

A photograph of a modern LYNX Blue Line train stopped at a station platform. The train is white with blue accents and has the number 101 on its front. A driver is visible through the windshield. Several passengers, including a man in a white shirt and a young boy in a red shirt, are standing on the platform. The platform has a curved metal structure overhead. The background shows a building with blue and white panels.

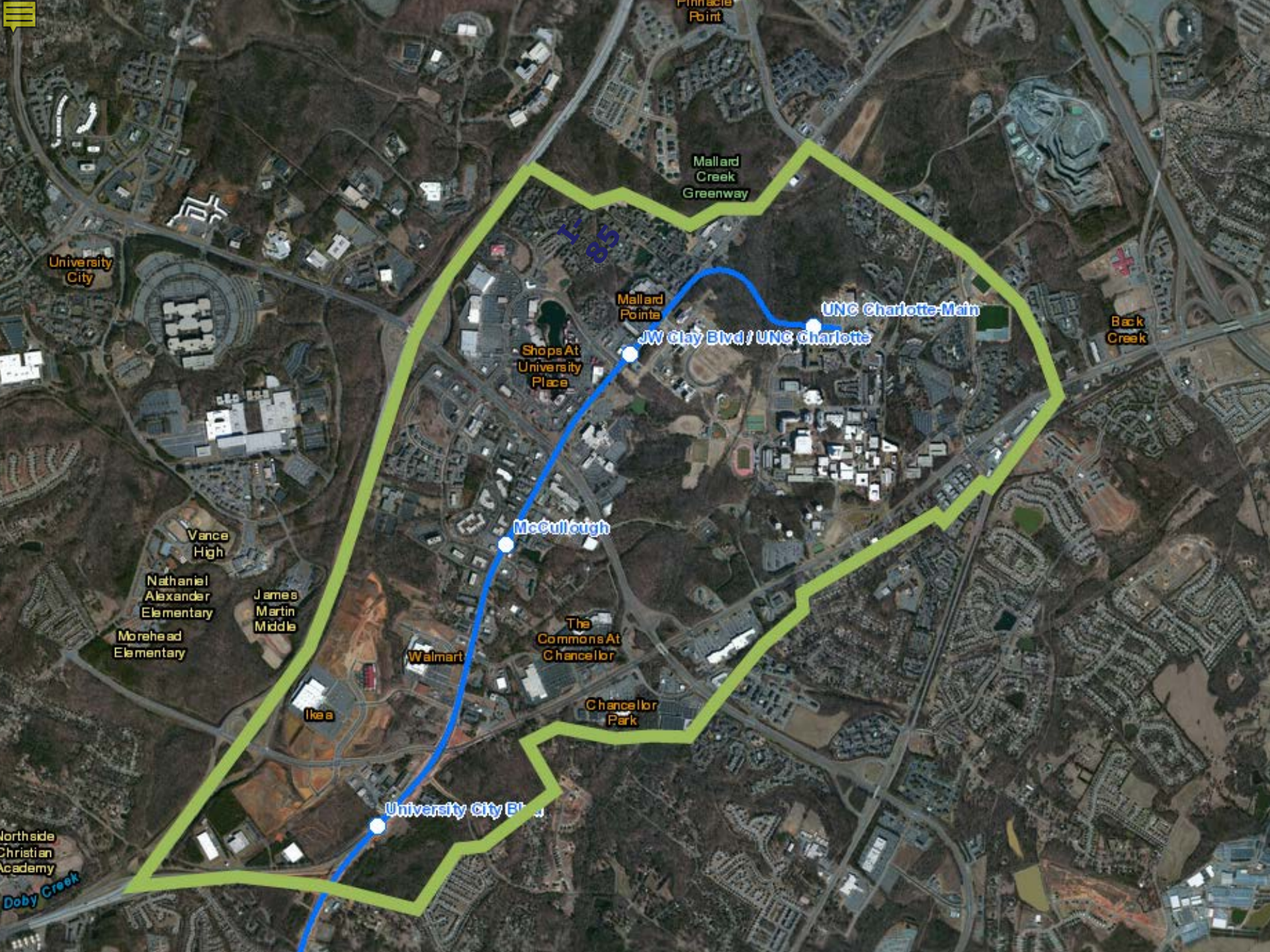
LYNX Blue Line Extension Transit Station Area Plans Update

**Planning Commission
Update
December 1, 2014**

Why Are We Here?

- Provide an overview of the University City Area Plan process
 - *No action requested*
- Next Steps





Mallard
Creek
Greenway

University
City

US
15

Mallard
Pointe

UNC Charlotte-Main

Shops At
University
Place

JW Clay Blvd / UNC Charlotte

Back
Creek

McCullough

Vance
High

Nathaniel
Alexander
Elementary

James
Martin
Middle

Morehead
Elementary

The
Commons At
Chancellor

Walmart

Chancellor
Park

Ikea

University City Blvd

Northside
Christian
Academy
Doby Creek

University City Area Plan Process Recap

December 2013
Kickoff Meeting

- Conceptual Discussions
- Land Use

February 2014
Second Meeting

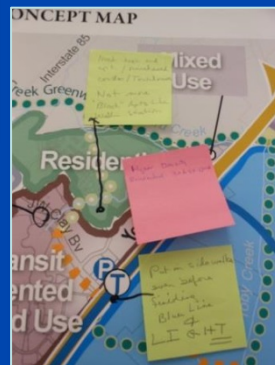
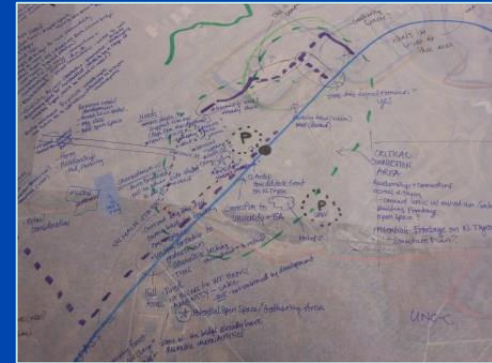
- Transportation
- Design

March 2014
Third Meeting

- Review all policy recommendations
- Identified need for more detailed policy guidance

April 2014 to
November 2014

- Tailored policies for University City
- New Area Plan format and content



What we heard from the Community:

Consideration for parks and open space

Importance of ground floor retail in transit station areas

Concern for impacts on other modes of transportation with addition of BLE infrastructure

Preservation of environmentally sensitive features

Better connectivity needed for destinations (library, university, hospital, transit stations)

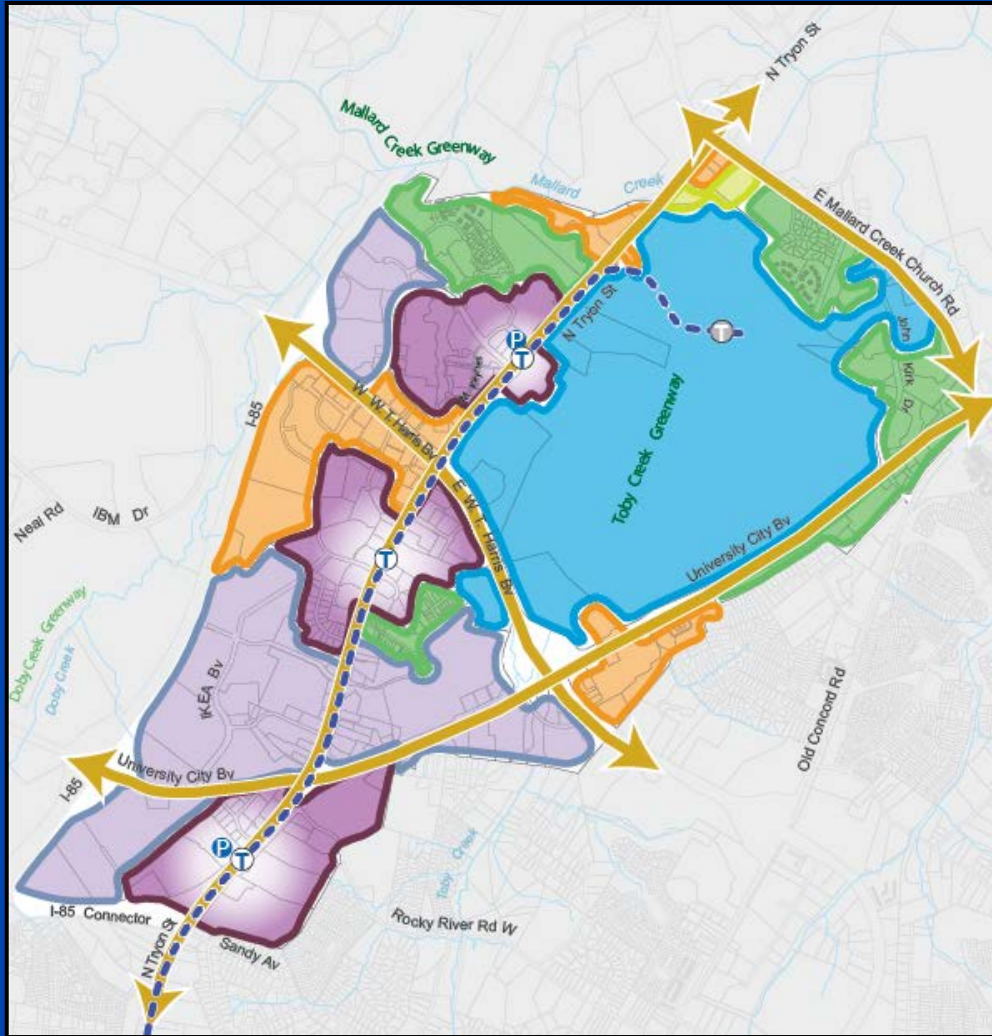
Desire for “town center” concept in University City

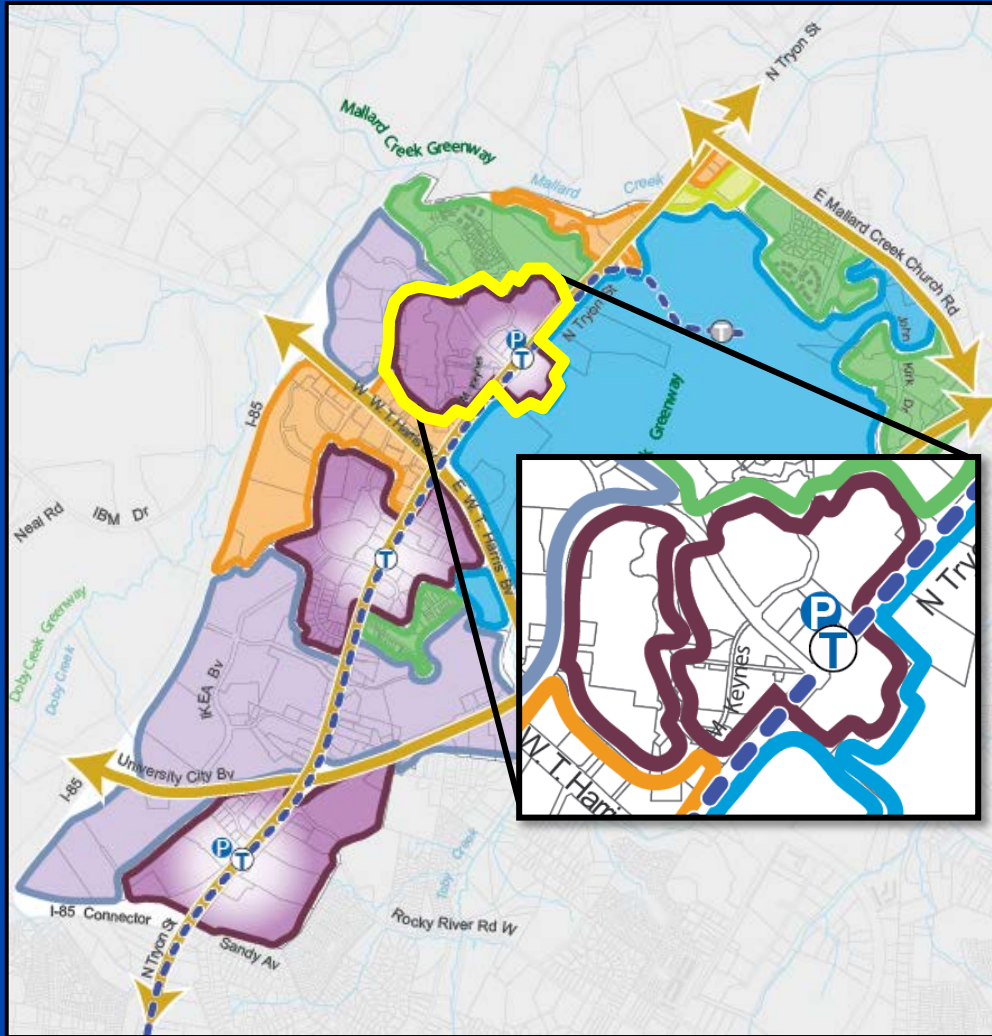
Major landmark needed for University City; Gateways

Encourage pedestrian and bicycle access, especially to/from university campus

Character Areas

- 11 Character Areas
- General desired development patterns
- The “Big Picture”





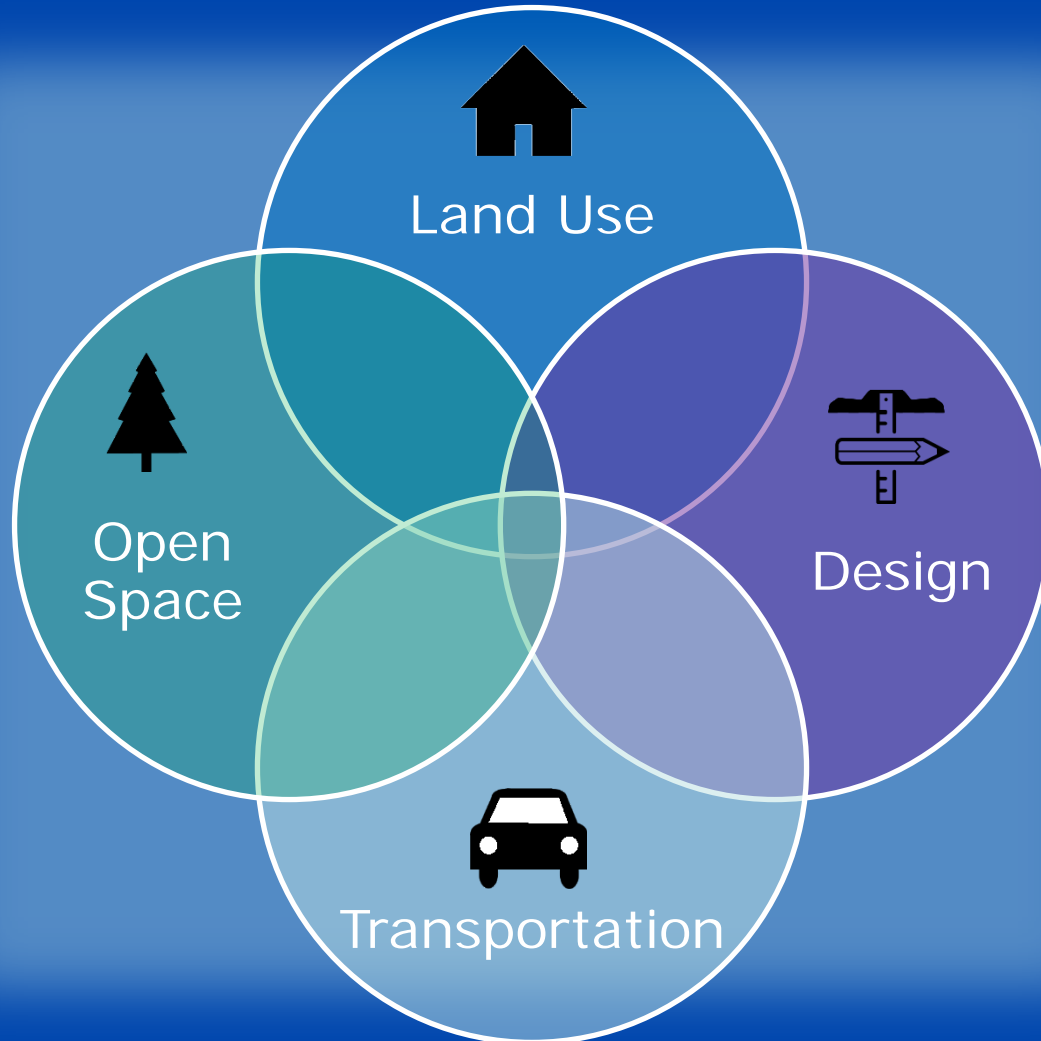
Policy Areas

- 23 Policy Areas
- Specific Policy Guidance
- Greater detail



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University City Area Plan New Format



Building Blocks of Physical Form

JW Clay Blvd./UNC Charlotte Transit Station Area



- University City's town center
- Destination for shopping, working, living, and entertainment



- Transition from suburban to urban form
- Active street fronts
- Build off existing assets



- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle network
- New local streets and bridge



- Consolidate required open space
- Enhance existing features
- Future Barton Creek Greenway



Interactive Online Map



Next Steps: Review and Adoption

Community Meeting

- December 9th, 2014
- Present draft recommendations



Draft Document Available

- Online by December 23rd, 2014



Public Comment

- Planning Committee (*January*)
- City Council (*February*)



Recommendation

- Planning Committee (*February*)
- City Council (*March*)

Plan adoption by City Council anticipated in March/April

Thank You!

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