22 minute commute from UNC Charlotte to Uptown

11 stations along the extension

Operates 7 days a week; 20 hours a day

11 Park & Ride facilities; 4 along the extension

Train service arrives every 7 1/2 minutes during peak hours

LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) will open March 16, 2018

Cost: Students pay $10 for spring 2018 via student fees. Faculty/Staff can opt-in for $50.

Stations are serviced by CATS bus service
It’s opening this academic year: The LYNX Blue Line Extension will open March 16, 2018. Stay tuned to lightrail.uncc.edu and Inside UNC Charlotte for the latest information.

The pass is all-access: When light rail service to campus opens, students can ride CATS LYNX light rail, streetcar, Special Transportation Service (STS) and buses fare-free. An additional of $25 per semester to the Miscellaneous Transportation Service Charge covers the cost of unlimited, all-access riding privileges for students. For spring semester 2018, a prorated cost of $10 will cover the unlimited, all-access CATS pass to reflect the light rail’s arrival in the middle of the semester. Faculty and staff may purchase the same privileges for $75 a year or $50 per semester.

Just show and go: Light rail privileges are tied to your 49er ID Card, so that means you don’t have to have a ticket to board. Just show your card if asked by a fare inspector on the train. Be prepared to show your card each time you ride. On a bus, just tap your card on the contactless card reader on the fare box. No pass is needed for the uptown trolleys. Please note: Eventually, all train cars also will be equipped with contactless card readers. When this happens, you will tap and go on the light rail, too.

Safety is a priority: In addition to the robust safety measures already in place by CATS – like advanced, state-of-the-art cameras and security officers on trains – the University is taking additional steps to accommodate light rail’s arrival on campus. Security cameras, extra lighting and blue light phones will be installed at the station on campus. Additional police officers have been hired and will be assigned to patrol the area, especially during peak travel times and at night.

Getting around campus has never been easier: When you get off the train at the UNC Charlotte Main Station, the all-new Niner Transit bus system will deliver you to your destination on campus. If you would rather transport yourself, the University’s new bike-share program, Charlotte Wheels, is available for your use, with 10 hubs across campus.

It’s accessible: All stations are accessible to people with disabilities including the J.W. Clay/UNC Charlotte and the UNC Charlotte Main stations.