

Legislation Text

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LYNX Blue Line Extension Service Agreements with UNC Charlotte

Action:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a five-year agreement with UNC Charlotte for an all-access pass to use CATS services,
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a five-year agreement with UNC Charlotte for addressing safety and security issues within the CATS light rail easement and adjacent areas, and
- C. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a five-year agreement with UNC Charlotte for landscaping and maintenance services within the CATS light rail easement including the UNC Charlotte Main Station.

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Explanation

- The University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte) was instrumental in the LYNX Blue Line Extension project, as funding was contingent on the anticipated ridership demand from University members and students.
- In partnership with the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), UNC Charlotte has committed more than \$6 million in funding and land for the project.

<u>Action A</u>

- An all-access pass will provide UNC Charlotte students, faculty and staff with the opportunity to utilize all modes of the CATS' system.
- The Pass Agreement will establish an annual rate (\$50.00) for students, faculty and staff to pay for the use of CATS services.
- The anticipated annual revenue from the all access pass is approximately \$1,050,000.
- Key terms of the Agreement are attached

Action B

- The BLE reaches its terminus at the UNC Charlotte Main Station near Cameron Boulevard on the UNC Charlotte campus.
- As authorized by law, UNC Charlotte has established its own law enforcement agency (University

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Police Department) with territorial jurisdiction on campus and adjoining property.

- The Security Agreement will outline mutual responsibilities such as first response obligations, emergency calls, crimes in progress, felony calls, arrest and detention and the sharing of information such as camera feeds and radio communications.
- The service agreement for security is to establish the distribution of responsibilities between UNC Charlotte and the City along the Blue Line Extension on the Campus. There is no monetary exchange.

Action C

- The UNC Charlotte Main Station will become an important landmark for the University. Consequently an agreement is needed to designate various landscaping and maintenance responsibilities.
- All landscaping and maintenance on the platform will be managed by CATS. The landscaping and maintenance around the station will be managed by UNC Charlotte.
- The service agreement for landscaping/maintenance is to establish the distribution of responsibilities between UNC Charlotte and the City along the Blue Line Extension on the Campus at UNC Charlotte. As such, no money will change hands.

Fiscal Note

Funding: CATS Operating Budget

Attachment(s)

Key Terms of the Agreement