Light Rail Arrives March 16th

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CATS Blue Line Extension

- Train will arrive on campus over 100 times each day
- 26 total stations
- 11 new stations on alignment
- CATS buses connect at several LYNX stations
- Train arrives every 15 minutes during non-peak hours, and 20-30 minutes during late night hours and on weekends
30 DAYS UNTIL LIGHT RAIL ARRIVES

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MARCH 2018
Connecting to Campus

• BLE Alignment Overview
CATS Bus Routes

• CATS bus routes connect at many light rail stations
• Multiple routes connect at JW Clay/UNC Charlotte station
• Connecting service to CK Rider (Concord/Kannapolis) – additional fare may be required
• CATS will announce schedule closer to BLE opening
CATS All-Access Transit Pass – Students

• Pass includes access to CATS LYNX light rail, streetcar, local and express bus routes. Includes Airport Sprinter and Airport Connector routes.

• Spring 2018 pass is $10 and is part of student’s tuition and fees via the Miscellaneous Transportation Service Charge (MTSC)

• Passes are active from March 16th through August 14th

• Passes for the 2018-2019 academic year:
  • Semester pass is $25 and is part of student’s tuition and fees via the MTSC
CATS All-Access Transit Pass – Faculty/Staff

• Faculty and Staff can purchase the same transit privileges
  • Pass includes access to CATS LYNX light rail, streetcar, local and express bus routes. Includes Airport Sprinter and Airport Connector routes.

• Spring 2018 pass is $50 and can be purchased via payroll deduction or credit card

• Passes go on sale February 21st and are active from March 16th through August 14th

• Passes are NOT REFUNDABLE
CATS All-Access Transit Pass – Faculty/Staff

• Beginning July 1st, you can purchase passes for the 2018-2019 academic year
  • Semester pass is $50
  • Annual pass is $75

• If you purchase from CATS, the same privileges are $1,056 per year

• Things to know:
  • If you purchase a pass for the 2018-2019 academic year and leave the University, your transit privileges will be turned off.
  • Passes DO NOT include parking at CATS J.W. Clay/UNC Charlotte and University City Boulevard parking decks.
Using Your 49er ID Card

• There is no need to purchase a ticket. Your CATS privileges are tied to your 49er ID Card.

• To ride light rail, show your ID card when asked by a CATS fare inspector.

• On a CATS bus, tap your card on the contactless reader when you enter.

• In late 2018, CATS will install contactless readers on all LYNX trains where you will tap your card to validate your ride.
Group Ticket Purchases

• Group tickets can be purchased through CATS using P-card
• No discount is currently provided. Round trip ticket is $4.40
• More information will come from Controller's Office on reimbursements for light rail tickets
How will campus transit connect?

• PaTS is adjusting Niner Transit schedules to connect you to and from light rail stations and your campus destination.

• Gold and Green lines stop at the UNC Charlotte Main station, and the Silver line stops at the CRI Deck approximately every 8 minutes.

• Available 21 hours on weekdays and 18 hours on weekends
• **Safety measures** have been put in place by CATS and UNC Charlotte on the train, at stations and in areas surrounding stations.

• UNC Charlotte Main station has **security cameras**, extra lighting and **blue light phones**

• **Additional** Police and Public Safety **officers** have been hired and will patrol area around UNC Charlotte Main station during peak travel times and at night

• PPS has **direct access to cameras** on the UNC Charlotte Main station and will monitor footage

• Remember, **do not hold residence hall doors open for anyone**
  - We anticipate more foot traffic near Wallis Hall and surrounding area with the opening of light rail.
  - With students connecting with Niner Transit from light rail stops to residence halls, this is important throughout campus
Staying Safe Near the Rail

• Individuals have been seen ducking under closed gates when light rail trains are approaching

• Safety starts **NOW**!

• Gates are required to come down 20 seconds before the train enters the crossing.

• Trains always have the right of way and travel 35-55 mph
  • Trains require 400-500 feet to stop once they observe someone in the crossing.
  • There is not 400-500 feet available for a train to stop when it exits the tunnel near Institute Circle.

• **WAIT FOR THE GATES TO OPEN TO CROSS!!!**
STOP! Light Rail Vehicle Approaching!

- Lights will flash
- Gate arms will descend

Do not try to beat the crossing gates!
- Light rail vehicles are traveling 35-55 mph
- They require 400-500 feet to stop!
Be a Smart Rider

- CATS has a Rider Code of Conduct everyone must follow
  - Violations may result in issuance of a civil penalty of $50 or arrest.
- 49er ID Cards just became more valuable- protect them!
  - Your ID card/transit pass can only be used by you
  - If lost, report it to the 49er Card Office
  - If caught by CATS with someone else’s ID Card, it may be confiscated.
Help Inform Students

• Need more information? Visit lightrail.uncc.edu
  • Everything you need to know about light rail’s arrival to campus is here

• Have questions?
  • Send them to lightrail@uncc.edu

• Talk about light rail’s arrival. It’s just around the corner and we want all students to know about this new transit option and the all-access transit pass

• Encourage students to ride the rail—new opportunities, places to explore, access to arts, culture, entertainment and more

• Encourage good behavior at stations and on the train. Remember, CATS and PPS can see everything!
What’s Next?

Ribbon Cutting
February 26
(Invite Only)

Campus Wide Celebration
MARCH 16
10:00 AM
Questions?

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