

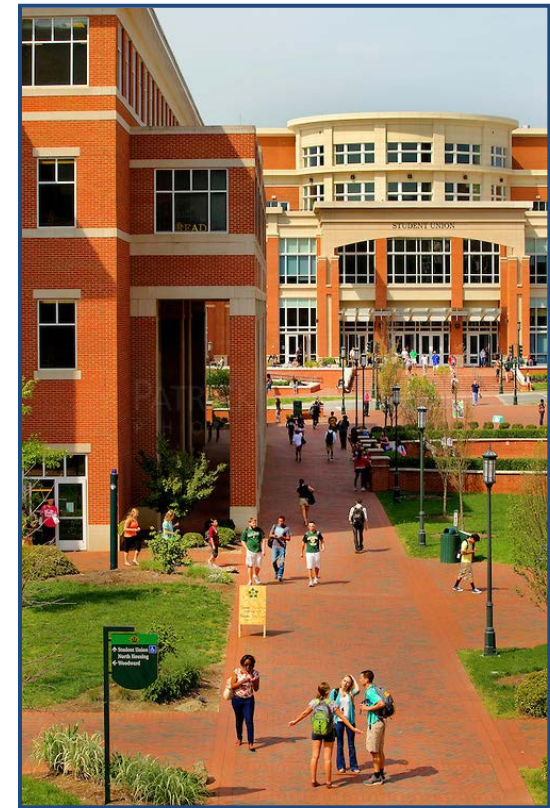


University City Area Plan Blue Line Extension Transit Station Area Plans Update

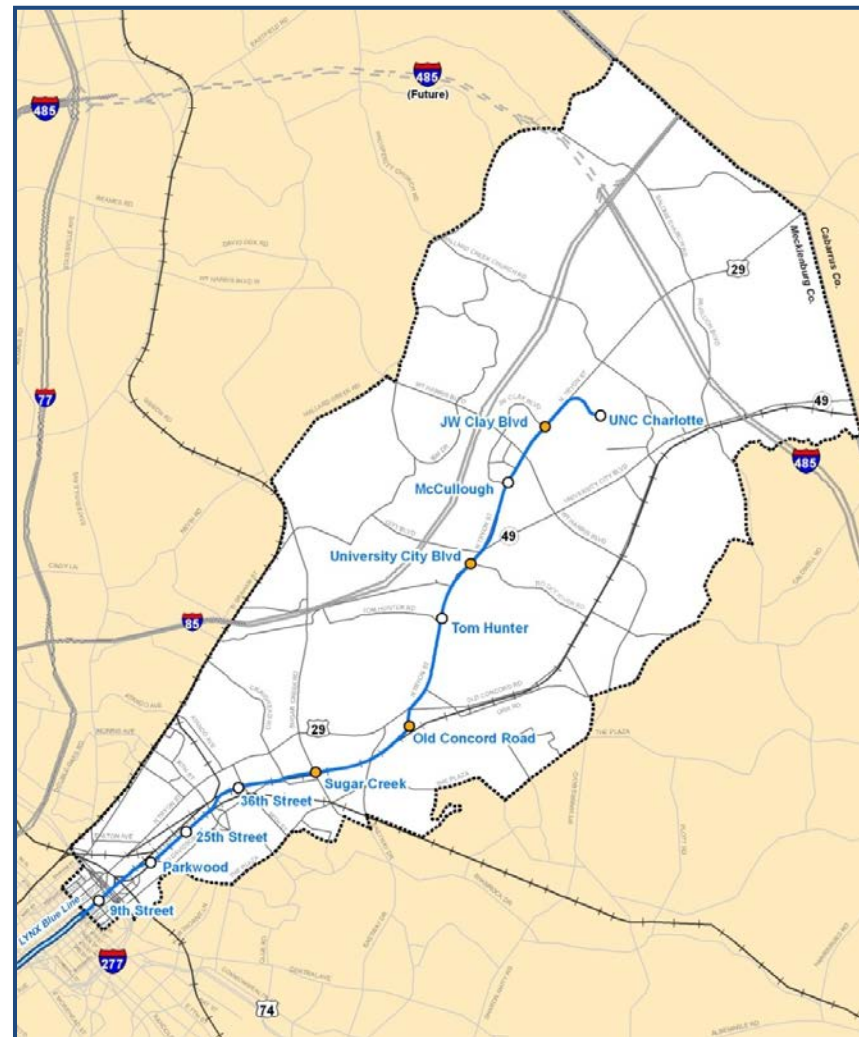
**Planning Commission
Work Session
December 2, 2013**

Presentation Overview

- Update on the BLE Project
- Overview of the Station Area Planning Process
- Coordination of the University City Area Plan and BLE Transit Station Area Plans Update
- Lessons Learned
- Your Ideas and Input
- Next Steps



- **LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE)**
 - 9.3 miles
 - Begin operation in 2017
 - +25,000 daily riders
 - Improvements to North Tryon Street
 - Connects UNC Charlotte campuses



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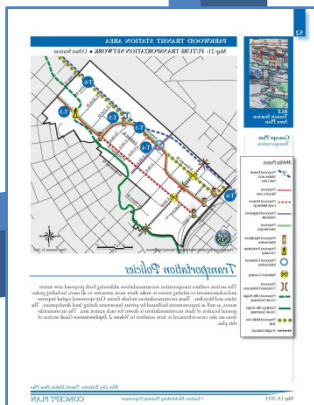
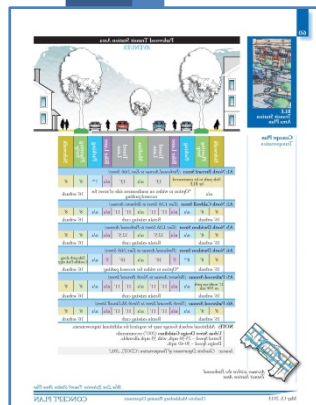
Blue Line Extension: Northeast Corridor

- 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



What is a Station Area Plan?

- Framework for Future Growth and Development
- Land Use and Community Character Recommendations for each Station Area
- Considers Environmental, Infrastructure, and Public Facility Policy
- Identifies Public and Private Investments and Strategies
- Represents a Shared Vision for the Future



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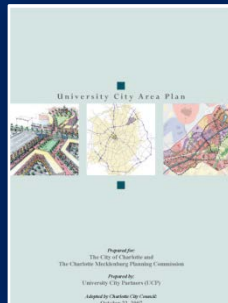
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November 2001



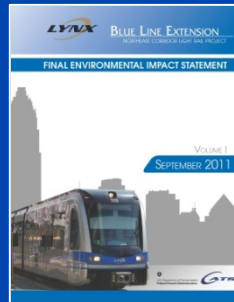
*Station Area
Principles*

October 2007



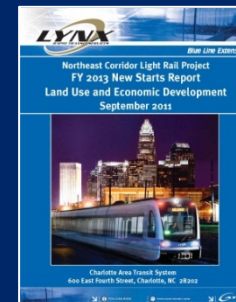
*University City
Area Plan*

August 2011



*Environmental
Impact Study*

September 2011



*New Starts
Application*

May 2013



*BLE Transit
Station Area
Plans*

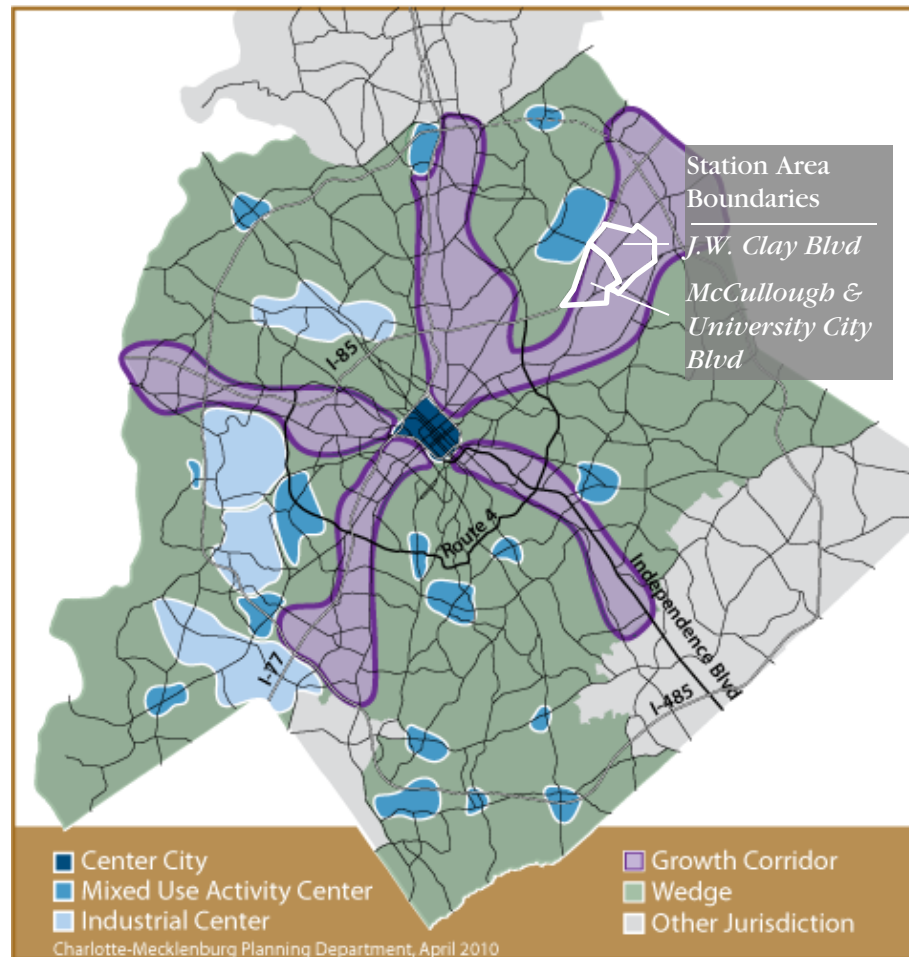
Activity Centers

- Center City
- Mixed Use Center
- Industrial Center

Growth Corridors

- Established Neighborhood Areas
- Transit Station Areas
- Interchange Areas
- General Corridor Areas

Wedges



Transit Station Area Principles

Adopted policies that address:



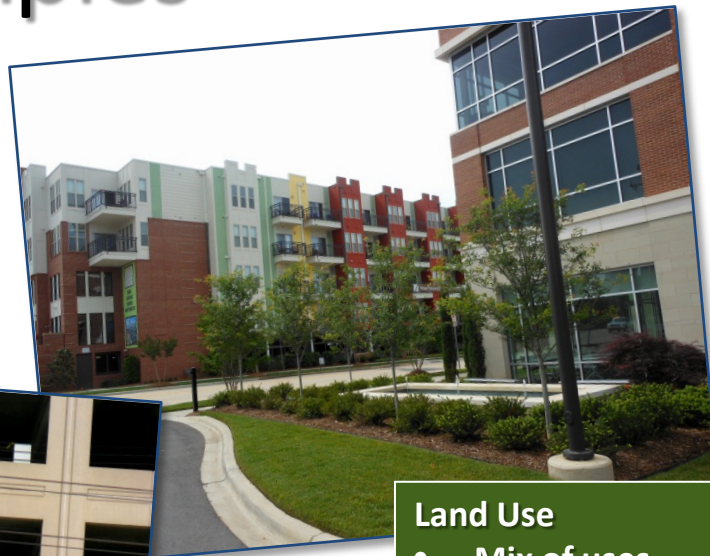
Community Design

- Character
- Form, Building Types
- Parking
- Experience



Mobility

- Cars, Transit, Bikes, Pedestrians
- Safety
- Networks







Land Use

- Mix of uses
- Compatibility
- Integration

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Blue Line Extension: Northeast Corridor

Urban Stations	Neighborhood Stations	Community Stations	Regional Stations
 <p>Existing Stations: Bland, Carson, Stonewall, 3rd St/Convention Ctr, 7th St</p> <p>New Stations on BLE: 9th St, Parkwood, 25th St, 36th St</p>	 <p>Existing Stations: Archdale, Scaleybank, New Bern, East/West</p> <p>New Stations on BLE: Tom Hunter, McCullough, J.W. Clay, UNC-Charlotte</p>	 <p>Existing Stations: Sharon Rd. W, Arrowood</p> <p>New Stations on BLE: Sugar Creek, Old Concord</p>	 <p>Existing Stations: I-485/South, Tyvola, Woodlawn</p> <p>New Stations on BLE: University City Blvd.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-up and bike up • Not park-and-ride • Fit within existing community fabric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily walk-up and bike-up • Serve 1-mile radius • May have small park-and-ride • Fit within existing community fabric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally serve 3-mile radius • Park-and-ride available • Heavy reliance on bus connections • Not in traditionally TOD areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally serve 5-mile + radius, regional roadways • Park-and-ride and bus connections available • Typically greenfield areas with strong potential for TOD

University City Area: Character



UNC-Charlotte

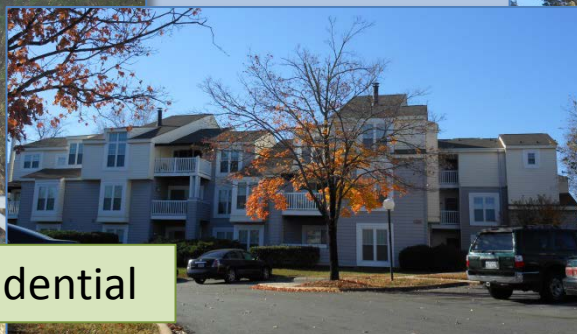
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Regional and Community
Retail and Services



Established Residential



Auto-Centric

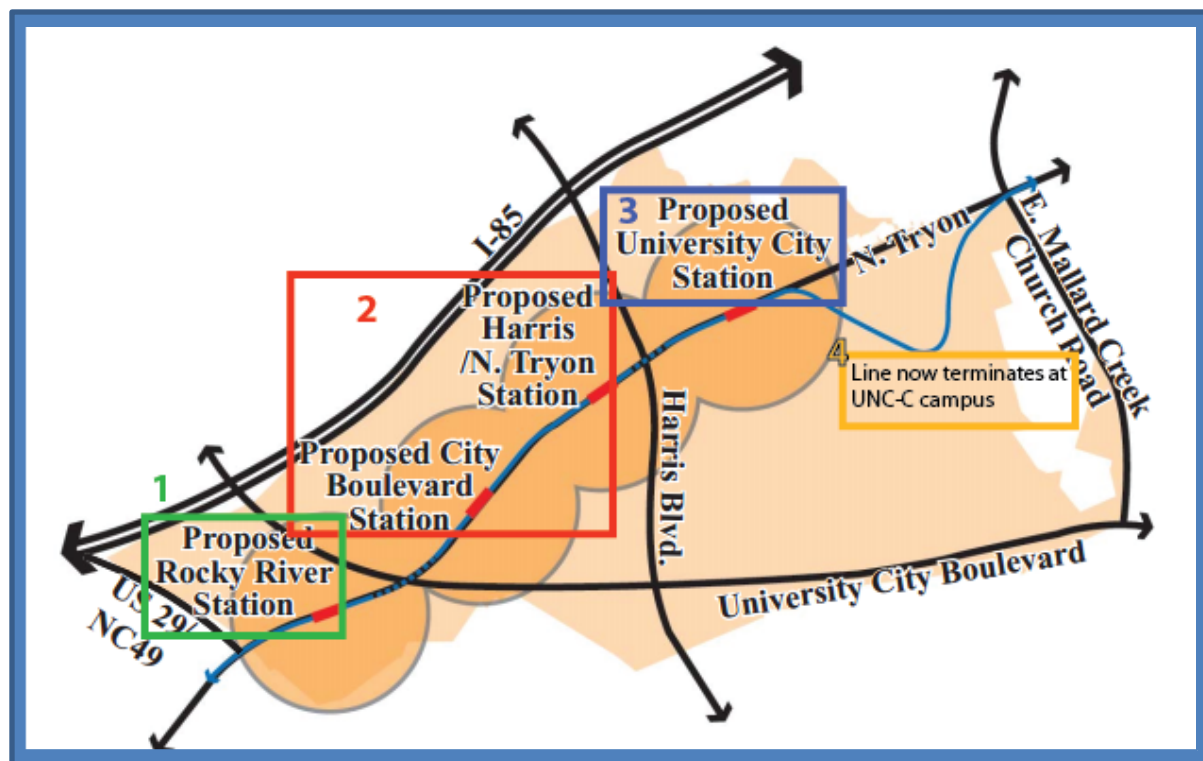


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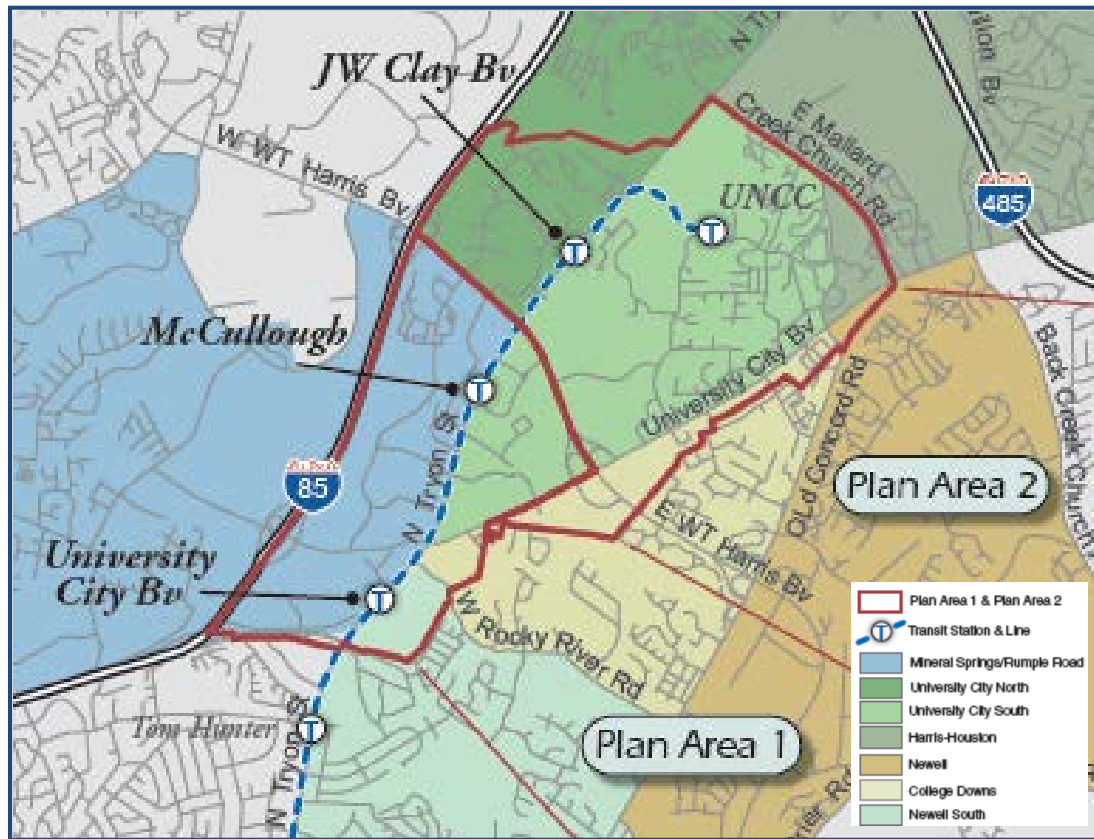
University City Area Plan: Why an Update?

- Blue Line Extension
Transit Stations relocated
- Impact on Land Use,
Community Character,
and Transportation
Recommendations
- Planning Department will
lead the update to the
Area Plan



Plan Boundaries:

- Compatible with University City Area Plan boundary
- Properties within ½ mile of the transit station and “edge” areas
- Includes some properties in neighborhoods zoned single family
- Uses “natural” boundaries where possible (streets, rear property lines, etc.)



Red lines show plan area boundaries.

What to Expect

- Similar to BLE Transit Station Area Plans Process
- Providing Initial Concepts
- Using a Series of Interactive Workshops
- Including Development Scenario
- One-Stop-Shop



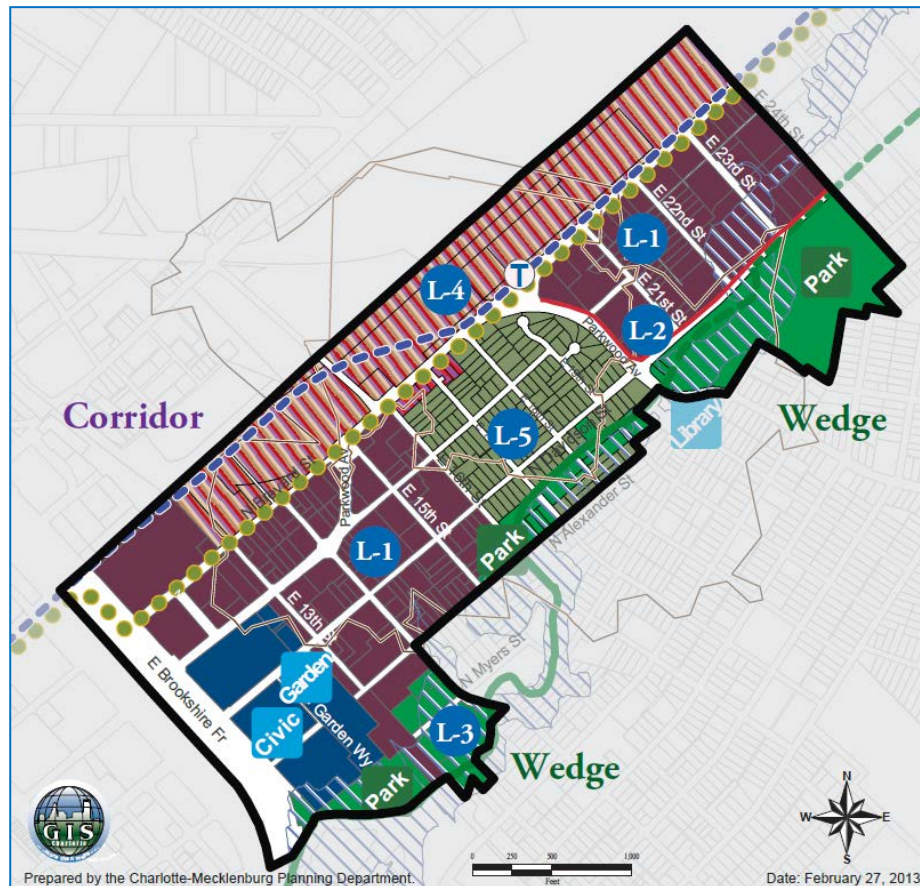
What is the Concept Plan?

- Considers the vision and goals
- Illustrates the recommended development pattern
- General in nature and to provide guidance for policies



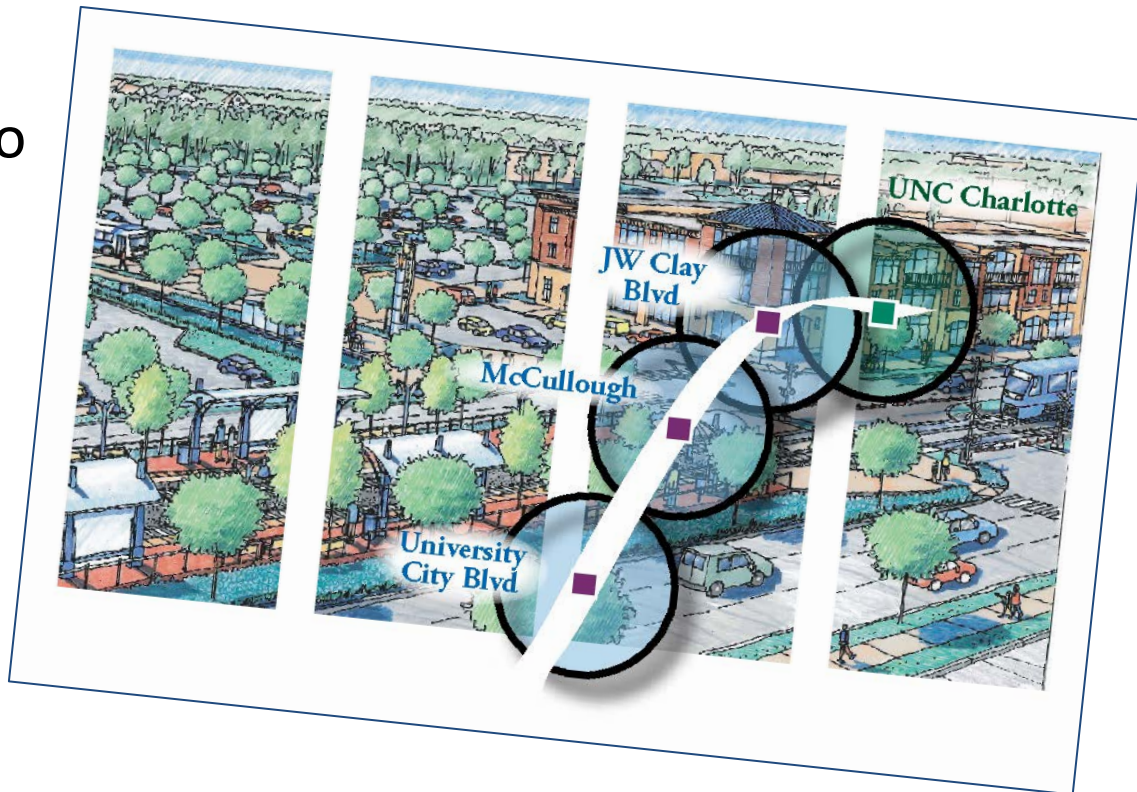
What is the Land Development Plan?

- Provides policy guidance for
 - Land Use
 - Community Character
 - Transportation
 - Infrastructure & Public Facilities
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Open Space, Stormwater
 - Natural Environment
- Keys directly to Implementation Guide



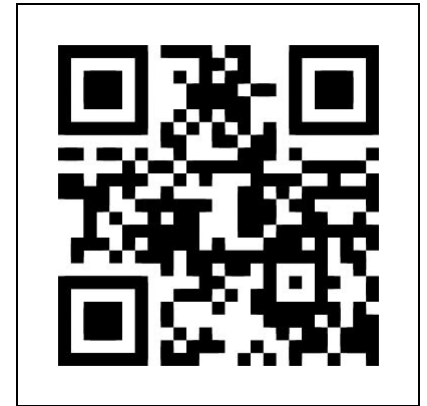
Lessons Learned

- Provide Ideas to React to
- Group Stations Where Possible
- Provide Interactive Opportunities
- Incorporate Technology Where Possible



New Community Engagement Strategies

- Online Public Comment Application
- Streaming live meeting
- Presentation with Audio on Website
- Advertising with CATS (*13,000 postcards*)
- Quick Response Code on printed materials
- Rider's Alert (CATS)
- Police Community Notification Systems
- Partnering with UNC-C and University City Partners
- Electronic Sign-In

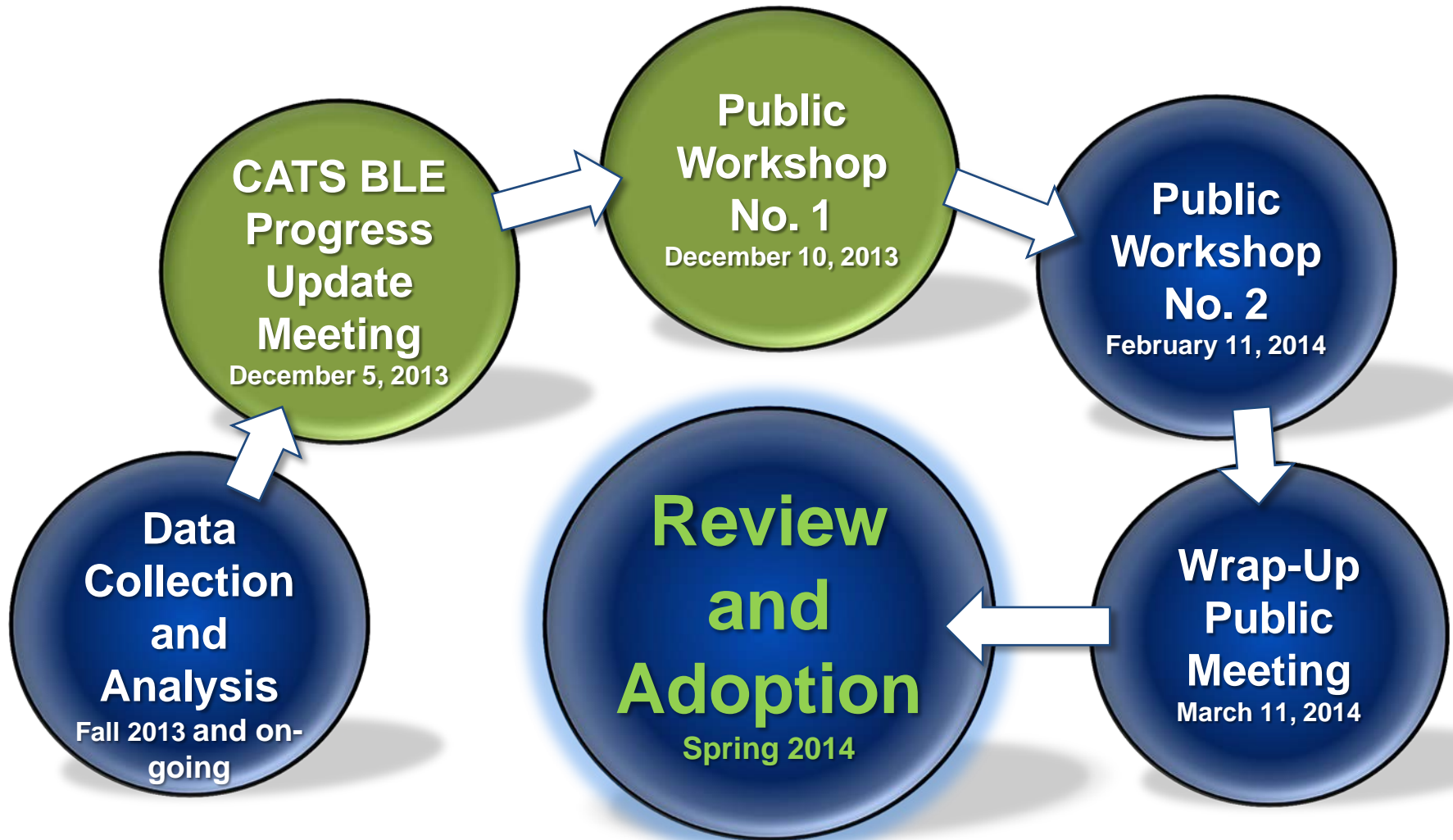




What do you think?

Key challenges and opportunities in the University City Area:

- COMMISSION INPUT





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