



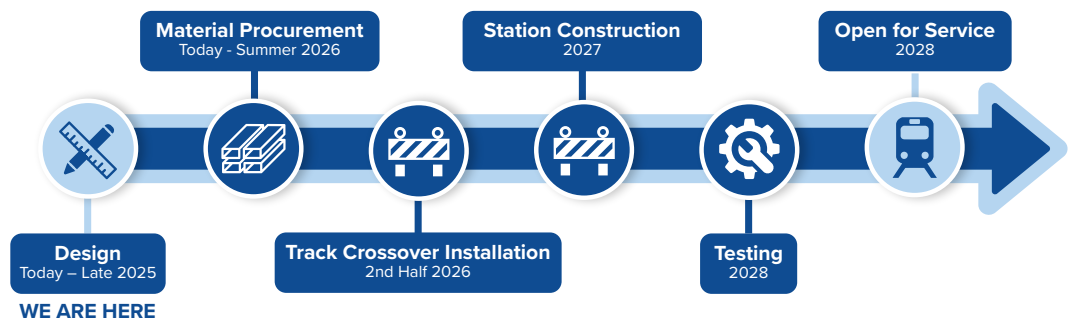
## SOUTH END FAST FACTS



Since the opening of the Blue Line in 2007, the South End area of Charlotte has experienced exponential growth and need for accessible transit is apparent. What began as a way for pedestrians to safely cross the Blue Line tracks has evolved into plans for a full-blown light rail station midway between the New Bern and East/West stations.

The project is a result of the partnership between CATS, Center City Partners, and nearby stakeholders, including private developers of residential, retail and office spaces in South End.

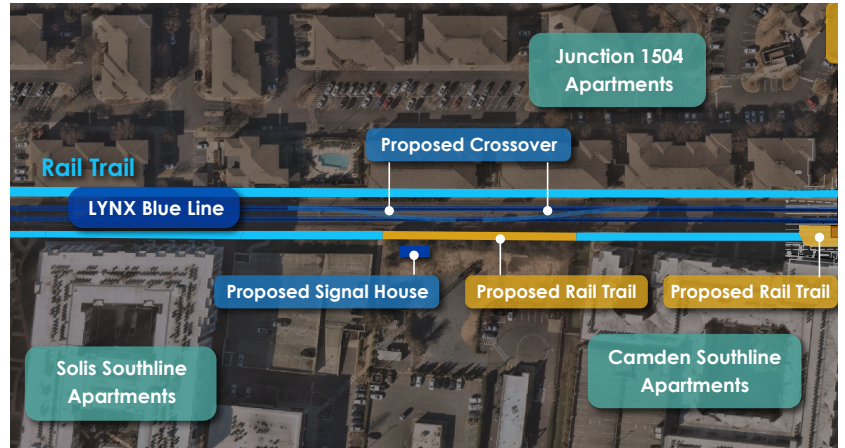
### PROJECT TIMELINE



# ▶▶ BEYOND THE STATION:

The project will construct three features in addition to the new station and track crossing.

- **Rail Trail Completion:** The final piece of the Rail Trail in South End will be built behind AutoBell and Cannon Pharmacy. This will provide continuous Rail Trail along the Blue Line tracks from Clanton Road to Carson Station.
- **Track Crossover:** The installation of a universal crossover will allow light rail vehicles to cross between tracks south of the new station. This will allow trains to share a single track during station construction while maintaining 15 minute headways between trains.
- **Tremont Drainage:** Drainage improvements will be built to provide increased capacity under the tracks near Tremont Avenue and along the Rail Trail fronting Ashton South End Apartments.



## PROJECT NEWS – Here’s what else is happening.

- **Station Art:** Christopher Weed was selected to develop art for station platforms. One of his early concepts for the station is shown below.
- **Real Estate:** CATS is meeting with representatives from adjacent properties and businesses to explain the impacts of the project and to gather feedback.



Christopher Weed – Conceptual Station Art

- **Pedestrian Features:** CATS is planning to install and open the track crossing ahead of the station. We are studying and discussing with adjacent properties the best way to provide access from South Boulevard and Hawkins Street.
- **Construction Planning:** The project is divided into two major packages. CATS has contracted with Stacy Witbeck to plan and construct the Track and Systems Package, which must be built first. A second construction contract for station platforms and Rail Trail will be advertised separately.
- **Early Materials:** Some specialty rail materials require extensive lead times of a year or more. The project team is determining which materials need to be ordered early and preparing to place orders in advance.



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