This all-virtual event will address the ever-evolving challenges that face commuters from home to work. Experts will take a deep dive into best practices surrounding commuter programs from a variety of employers all over the country and the challenges they’re facing in their areas.

For organizations that are still trying to navigate their back-to-work plans, this is a great opportunity to learn best practices.

Learn more about the event here.

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**Vaccine Service Continues**

CATS continues to provide two bus routes to Bojangles Coliseum for riders to access their scheduled COVID-19 vaccine. The Bojangles Vaccine Service – Charlotte Transportation Center (CTC) and Bojangles Vaccine Service – Eastland will provide hourly service Monday thru Saturday beginning at 7:30 a.m. The last trip serving the Bojangles Coliseum departs from the Charlotte Transportation Center and from the Eastland Community Transit Center at 4:30 p.m.

The Bojangles Vaccine Service departing from the Charlotte Transportation Center is located at Bay K. The Bojangles Vaccine Service departing from the Eastland Community Transit Center shares the same bus bay as Route 221. Both of these routes serve two bus stops located at Bojangles Coliseum. Upon arrival at the Coliseum, passengers receiving their first vaccine will be dropped off at the first bus stop. Passengers with appointments to receive their second vaccine will be dropped off at the second bus stop. Reminder: A fare is not required.

CATS also continues to evaluate access to other vaccine sites. Sign up for Rider’s Alerts to receive updated on additional service opportunities.
Not too Early to Start Planning

We know it’s been about a year since we’ve been in quarantine and rocking our home offices. However, we know that you may be thinking about returning to your workplace.

Not sure yet? That’s OK! We want to help. Set up a time to chat with us about how to best support your employees’ mobility needs by emailing ETCInterest@charlottenc.gov. We can talk about vanpool, transit pass discounts, hybrid telework plans and more!

E-Scooter Rules

With the return of E-scooters to Charlotte, we want to provide a few reminders of our scooter policy:

Electric scooters can ride on CATS vehicles provided they are:

1. Out of the isle
2. They do not become a trip hazard
3. Remain secure by the customer
4. They are NOT gas powered
5. They are not making noise when taken out of their zones.

CATS recognizes that bicycles and e-scooters transport riders between transit stops and their actual destination – the “last mile” – and provide new options for short- and medium-distance trips.

Please contact 704-336-7433 with any questions or concerns.

CityLYNX Gold Line

CityLYNX Gold Line streetcar testing continues with nighttime testing.

Updates include:

- The contractor continues to install new traffic and pedestrian signals along the project corridor. Traffic signals are in at 15 of 18 intersections, and pedestrian signals are in at 12 of 19 intersections. The Charlotte Department of Transportation and Duke Energy are working to activate the new new signals and remove the old ones.

- The contractor continues to work with Duke Energy to remove temporary wooden poles, install light fixtures and energize the lights, signals and stop platforms.

- Platform shelter framework installation is complete. Art glass will be installed closer to the start of revenue service.

- The contractor has completed testing of the overhead catenary wire and traction power substations.
Gold Line Safety Tips:

Testing is a critical element in preparing for revenue service, but what’s most important for YOU is to practice rail safety.

Stay Alert
Look for streetcars, they will share roadways, follow all crossing signs & alerts.

Stay Back
Keep back at least 10 Feet from trains, don’t make sudden stops in front of them.

Stay In Your Space
Park within white lines, stay out of roadways and tracks, and look before opening your door around the Gold Line.

Check our newly renovated safety website for more safety tips. If your organization, community group or employees need a CATS Safety presentation, please contact Courtney Schultz.

CATS recently held a round of public outreach for the LYNX Silver Line light rail project. CATS hosted six live virtual public meetings, as well as several community, stakeholder and neighborhood meetings, to present the preliminary staff recommendations for the refined Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). During the public comment period from February 2- March 11, the public was encouraged to review and provide feedback on the potential changes to the proposed alignment and station locations.

On March 24, staff will present the input received, along with their refinement recommendations, to the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), CATS’ policy board, during an information session. Following adoption of the refinements to the 2030 Transit System Plan in April, the project would move forward into more detailed design and environmental study. Public outreach and engagement for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) study would then begin, which would advance the TOD study into further station area planning and towards completion.

For more information on the LYNX Silver Line, visit the project website or call 704-336-7433.

Become an ETC Partner

Interested in becoming an ETC partner and learning how your company can earn discounts on CATS passes? Contact ETCinterest@charlottenc.gov.

Stay informed and up to date about what’s going on at CATS. Let us know your feedback!

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