

# Public Forum

LYNX Blue Line Extension (Northeast Corridor) – April 29, 2008

UNC Charlotte – Barnhardt Student Activity Center

## Comment Sheet Summary

<b>Meeting Evaluation:</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Was this a good meeting location?</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>If not, where do you suggest the meeting be held?</b> - Larger area for set-up. - OK for students. Try the Alumni House for public/UNCC meetings. - SAC Salons would be better, but this attracts people.		
<b>Do you like this meeting format?</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>If not, how can it be improved?</b> - The CATS folks get monopolized, need mechanism for more to discuss. - This was okay. I would have preferred a town hall/forum type meeting. - General. Good to pick up info. for getting latest update. - More formal Q &A.		
<b>Is 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. a good meeting time?</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>If not, what time would you prefer?</b> - But, this is finals time – Bad week! - 12:00 noon at SAC yes! - Morning or early afternoon. - OK for students, not OK for nearby residents.		
<b>What type of information do you want to receive at LYNX Blue Line Extension public meetings?</b> - I'd like to listen if LYNX is going to offer parking at all stations. - Locations for stops, different design proposals, projected costs, and construction company assigned to project. - The location of the light rail on UNC-Charlotte, the plans about parking, etc. - The advantages and disadvantages to the LYNX Blue Line Extension; how the issues might be resolved. - Location, fares, times. - Time line for construction. - \$, applicability, time frames. - Progress, results, setbacks, appropriation scale, etc. - + little details, prices, times, distances. - Cost, benefit, pros, cons, consumable, access of ride, cost to ride, etc. - What is the downside? Any negatives? - Cost effectiveness - Routes, fees, discounts for students - There was a good amount of info. at this meeting. - Plan, progress, budget & cost, ride fee, esp. some special consideration for students. - Cost of the projects. - Safety concerns especially pertaining to students.		

- More specifics, less general. - Any questions answered, service hours, plans, future, and connectivity.		
<b>Have you ever been to a CATS public meeting before?</b>	6	20
<b>Total Responses to Question = 26</b> <b>Multiple answers were received for some questions.</b>		

<b>How did you hear about this meeting?</b>	
<b>Online Survey</b>	13
<b>University Times</b>	2
<b>Flyer on Campus</b>	4
<b>Faculty Newspaper</b>	
<b>Other:</b> - University email - Email newsletter for CATS - Email sent to campus address - My roommate - Email UNCC - Email - Campus email - Online email - Email - Email to faculty - Email	

Additional Comments:

1. I believe it is fundamentally unfair to place one of the stations on the UNCC campus, if you're not going to offer free parking, why should I have to subsidize the transportation of a bunch of over privilege kids? We have tons of poor and underprivileged individuals in the community, what about them? I thought the whole idea of public transportation was to afford the underprivileged more mobility.
2. It would be a huge mistake to put the tracks at grade level crossing Hwy 29 coming into the University. Lowes Motor Speedway, Verizon (19,000) – as 85 is stopped almost nightly and 29 is also clogged. There are **many** events at Lowe's Motor Speedway that cause heavy traffic on Hwy 29. Since this won't be built for quite some time, the traffic will be much heavier and there will be more buildings at that entrance to campus turning right. It will cause a **major** problem for this entrance/exit to campus.
3. Would you consider extending Route 29 to include more stops on Pavilion Blvd. and other nearby locations, or add more stop times to Route 10 for its Pavilion Blvd. stop. The current Route 10 stop times are too sparse. Times similar to the UNCC stop on Route 10 would be great.
4. I liked that this meeting place was inside and away from areas where there are classes. However, the particular space given to have the meeting was extremely small. It was a struggle to see the info.

5. Please build project into phases and start ASAP.
6. Would love to use this – please build it close enough to benefit metroarea! Consider using exiting freight/Amtrak corridor along Hwy 49 to bring commuters into light rail supplied areas.
7. Meeting was good and objective. I personally didn't like the first part of the project because it was of no use to me. But this will certainly be more helpful for students living in the south area.
8. My wife and I are non-traditional students living in Waxhaw working both Uptown and Southpark. A LYNX rail would definitely be a good alternative for our present and future study plans at UNCC. The impact would definitely change our daily commute for the better. We would definitely use the system.
9. Why UNCC? Few, if any, students will ever use this proposed rail line. If all of the info and research gathered suggests that this rail line is not needed, will you proceed to build it anyway?
10. The faster the better. My only concern is the preservation of green space and access to green space on campus.
11. Thanks for friendly, informative presenters and food. Smart to limit one serving slice per person. Excellent visual aids.
12. As a student, the thought of light rail expanding to UNCC is every exciting.
13. I would like to see light rail service to UNC-Charlotte as soon as possible!
14. I am very pleased that this line is going to be built next. I only wish that it were here now so I could be using it while I'm still a student here. I would suggest providing ample bike parking (more than the typical station) to better accommodate the many students who bike on campus.
15. Organize some seminar, to students in transportation or urban planning program, and introduce the plan of TOD in Charlotte.
16. Additional information on the time-line for extension.
17. I am **very** concerned about campus safety especially locating right in front of a co-ed residence hall. I don't feel this is a good idea. It also is giving options to be more "commuter like" when we are trying to create on-campus activity.
18. If possible, allow the public to "observer only" the meetings between CATS and UNC Charlotte – similar to "observer only" working dinners at City Council or planning meetings. Thanks.