait for the streetcar behind the yellow warning strip on platforms.**
- **Cross only at designated crosswalks.** These are clearly marked signs showing you safe area to cross the street.
- **Do NOT cross in front of a streetcar.** Even if the streetcar is stopped. Wait for the streetcar to pass before you cross.
- **Watch your heels.** Remember to step over tracks to avoid catching shoe heels in the track gap.
- **Park your entire vehicle, including mirrors, within the solid white parking lines.** Streetcars cannot go around your car. Parking outside the lines may interrupt service. Incorrectly parked cars will be subject to towing and a citation.
- **Check for approaching streetcars before opening your vehicle doors.**

Check out our CityLYNX Gold Line safety videos for for motorists and pedestrians and bicyclists.
The following are planned service adjustments to be implemented on Monday, February 1, 2021:

**Sprinter – Airport**
Weekday frequency on the Sprinter improves to 15-minutes between 6am and 7pm.

**Route 6 – Kings Dr**
Weekday frequency on Route 6 improves to 20-minutes between 6:30am and 7:30pm.

**Route 16 – South Tryon**
Weekday frequency on Route 16 improves to 15-minutes between 6am and 7pm.

**Route 27 – Monroe Rd**
Weekday frequency on Route 27 improves to 15-minutes between 6:30am and 7:00pm.

Trip times on the following routes will be adjusted to improve running times for customers. Please refer to the individual route schedules for more information:

- **Route 2 – Ashley Rd**
- **Route 12 – South Blvd**
- **Route 30 – Woodlawn/Scaleybark**
- **Route 50 – URP/CIC**
- **Route 54 – University Research Park**
- **Route 55 – Westinghouse**
- **Route 56 – Arrowood**
- **Route 57 – Archdale**
- **Route 60 - Tyvola**

In early February, CATS will be asking employers in our community to share their feedback about their organizations’ back-to-the-office plans. This survey seeks to provide CATS with a better understanding of your planning process so CATS may conduct appropriate internal planning. We recognize that this is an estimate of your plans. Even if you may not have an exact plan figured out at this time, we encourage you and your organization to complete the survey.

We want your feedback in February!

Things to consider as you plan for employers to return to the office.

- How long of a lead time will you give employees to return to the office?
- What PPE/risk-reduction requirements will you implement in the office?
- What types of communication will you provide about COVID vaccine availability?
- What feedback do you need from employees to finalize your back-to-the-office plans?

As always, please feel free to use CATS as a resource for your back-to-the-office and commute resource planning by emailing **ETCInterest@charlottenc.gov**. We are here to help!
LYNX Silver Line is looking for your feedback!

CATS will be hosting live virtual public meetings that includes a presentation and Q&A with the LYNX Silver Line project team. The 26-mile alignment has been broken into six focus segments to allow the project team and public to concentrate on particular areas of interest.

All meetings will occur at 5:30 p.m. and air on the Charlotte City Government Channel and the following day at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16 – Focus Area 1: Wilkinson Blvd. (City of Belmont to I-485)

Wednesday, February 17 – Focus Area 2: Wilkinson Blvd. (I-485 to West Morehead St.)

Thursday, February 18 – Focus Area 3: Center City (West Morehead St. to Charlottetown Ave.)

Tuesday, February 23 – Focus Area 4: Independence Blvd. (Charlottetown Ave. to Idlewild Road)

Thursday, February 25 – Focus Area 5: Independence Blvd. (Idlewild to South of I-485 at CPCC Levine)

Tuesday, March 2 – Focus Area 6: Union County Extension

Visit the LYNX Silver Line webpage for more information.

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