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Blue Line Extension Transit Station Area Plans

Community Workshop #4

January 31, 2013

6:00pm

Introduction (5 minutes)	Kathy Cornett
Welcome and Introductions	*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department*

Overview Presentation (30 minutes)	Kathy Cornett
Area Plan Basics	
Putting the Pieces Together	
Overview of Draft Plan Policies	

Group Exercise (20 minutes)	All
Review and Provide Feedback	
On Draft Plan Policies	

Wrap-up and Next Steps (10 minutes)	Kathy Cornett

Information about the BLE Station Area Plans will be posted on our website throughout the planning process. Tonight's presentation will be on the website by Friday, February 1, 2013.

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Tom Hunter
Old Concord Rd
Sugar Creek
36th St
25th St
Parkwood

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- **Plan Overview and Purpose**

- **Plan Development Process**

- **Highlight of Draft Policies and Recommendations**

- **Plan Implementation**

- **Next Steps**

Blue Line Extension Update

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LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE)

- 9.3 miles
- Implementation in 2017
- +25,000 daily riders
- Connects UNC Charlotte campuses

• Major Achievements

- FTA issued Record of Decision in December 2011
- FTA approved entry into Final Design in July 2012
- **FTA Full Funding Grant Agreement signed on October 16, 2012.**
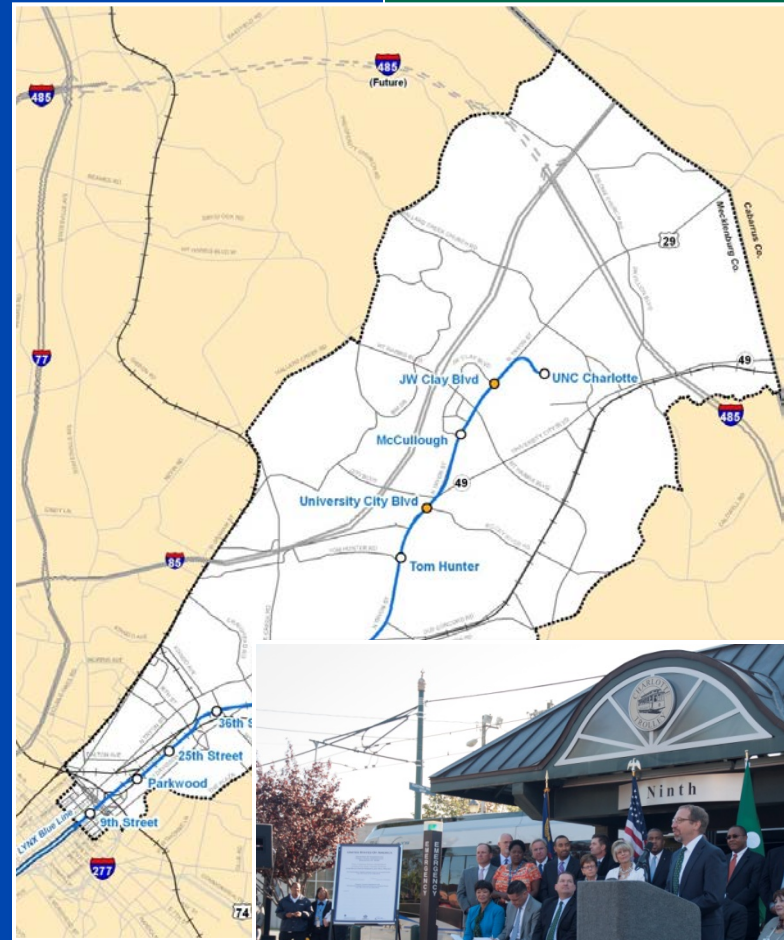
- **11 Stations (7 walk-up / 4 park-and-ride)**
- **Accommodates 3-car trains**
- **Approximately 3,100 parking spaces**
- **Congestion-free commute**
- **Connecting bus services**
- **Convenient and safe station amenities for customers**

  - Security features
  - Bicycle parking
  - Public art
  - Shelters, garbage cans, benches
  - Trees
  - Lighting
  - Ticket vending machines (TVMs)
  - Maps and schedules

BLE Schedule

Milestone	Date
State FFGA Executed	March 2012
Request to Enter Final Design	March 2012
FTA Approval to Enter Final Design	July 2012
Federal FFGA Signed	October 2012
Advanced Utility Relocation Begins	May 2013
Right-of-Way Acquisition Complete	January 2014
Complete Final Design	May 2014
Start Construction	November 2013
Initiate Revenue Service	March 2017

*Schedule subject to change
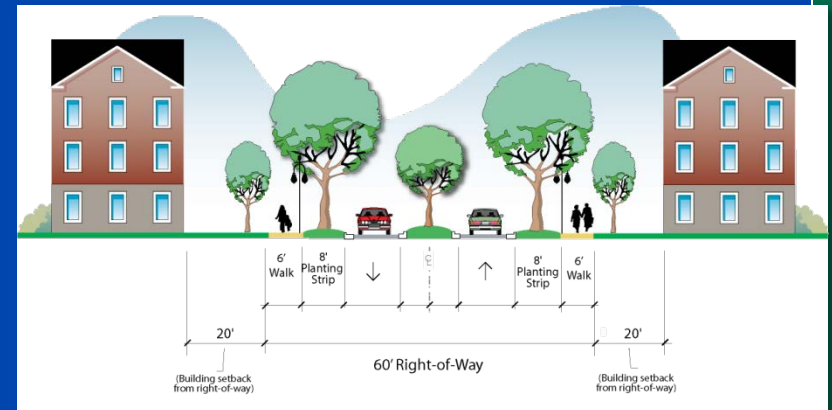
Station Area Plans

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- **Policy Guide that Provides a Framework for Future Growth and Development**

- **Provides Detailed Land Use and Community Design Recommendations for each Station Area**

- **Identifies Public and Private Investments and Strategies Needed to Realize the Plan Vision**

- **Updates the Centers, Corridors and Wedges Boundary for the Plan Area**

- **Provides Building Setback and Streetscape Standards for Properties with Urban Zoning Districts**

- **Represents a Shared Vision for the Future**

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- **Elements Typical of Area Plans**
  - **Vision**
  - **Land Use/Transportation/Community Design Recommendations**
  - **Recommended Infrastructure Improvements**
  - **Implementation Section with Recommended Zoning Changes**
  - **Street Cross-sections that Identify Future Curb Lines**
  - **Identifying Setbacks from Back-of-Curb Lines**
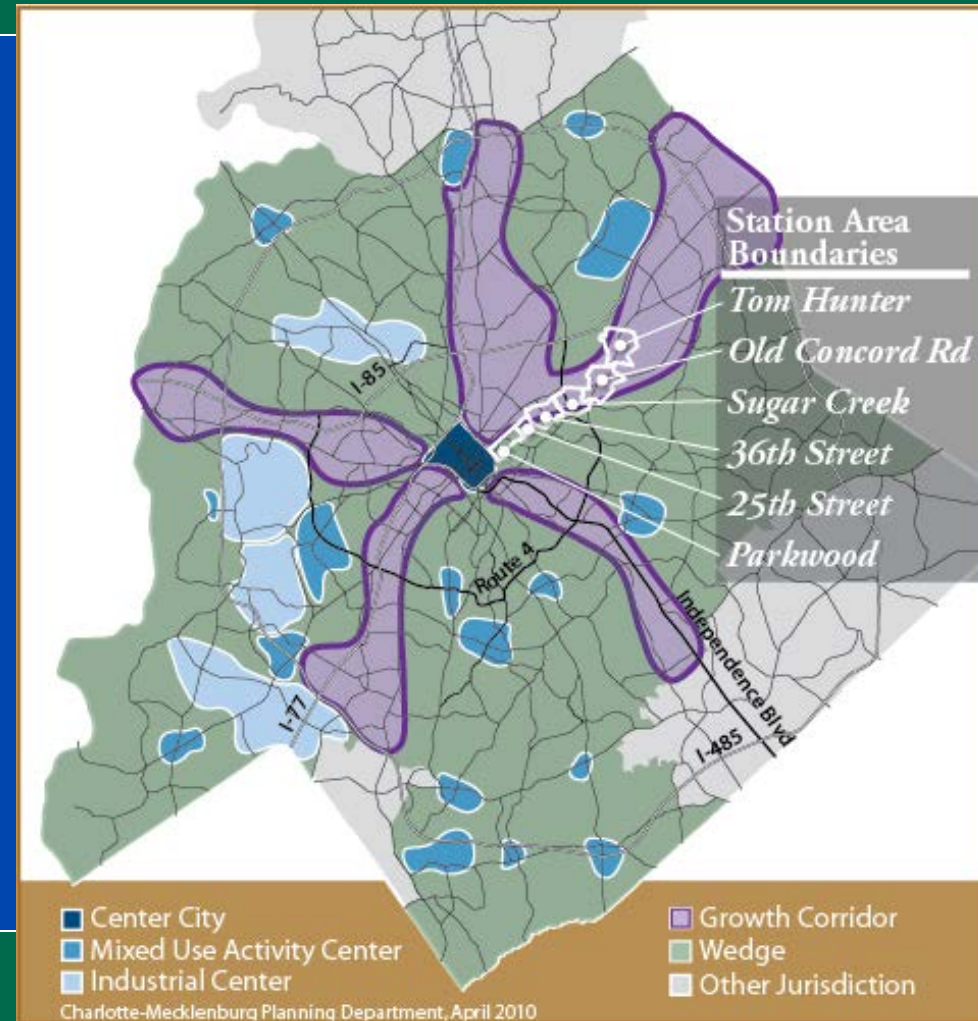
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Activity Centers
- Center City
- Mixed Use Center
- Industrial Center

Growth Corridors
- Established Neighborhood Areas
- **Transit Station Areas**
- Interchange Areas
- General Corridor Areas

Wedges

Station Area Boundaries
- Tom Hunter
- Old Concord Rd
- Sugar Creek
- 36th Street
- 25th Street
- Parkwood

■ Center City
■ Mixed Use Activity Center
■ Industrial Center

■ Growth Corridor
■ Wedge
■ Other Jurisdiction

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, April 2010

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Clarify the Vision for the Area

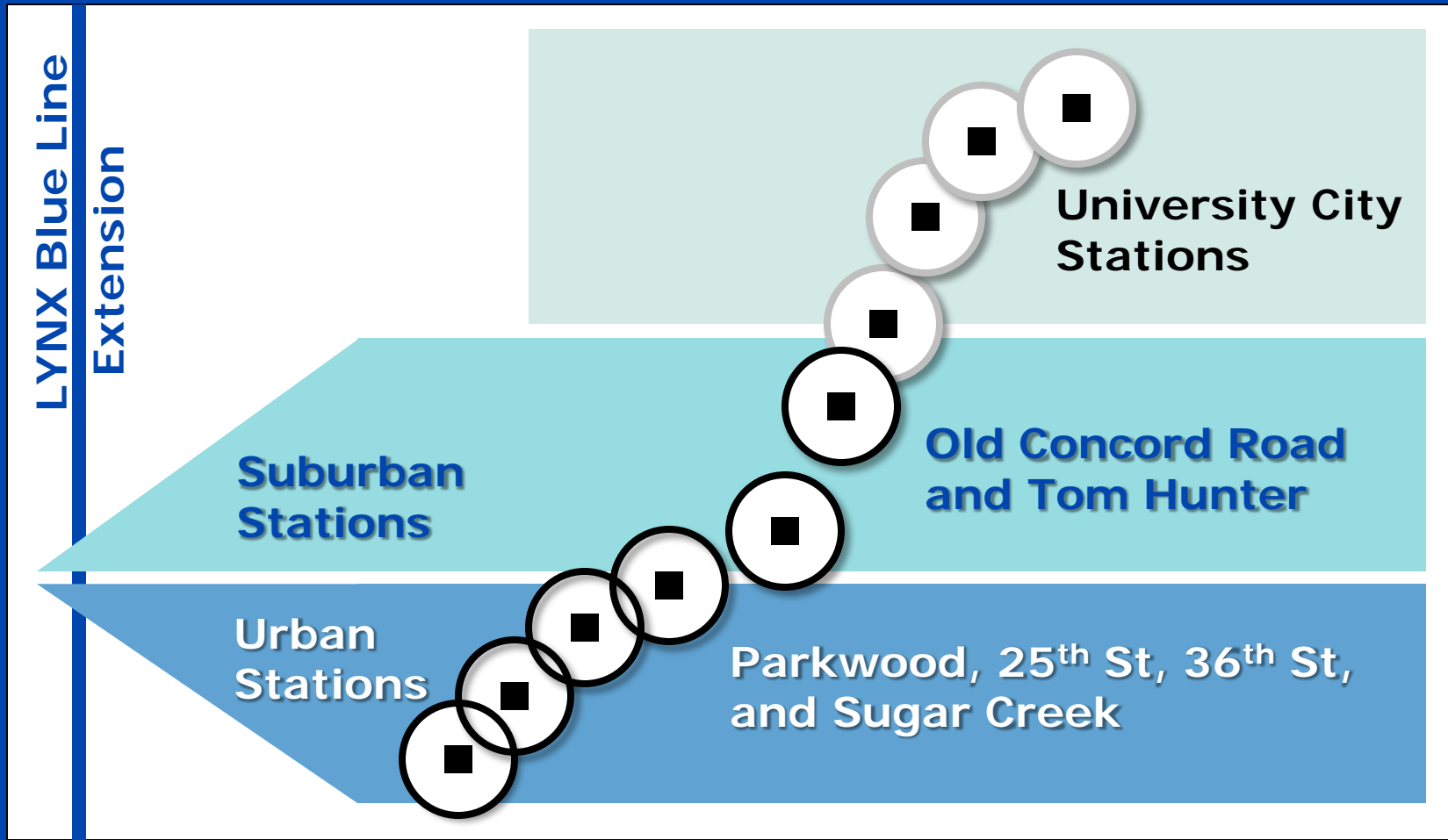|		
Identify and provide policies to address development opportunities and issues	*But not . . .*	Create regulations or laws
Identify public and private investments needed to achieve vision	*But not . . .*	Provide funding and implementation means overnight
Possibly recommend zoning changes in appropriate locations	*But not . . .*	Rezone property
Guide more appropriate development	*But not . . .*	Halt development

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- **Red lines show station area boundaries.**
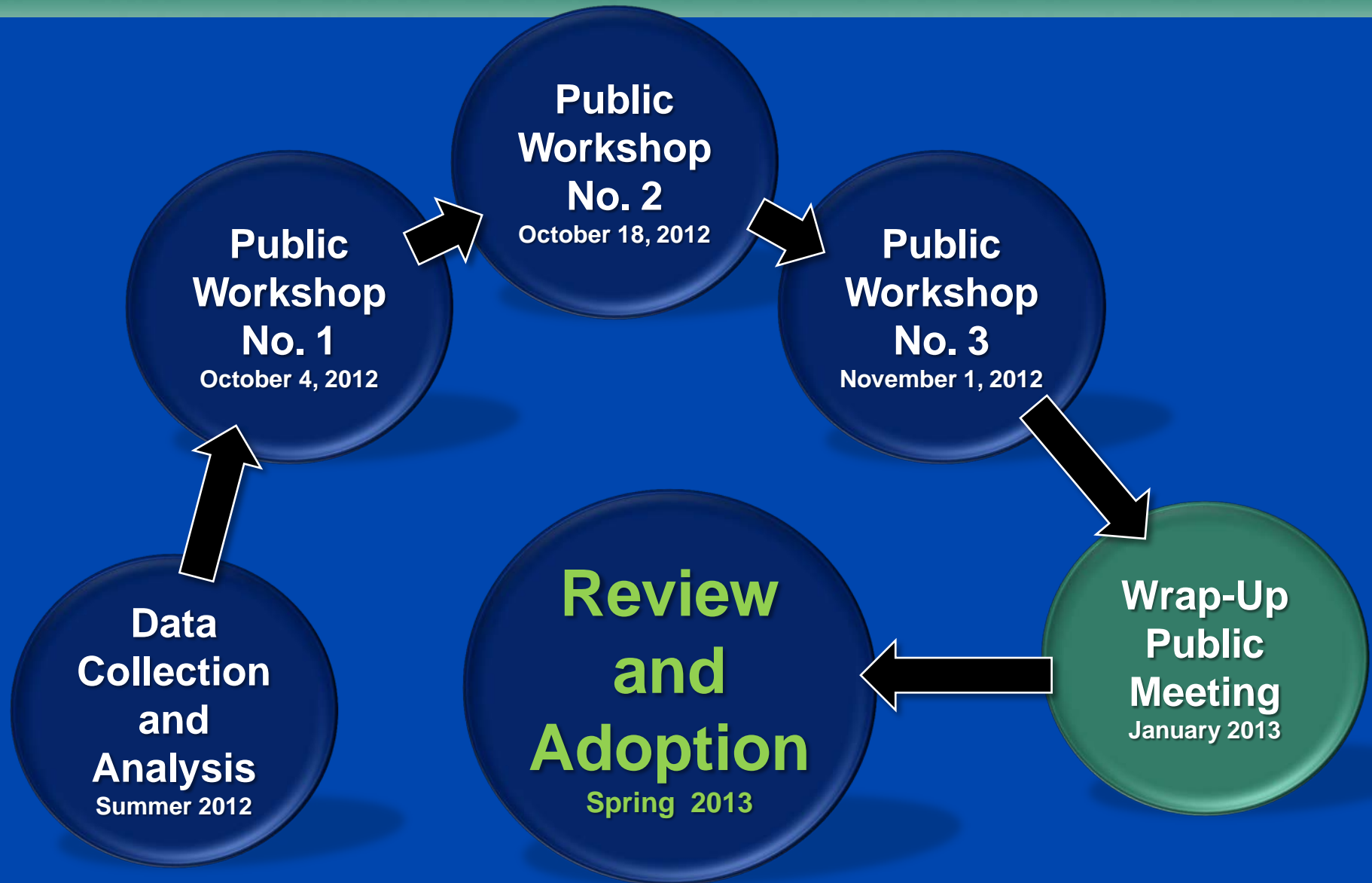- **Criteria Used to Determine Plan Boundaries:**
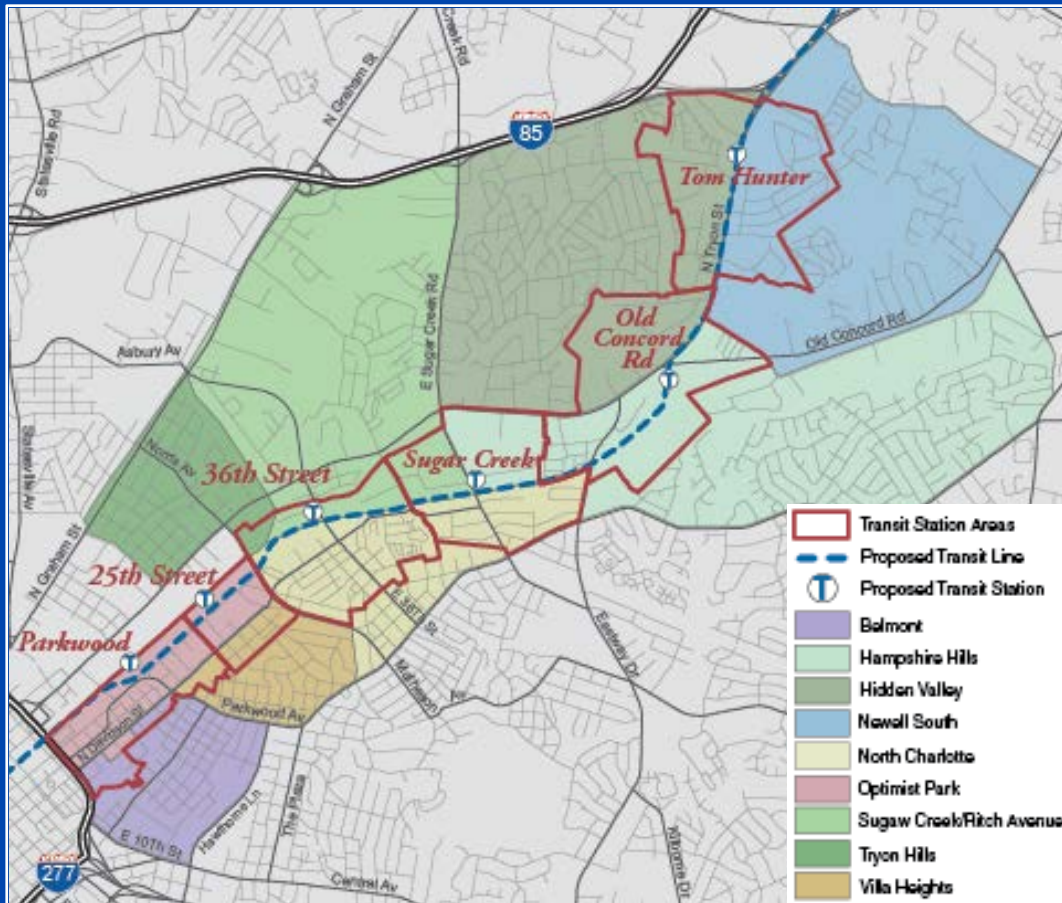
– **Properties within ½ mile of the transit station.**

– **Includes some properties in neighborhoods zoning single family.**

– **Uses "natural" boundaries where possible (streets, rear property lines, etc.).**

LYNX Blue Line Extension

University City Stations

Suburban Stations

Old Concord Road and Tom Hunter

Urban Stations

Parkwood, 25th St, 36th St, and Sugar Creek

Plan Development

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- **Presentation**

  - **Purpose of Station Area Plans**

  - **Introduced the Plan Initiative and Described Process**

  - **BLE Project Update**

  - **Implementation and the NECI Program**

- **Open House**

  - **Provided feed back on the Draft Concept Plans**

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- **Support for greenway/multi-use trail**

- **Parking issues**

- **Building height near transit stations**

- **Expand NoDa Neighborhood Preservation area**

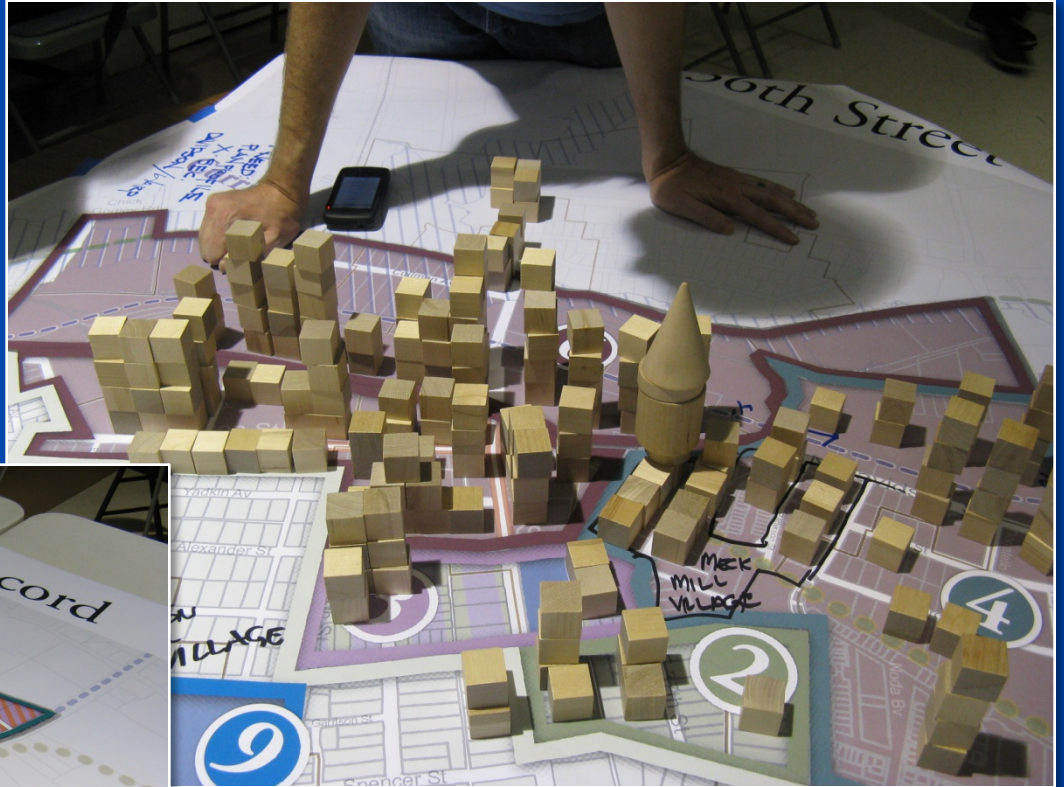- **Station Locations**

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- ## Presentation
  - BLE Project Update
  - What We Heard at 1st Meeting
  - How the Pieces Fit Together
    - Concept Plan
    - Development Plan
    - Structure Plan
  - Focus on Community Design

- ## Open House
  - Provided feed back on the Draft Development and Structure Plans

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- **Detailed comments about each station area.**

- **Presentation**

  – **BLE Project Update**

  – **What We Heard at 2ⁿᵈ Meeting**

  – **Mobility**
    - **Street Types**
    - **Street Cross-sections**
  – **Implementation – NECI Program**

- **Open House**

  – **Provided feed back on the Draft Street Types and Cross-sections**

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- **Onstreet parking for North Davidson Street**

- **Extension of 25th Street**

- **Sidewalks**

- **Roundabout at Jordan Place**

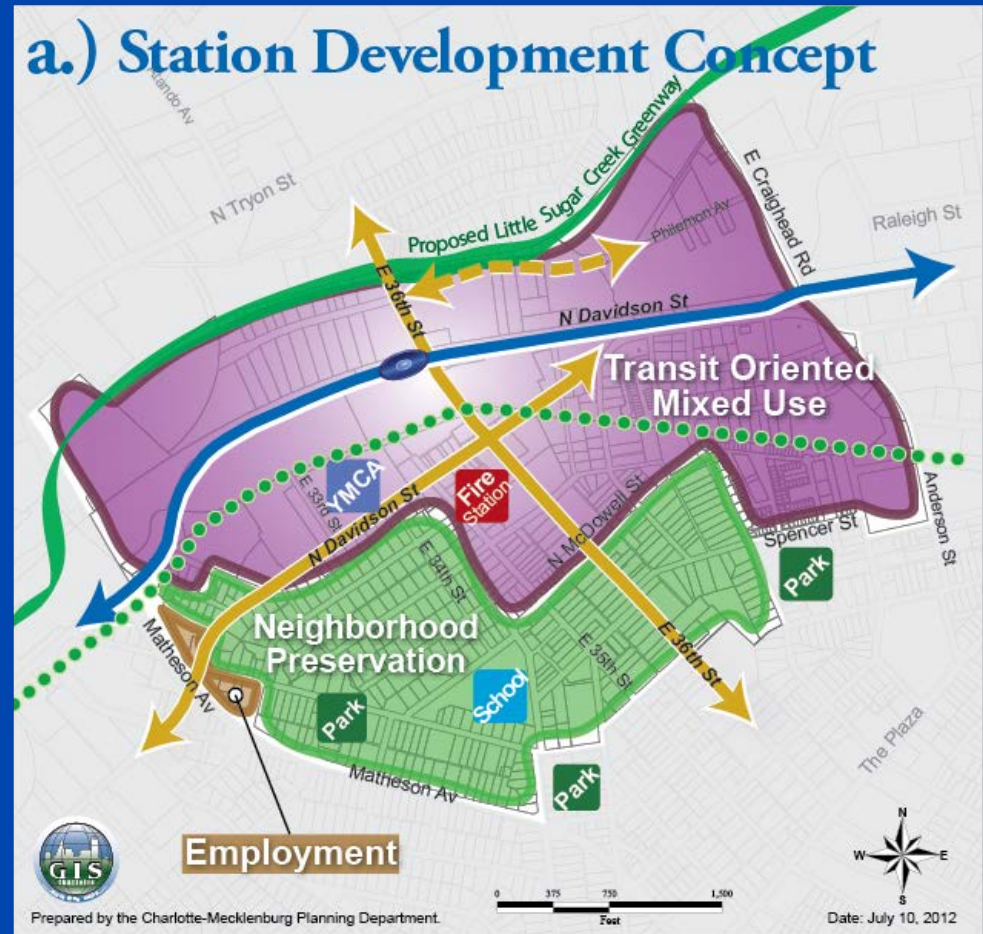- **Footbridge over creek at 24th**

DRAFT Recommendations

How the plan pieces fit together:

- **Station Development Concept**
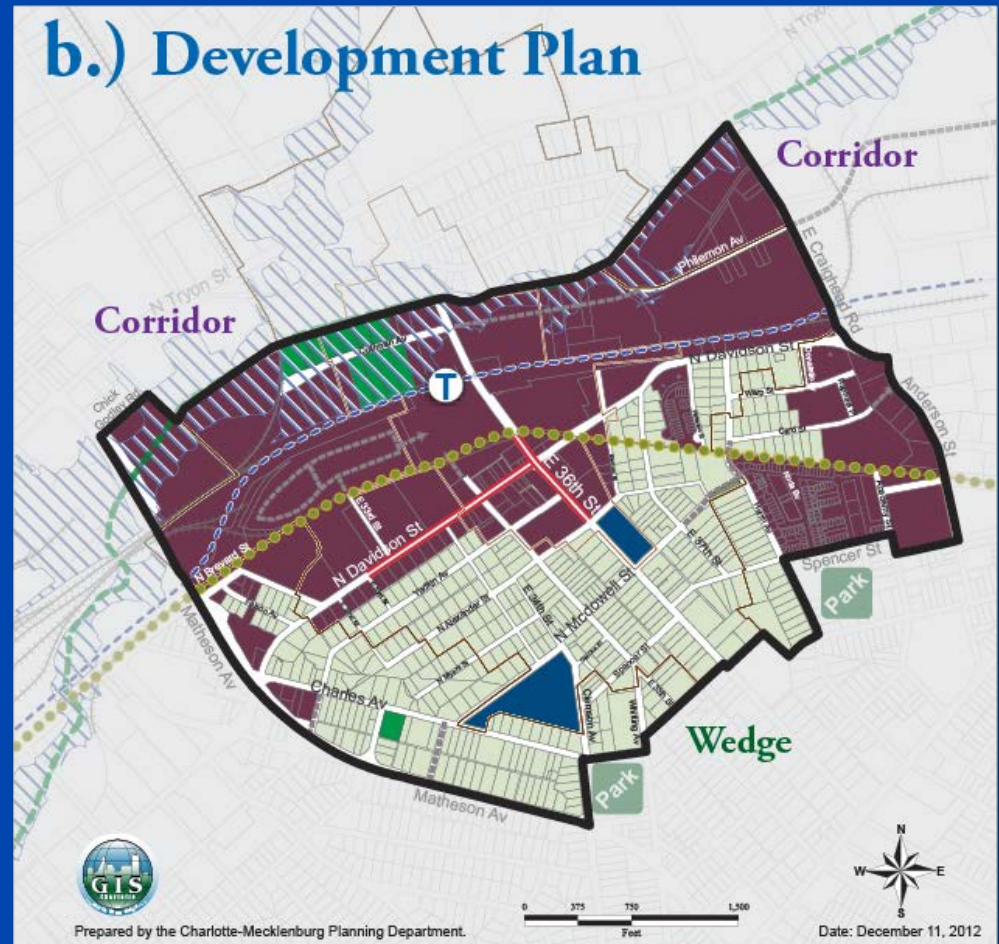- **Development Plan**
- **Structure Plan**
- **Mobility Plan**

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- **Considers the vision and goals**

- **Illustrates the recommended development pattern**

- **General in nature and to provide guidance for policies**

a.) Station Development Concept

- **Provides policy guidance for**
  - **Land Use**
  - **Community Design**
  - **Transportation**
  - **Infrastructure & Public Facilities**
  - **Natural Environment**

- **Keys directly to Implementation Guide**

- Provides details
  - Building Types
  - Building Design

- Community's vision for development

c.) Structure Plan

Prepared by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department.

Date: December 11, 2012
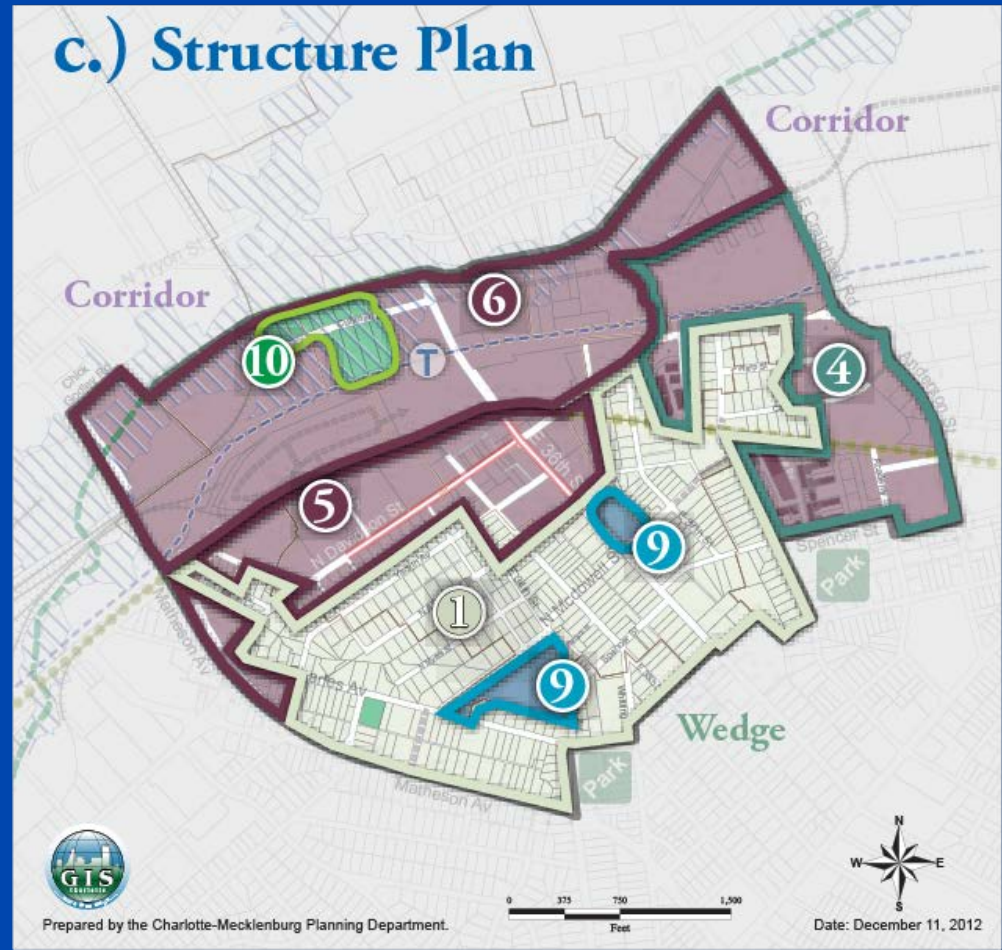
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- **Provides policy guidance for**
  - **Future capital projects**
  - **Land development improvements**
- **Keys directly to Implementation Guide**
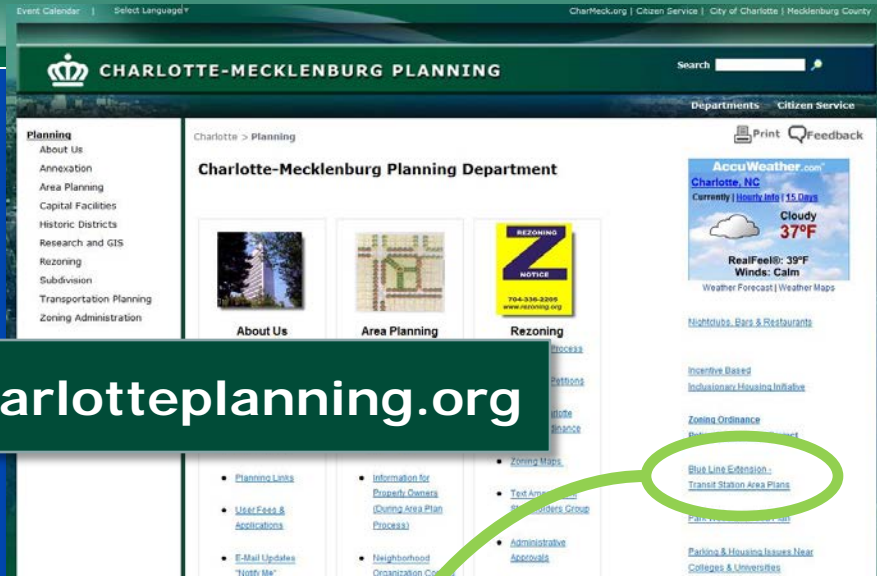

d.) Mobility Plan
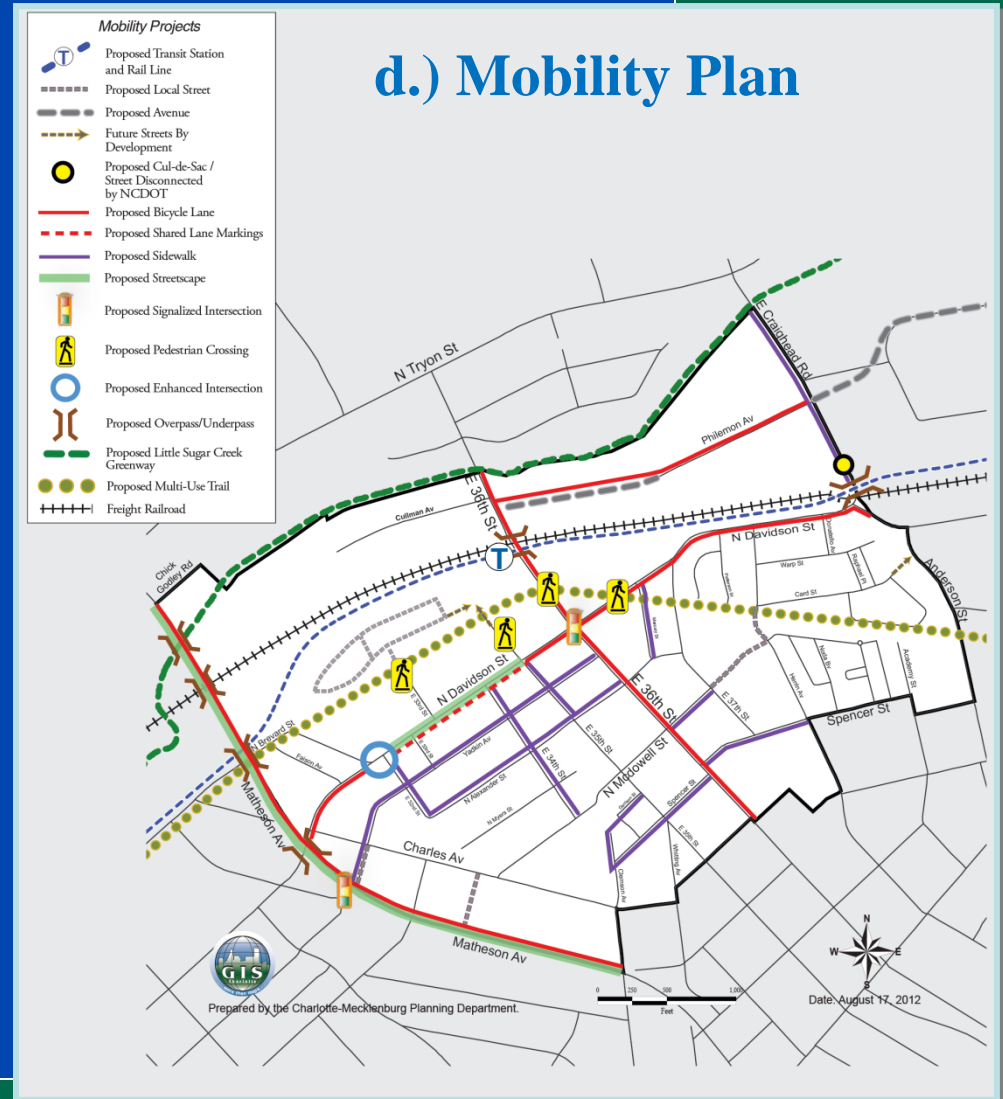
Plan Comments

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- **Document will be available at 1st week in March.**

- **Sign-up for "Notify Me"**

- **Hard copy available at University Regional Library and Sugar Creek Library.**

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Different Ways to Provide Comments on the Plan

- **Submit a comment at any time during this meeting.**

- **Use the online comment form at: www.charlotteplanning.org.**

- **Email your comment to:**

BLEstationareaplans@charlottenc.gov

Implementation

Art In Transit

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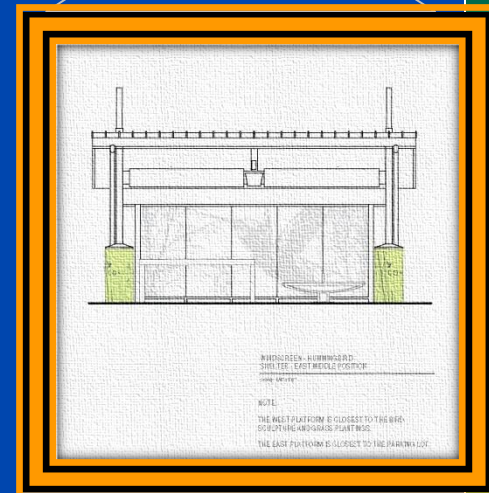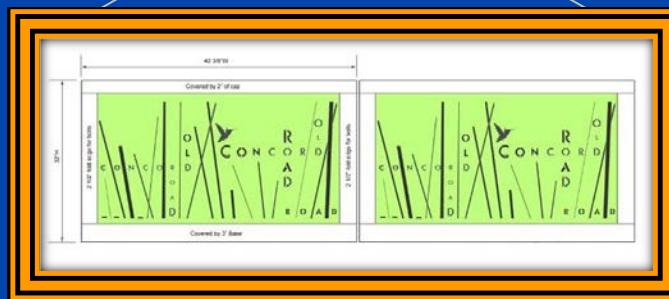
- **Exhibitions**

  - **Jan. 14th - Feb. 28th UNC-Charlotte Main Campus – Storrs Gallery**
  - **March 8th – 30th McColl Center for Visual Art**

- **Opening Reception**

  - **March 9th, 4-6pm, McColl Center for Visual Art**
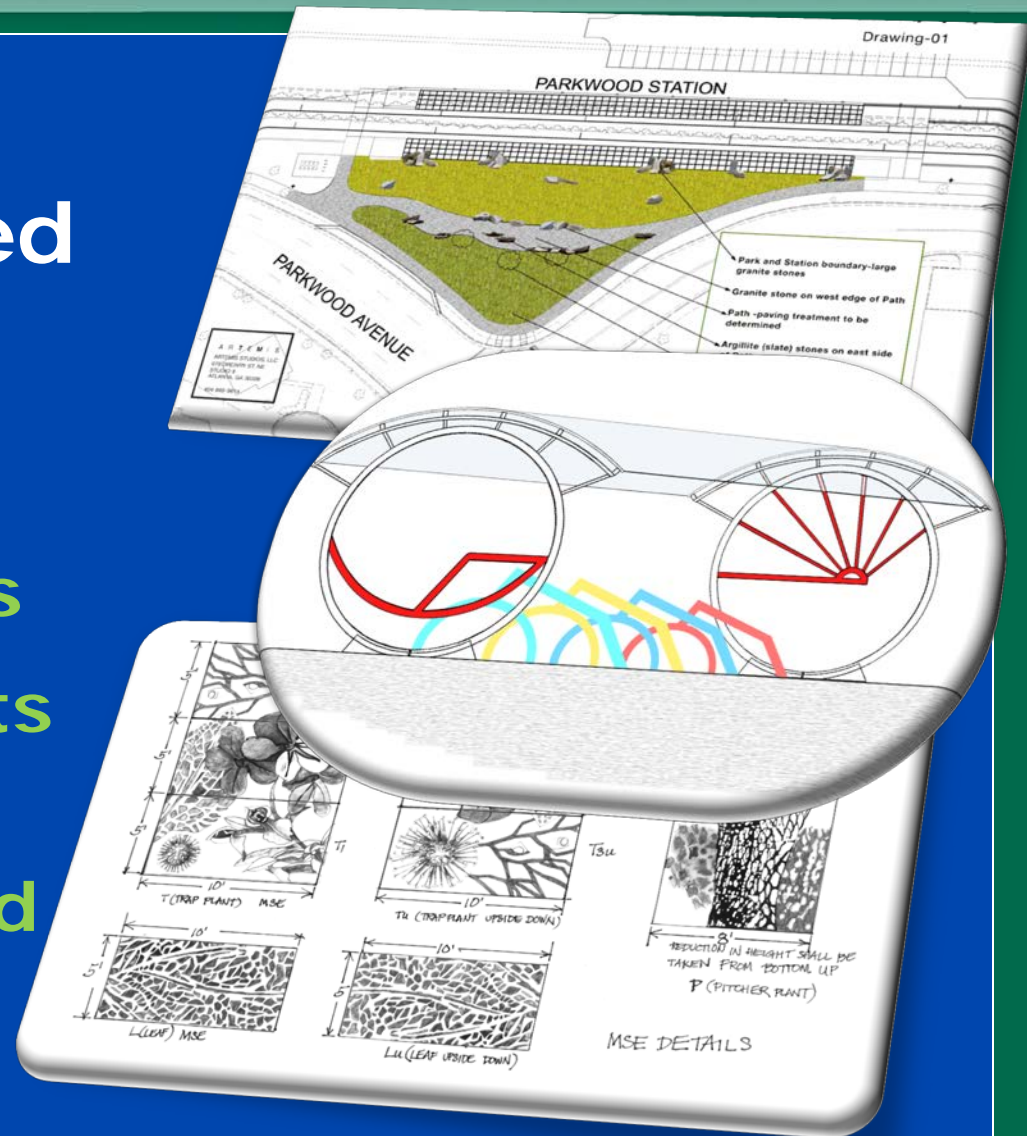
- **Neighborhood Meetings**

  - **February and March**

Display 16 Artists' Proposed Artwork for:

- **Stations**

- **Walls and Bridges**

- **Park and Ride Lots and Elevators**

- **Signal Houses and Systems**

- **Bike Shelters**

Break to Visit Stations

Find Your Station!

Stage/Screen

36th Street

Tom Hunter

Old Concord

Sugar Creek

25th Street

Community Design

General Seating Area

Parkwood

Public Facilities & Natural Environment

CATS Real Estate

Art in Transit

Sign In Table

Entrance

Next Steps

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Public Workshop No. 1
October 4, 2012

Public Workshop No. 2
October 18, 2012

Public Workshop No. 3
November 1, 2012

Data Collection and Analysis
Summer 2012

Review and Adoption
Spring 2013

Wrap-Up Public Meeting
January 2013

Tentative Plan Review and Adoption Schedule

Spring/ Summer

- **Planning Committee - Review and Hear Public Comments**

- **Council Committee - Review**

- **Planning Committee - Recommendation**

- **City Council — Hear Public Comments**

- **Council Committee — Recommendation**

- **City Council — Adoption**

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