Fast Facts

The LYNX Silver Line is a proposed 29-mile, 31-station light rail alignment from the City of Belmont in Gaston County, through Center City Charlotte and the Town of Matthews in Mecklenburg County, and into the Towns of Stallings and Indian Trail in Union County. It would include at least one vehicle maintenance facility (VMF). Key destinations include:

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport
- Bank of America Stadium
- Truist Field
- Charlotte Gateway District
- CityLYNX Gold Line Streetcar
- LYNX Blue Line Light Rail
- Bojangles Coliseum
- Ovens Auditorium
- Novant Uptown and Matthews hospitals
- Town of Matthews
- Sportsplex
- CPCC Central and Levine campuses

Silver Line Alignment
The LYNX Silver Line is one of the most ambitious transit programs pursued in the City of Charlotte. It currently consists of four separate but related studies:

- Light Rail Design and Environmental Services
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning
- Rail Trail Study
- Safety and Security Consulting Services

Major transit undertakings such as the LYNX Silver Line are typically implemented in phases due to funding constraints. The 29-mile corridor spans eight jurisdictions and is longer than the LYNX Blue Line with the extension. As currently envisioned, it would be one of the longest light rail corridors in the country. As such, it is necessary to consider a phased approach to implementation.

On January 26, 2022, the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), CATS’ policy board, approved an implementation strategy that delivers the LYNX Silver Line light rail in phases. Phase A is proposed to be constructed first. It would start in Center City Charlotte and extend eastward to the Town of Matthews. Phase B would extend westward from Center City Charlotte to I-485 in western Mecklenburg County. Subsequent phases may extend farther in each direction into Gaston and Union Counties. In the near term, CATS anticipates taking Phase A into preliminary design and environmental review.

Public Engagement

CATS has conducted extensive public engagement, including online open houses, live virtual public meetings, neighborhood meetings, and surveys. To view previous project materials and watch meeting recordings, visit the website ridetransit.org/LYNXSilverLine.

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