



Businesses are accessible and welcome your patronage. Look for these signs to stop in and support these businesses along the Blue Line Extension alignment.

## JULY 2014 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

*\*\*Schedules are subject to change based on weather, site or unforeseen conditions.\*\**

July brings the heat of the summer and the completion of the first few BLE contracts. Advance Utility Relocations in Segment A are complete. The Advance Utility Relocations in Segment B and Segment C are not far behind; the final touches should be in place by the end of the month. This does not mean that there will be a lull in the activity level along the BLE corridor. The civil contractors in Segment A and Segment B/C are rapidly beginning work at multiple locations.

### Segment A

In Segment A, the contractor is working on the retaining walls that will expand the railroad corridor to make room for the additional light rail tracks near Eastway Drive. Work on the Eastway bridge is underway. North Carolina Department of Transportation and CATS are coordinating to ensure that the bridge and the tracks below will have many decades of uninterrupted service. Old concrete pavement has been removed and replaced with new latex modified concrete, an extremely durable pavement surface that will allow future pavement removal and replacement without damage to the bridge structure. Crews have started the excavation for construction of a long retaining wall that will support the edge of the private properties along the railroad corridor. The new light rail tracks will be built between the existing freight tracks and the new retaining wall.

The work to build two new railroad bridges has started at East 36th Street at the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. Crews are grading and preparing for sewer and waterline installations. Soon you will see retaining walls in the area as well. In the future, Norfolk Southern and the BLE will travel on new railroad bridges that span OVER East 36th Street. The roadway will be reconstructed below the railroad bridges for vehicle traffic, allowing motorists to travel with no interference from the rail lines.



CATS will remove 5 of 7 sets of tracks on 16th Street providing you with a smoother drive in the future.

### Segment B/C

In Segment B/C, the contractor is continuing to clear additional trees that are located in the future North Tryon Street vehicle travel lanes between W. T. Harris Boulevard and Barton Creek Drive. New waterlines and sewer lines will be constructed in additional parts of Segments B/C. The most visible work in the coming weeks will be the construction of long retaining walls, the largest in the project, in the northern half of the corridor near the Mallard Pointe Shopping Center on the southbound side of North Tryon Street. This retaining wall, like the others that have already been built, will push the travel lanes of North Tryon Street to the outer edges, making room for the light rail tracks to travel in the median of North



Grading starts for the largest wall along the alignment at the Mallard Pointe Shopping Center.



**We want you and the crews to stay safe.** The current and upcoming work will create traffic impacts. Whether you are walking, biking or driving, please remain alert, cautious and allow extra traveling time around the work zones and follow the detour signage.

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