# Welcome

to the Meck Connect Gallery Walk.

As you navigate through this information, you'll learn about our Transit System Plan, Strategic Investment Areas and how a one-cent sales tax referendum on this year's ballot could impact projects for roads, rail, and bus.



## Bienvenidos al Paseo de la Galería Meck Connect.

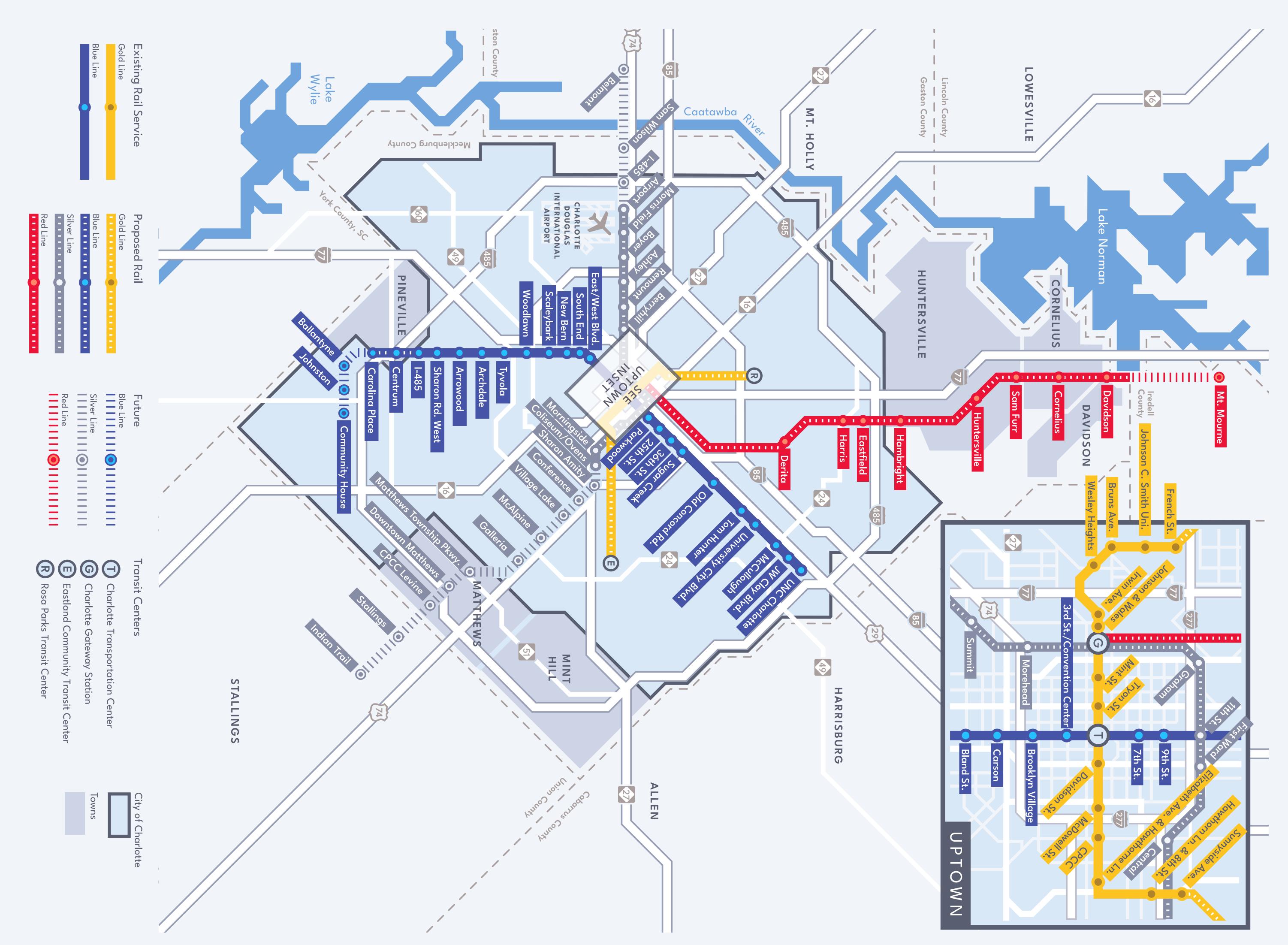


Para más información, escanee aquí.

Escanee el código QR a continuación para conocer nuestro Plan de Sistema de Tránsito, las Áreas Estratégicas de Inversión y cómo un referéndum acerca del aumento de un centavo en el impuesto de ventas en la boleta electoral de este año podría impactar proyectos para carreteras, trenes, y autobuses.





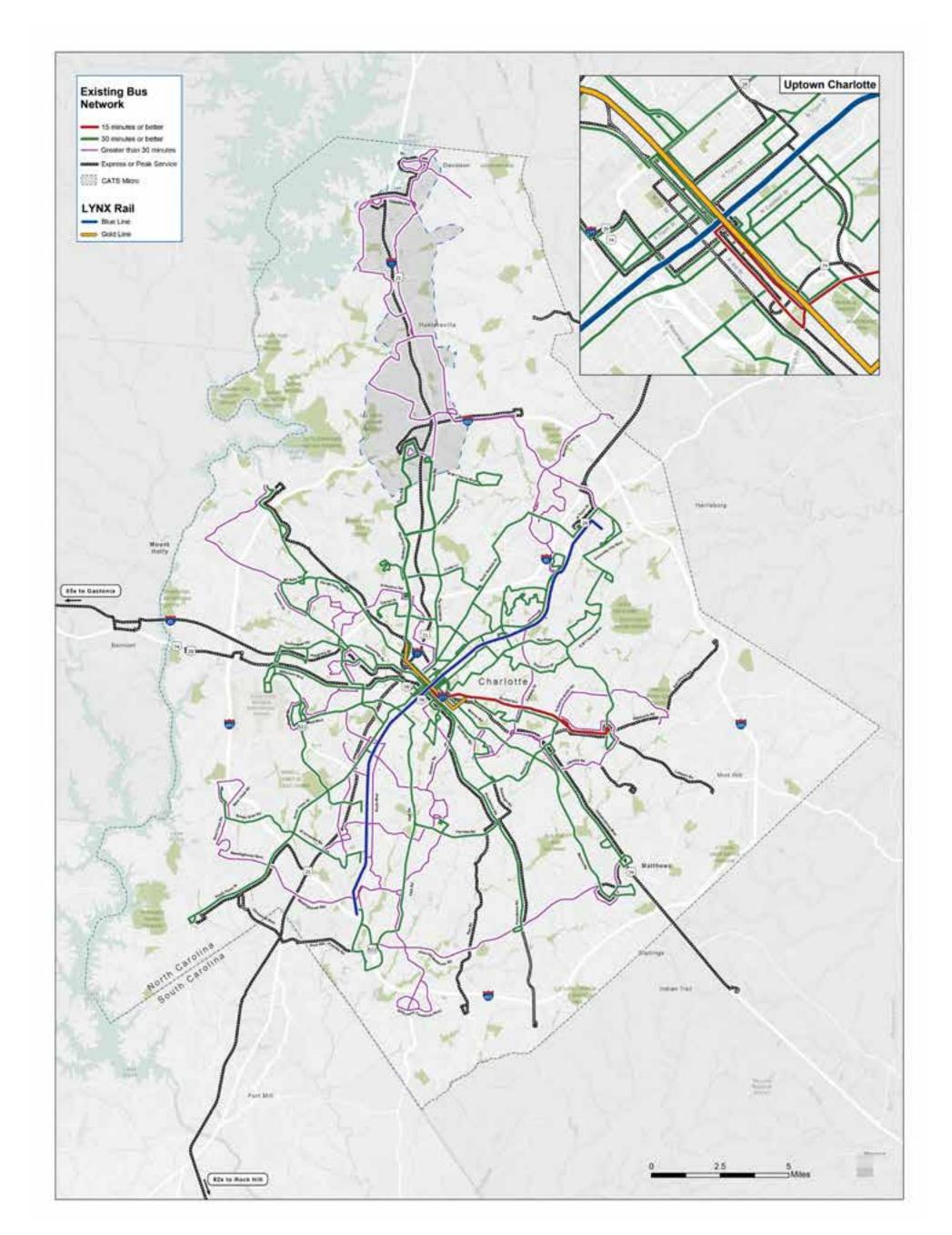


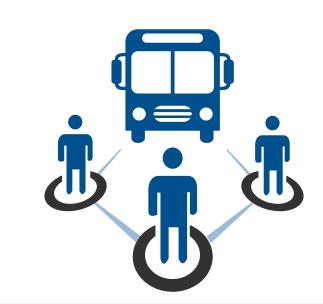
### Existing CATS System/Better Bus System

### **BETTER BUS + MICROTRANSIT**

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### **Existing CATS System (Current)**





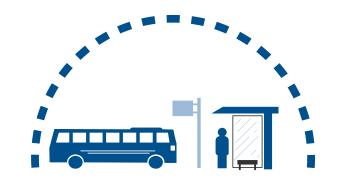
By fully implementing the Better Bus plan, **450,000** more people will be within ½ mile of high frequency transit service.



**450,000** In the Better Bus network, **over 90**% of Mecklenburg County will have access to at least 30-minute service.



With the implementation of the Better Bus plan, **61%** of jobs in Mecklenburg County will be accessible by high frequency transit service, an increase from **17%** today.

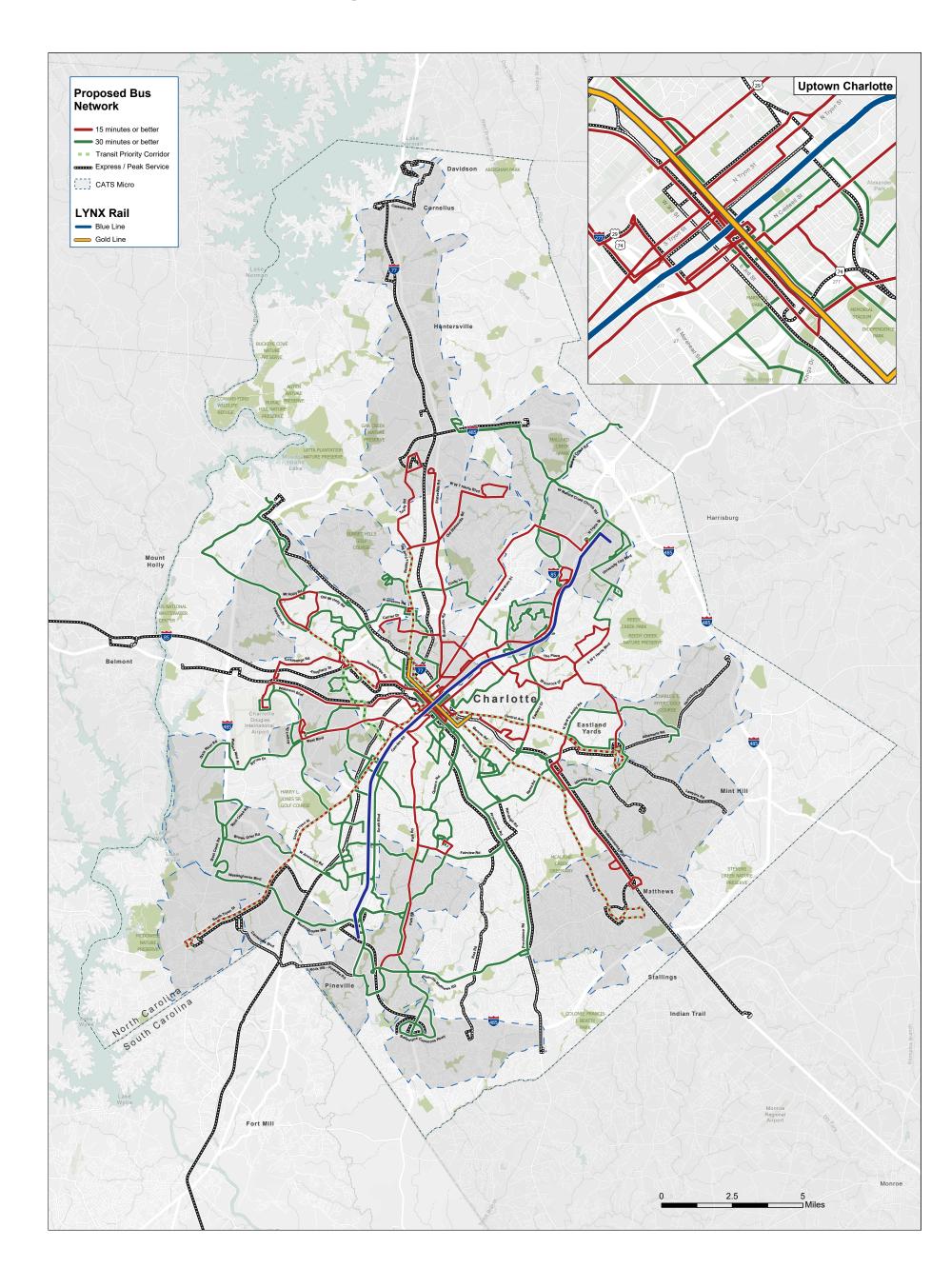


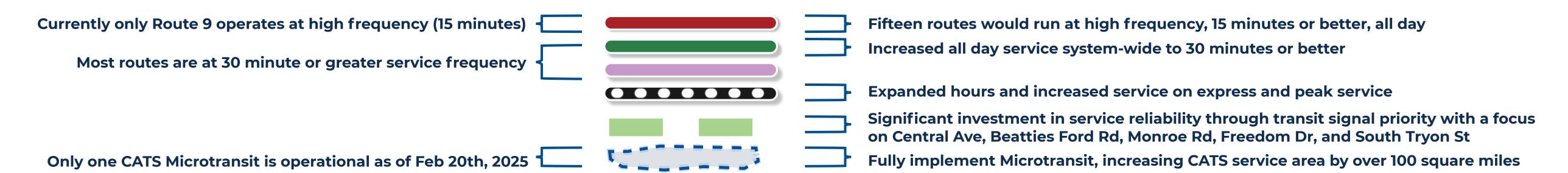
In the Better Bus network, CATS would cover **over 100 sq.** miles more of Mecklenburg County.



With the Better Bus plan, 111k
low-income people and
295k people of color have
access to high-frequency
service, increase from 19k
and 41k today.

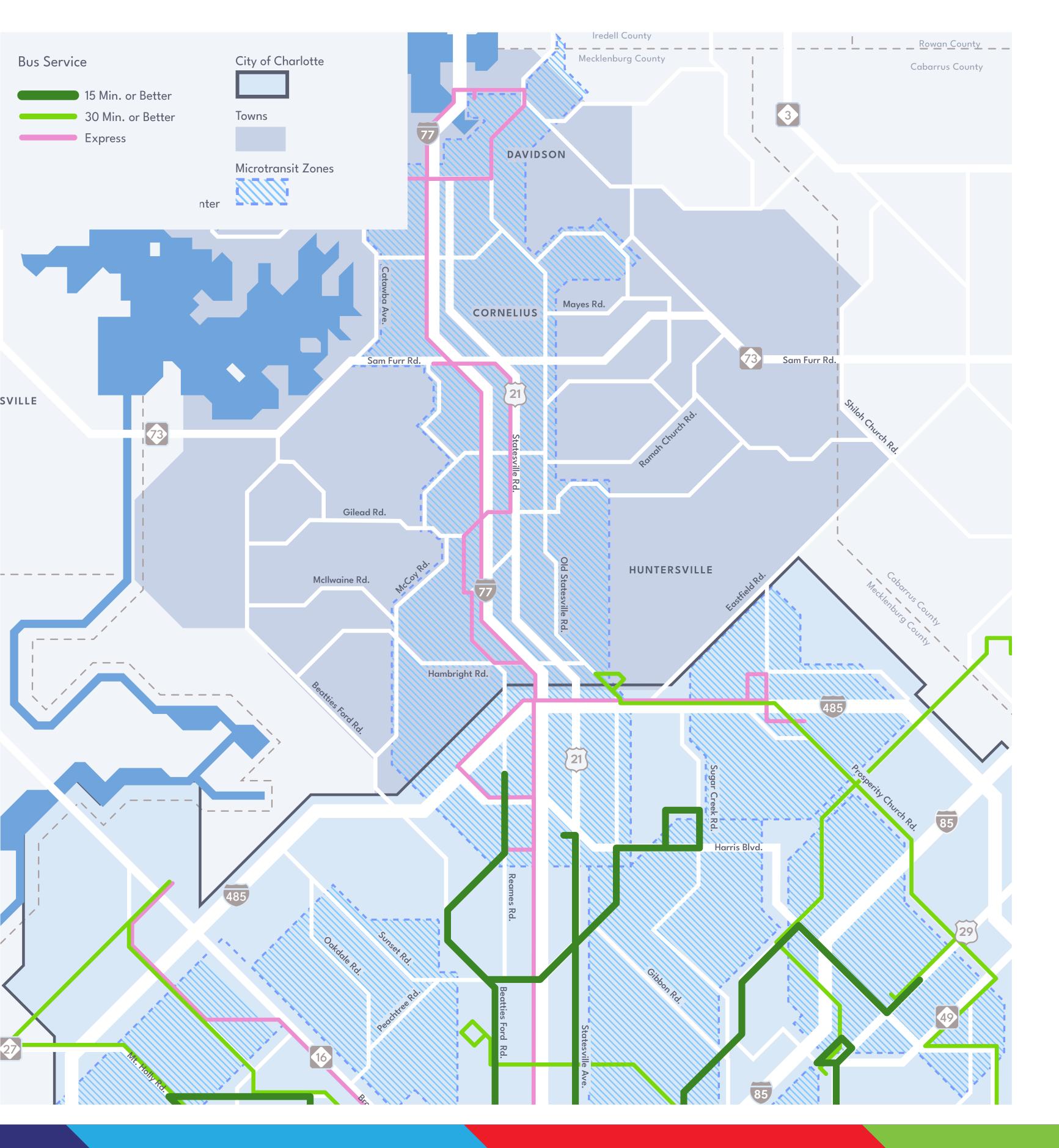
### **Better Bus System (Proposed)**





### North Charlotte/Mecklenburg

### **BETTER BUS + MICROTRANSIT**





### **North Charlotte Improvements**

- Priority bus corridors with signal priority and enhanced stops
  - Beatties Ford Rd corridor
- Five routes improved to 15-minute or better frequency
  - LaSalle St / Norris Ave (3)
  - Beatties Ford Rd (7)
  - N Tryon St (11)
  - Statesville Rd (21)
  - Graham St (22)
- Improved express frequency with midday service
  - Northlake / Prosperity Creek (53X)
- CATS Microtransit serving:
  - Beatties Ford Rd Communities
  - Derita / Nevin
  - Hidden Valley
  - Prosperity Village
  - University Area
  - Camp North End Area
- **CATS Microtransit currently serving:** 
  - Northlake

### Davidson, Cornelius, and Huntersville

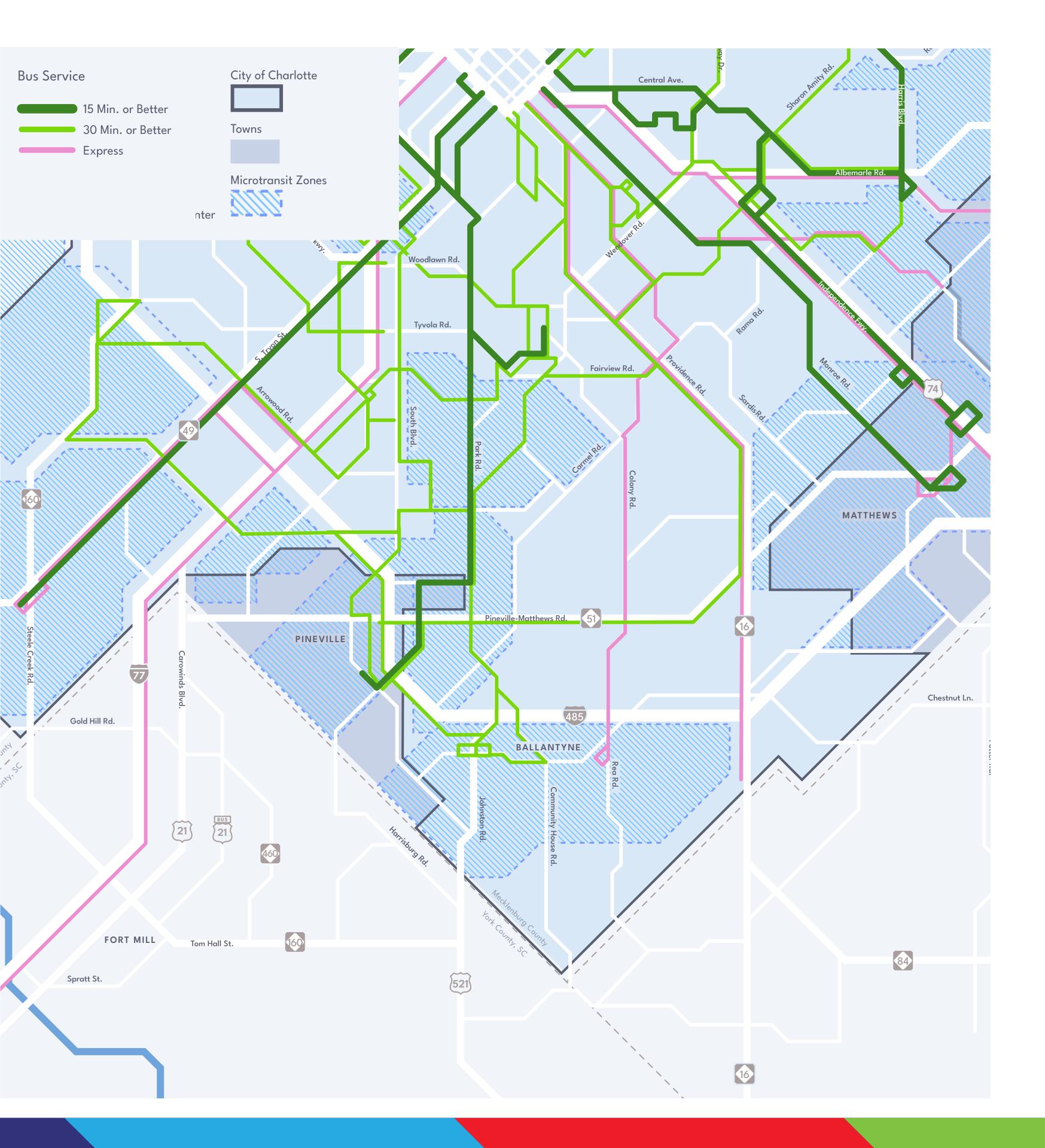
- Improved express frequency with midday service
  - Huntersville (48X, 63X)
  - Cornelius / Davidson (77X)
  - New Hambright Park and Ride
- CATS Microtransit currently serving:
  - All downtowns, Davidson College, Circles 30, Catawba Ave, Birkdale Village, Northcross, Bryton Town Center, CATS Park and Rides

### North Mecklenburg

- All routes improved to 30-minute or better frequency
- Major expansion of bus stop amenities

### South Charlotte/Mecklenburg

### **BETTER BUS + MICROTRANSIT**





### **South Charlotte Improvements**

- Priority bus corridors with signal priority and enhanced stops
  - S Tryon St
- Two routes improved to 15-minute or better frequency
  - S Tryon St (16)
  - Park Rd (19)
- Improved express frequency with midday service
  - Steele Creek (41X)
  - Providence Rd (61X)
  - Rea Rd (62X)
  - New Ballantyne Express
- CATS Microtransit serving communities:
  - Ballantyne
  - Berewick / Charlotte Premium Outlets
  - Park Crossing
  - Starmount / Quail Hollow
  - Steele Creek

### Pineville

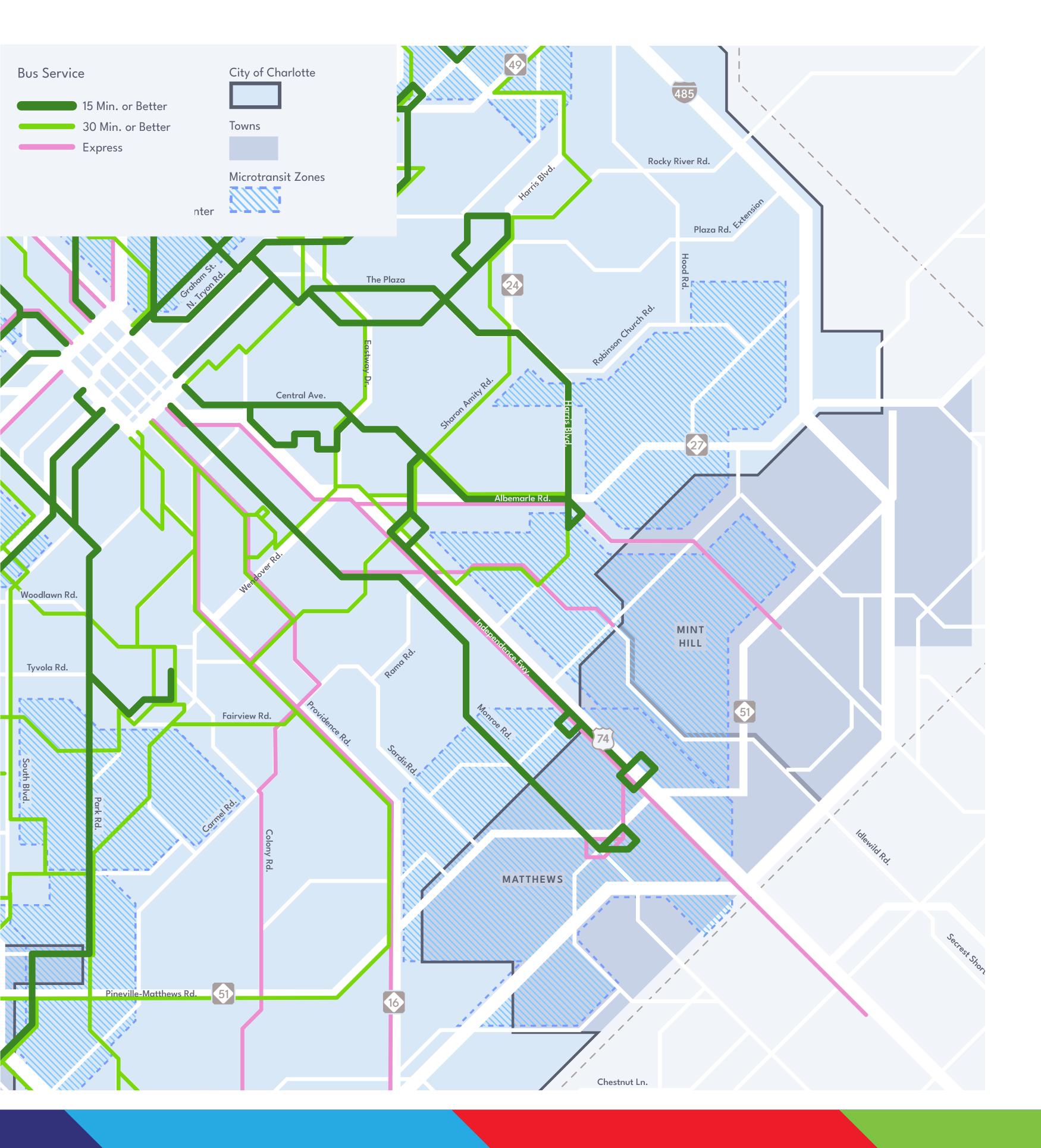
- One route improved to 15-minute or better frequency
  - Park Rd (19)
- CATS Microtransit serving:
  - Downtown Pineville, Carolina Place Mall, Highway 51, Park Rd

### **South Mecklenburg**

- All routes improved to 30-minute or better frequency
- Major expansion of bus stop amenities

### East Charlotte/Mecklenburg

### **BETTER BUS + MICROTRANSIT**





### **East Charlotte Improvements**

- Priority bus corridors with signal priority and enhanced stops
  - Central Ave
  - Monroe Rd
- Five routes improved to 15-minute or better frequency
  - The Plaza / WT Harris (3)
  - Central Ave (9)
  - Commonwealth / Independence (17)
  - Shamrock (23)
  - Monroe Rd (27)
- Improved express frequency with midday service
  - Lawyers Rd (40X)
  - Harrisburg Rd (46X)
  - Idlewild Rd (52X)
- CATS Microtransit serving communities along:
  - Albemarle Rd, Harrisburg Rd, Independence Blvd, Lawyers Rd

### **Matthews**

- Priority bus corridor with signal priority and enhanced stops
  - Monroe Rd / John St
- Two routes improved to 15-minute or better frequency
  - Independence Blvd (17), Monroe Rd / John St (27)
- Improved express frequency with midday service
  - Matthews (64X)
- CATS Microtransit serving communities along:
  - CPCC Levine, Brace YMCA, Downtown Matthews, Windsor Square

### Mint Hill

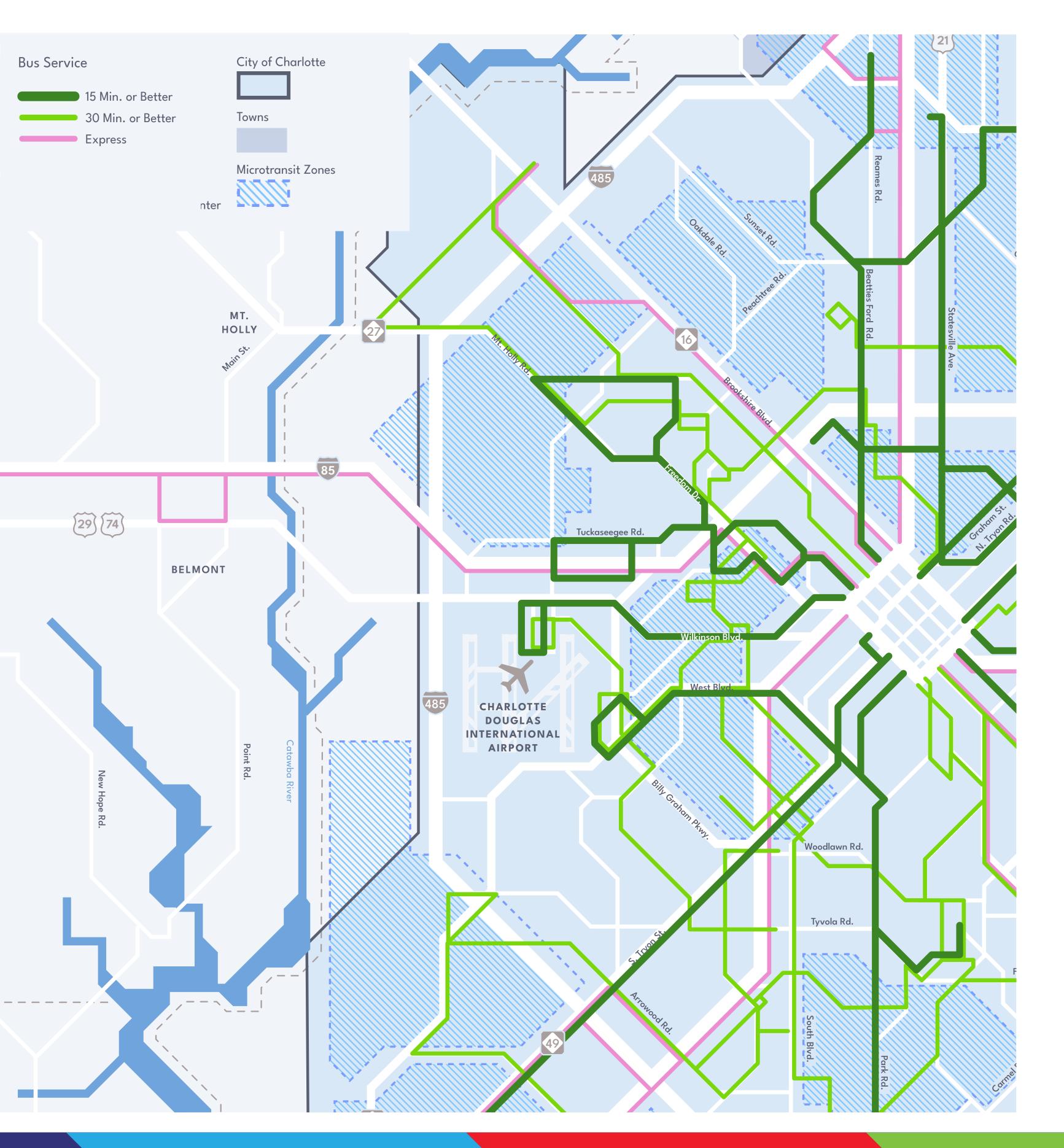
- Improved express frequency with midday service
  - Lawyers Rd (40X)
- Matthews-Mint Hill Rd, Lawyers Rd

### **East Mecklenburg**

- All routes improved to 30-minute or better frequency
- Major expansion of bus stop amenities

### West Charlotte/Mecklenburg

### **BETTER BUS + MICROTRANSIT**





### **West Charlotte**

• Major expansion of bus stop amenities as well as development of a mobility hub at Freedom Dr and Ashley Rd

### Priority bus corridors with signal priority and enhanced stops

- Ashley Rd
- Beatties Ford Rd
- Freedom Dr
- Remount Rd
- S Tryon St

### Six routes improved to 15-minute or better frequency

- Wilkinson Blvd / Morehead St (Sprinter Airport)
- Beatties Ford Rd (7)
- Tuckaseegee Rd (8)
- West Blvd (10)
- S Tryon St (16)
- Freedom Dr (34)

### Improved express frequency with midday service

- Steele Creek (41X)
- Mountain Island (88X)

### CATS Microtransit serving communities:

- Ashley Park
- Beatties Ford Rd Communities
- Coulwood
- Paw Creek
- Peachtree/Sunset Communities
- Steele Creek
- Wilkinson Blvd
- West Blvd

### **West Mecklenburg**

- All routes improved to 30-minute or better frequency
- Major expansion of bus stop amenities
- Extension of service to the River District

### Improvements to Travel Experience

### **BETTER BUS + MICROTRANSIT**

### Future Forward Innovation



Fully implement CATS Microtransit zones across the county, unconstrained by fixed routes or schedules.



### In place in 5:

50% increase in service in the first five years

- · 15 routes improved to 15 minutes or better frequency
- · All routes improved to 30 minutes or better

### One trip connected in more ways:

The proposed network will use mobility hubs to connect people between trip choices and trip types.



### Up to 50 miles of transit priority:

- · Service will be optimized on our most popular bus routes by concentrating on passenger amenities and bus stop locations.
- Significant investment in service reliability through transit signal priority with a focus on Central Ave, Beatties Ford Rd, Monroe Rd, Freedom Dr, and South Tryon St.

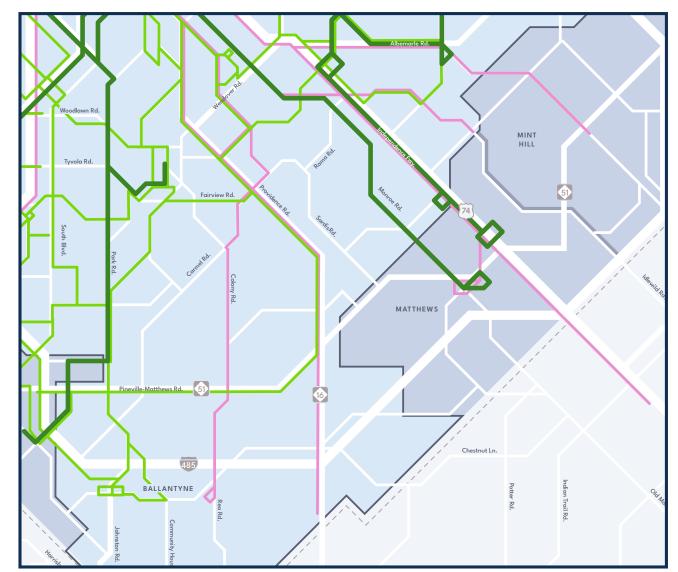






### Leverage express lanes

express service to
Ballantyne, as well as
communities along
Albemarle Rd and
Independence Blvd.



### From stop to seat:

Improvements at bus stops will include 2,000 additional shelters, benches, and waiting pads across the system in 10 years.









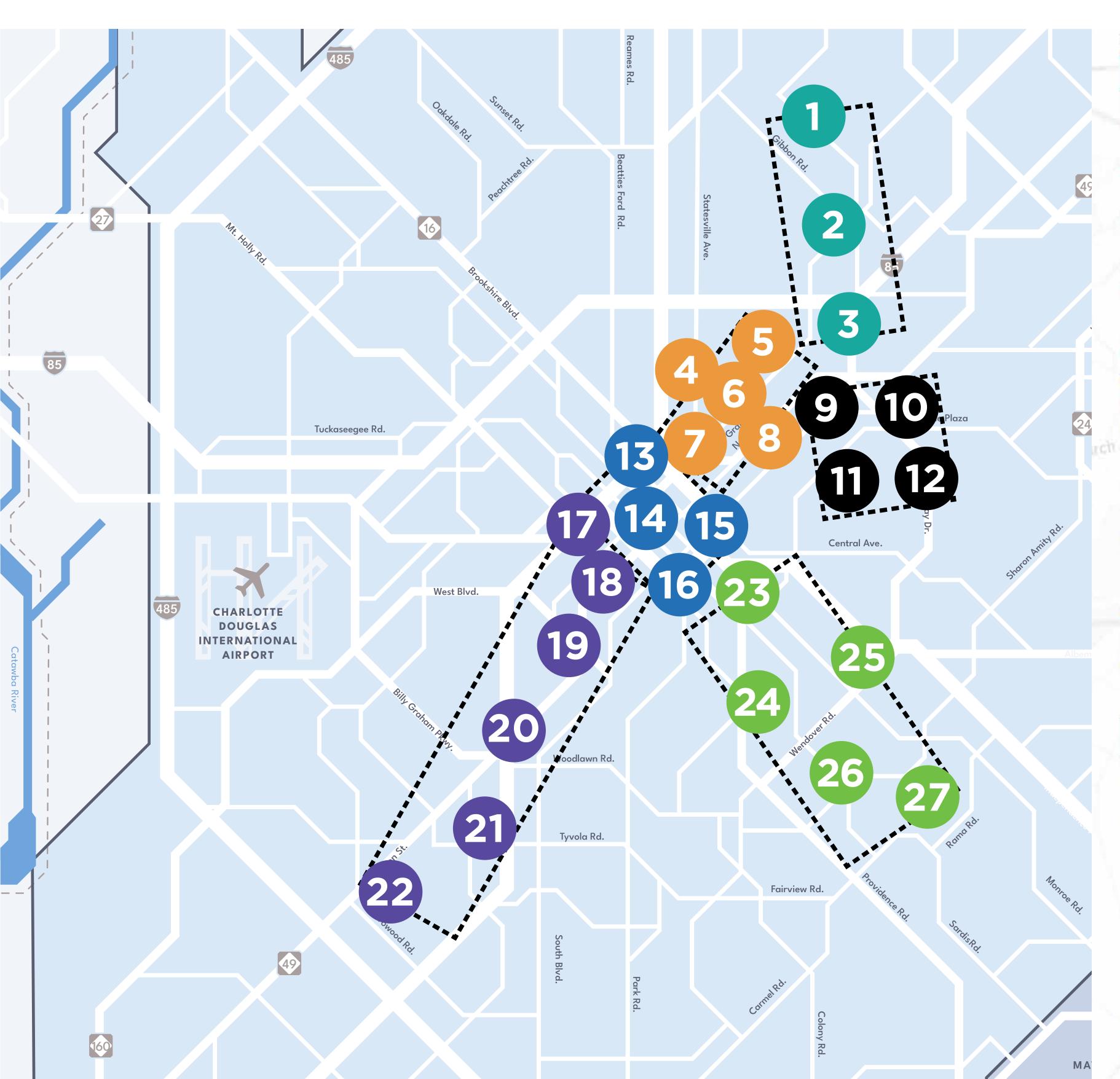
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### Comfort and reliability:

Comprehensive bus fleet expansion and replacement, including 89 new buses.



### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Strategic Investment Area Mobility Focus

### West Sugar Creek (1-3)

- Providing safer crossings and better multimodal connections along a High Injury Network corridor
- Improving multimodal access to and within existing commercial areas and emerging activity centers
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities by providing access to transit, including the existing Blue Line and future Red Line
- Providing mobility options to better connect neighborhoods to commercial areas/greenspaces
- Improving multimodal access along/across N Tryon St

### North Graham / North Tryon (4-8)

- Improving multimodal access between Uptown, neighborhoods, and emerging activity centers
- Providing more and safer crossings and multimodal access along higher-volume arterials
- Creating better multimodal connections along key arterials in support of existing neighborhoods and employment concentrations
- Improving multimodal access from neighborhoods to greenways, greenspaces, and transit
- Providing key connections in the Bike Priority Network

### Plaza / Shamrock (9-12)

- Expanding multimodal facilities and connections to and within the growing activity centers
- Expanding the bike network for easier multimodal access between neighborhoods and key destinations
- Providing safe and convenient crossings of highvolume arterial streets particularly near commercial areas, schools, and recreational opportunities.
- Expanding network connections to greenways, including the XCLT
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities by providing access to transit, including the existing Blue Line

### Center City (13-16)

- Continuing to expand bicycle and pedestrian access to and within Uptown
- Expanding the multimodal network to provide better access to greenspaces, including the XCLT and Irwin Creek Greenways
- Increasing vehicular capacity only through network connections/operational improvements, and ensuring improvements support travel by other modes
- Focusing on providing for safer and more convenient access by transit, bike, and pedestrian facilities and safe/convenient crossings of higher volume streets

### South Tryon (17-22)

- Supporting the growing concentrations of housing, jobs, and entertainment in the corridor by continuing to improve first/last mile connections to the Blue Line
- Providing safe and comfortable pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities from nearby neighborhoods to (and between) station areas
- Providing safe and convenient crossings of highvolume arterial streets
- Increasing multimodal capacity through network connections/operational improvements and providing better access to greenspaces

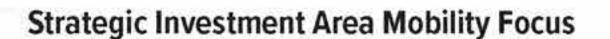
### Randolph / Monroe (23-27)

- Providing safe and convenient multimodal access within the Cotswold core and to surrounding neighborhoods, including safe crossings of high-volume arterial streets
- Providing safe and convenient multimodal access between commercial areas and surrounding neighborhoods
- Improving the multimodal network through ped/ bike connections, bike facilities, and improving the network of neighborhood bicycle routes
- Increasing multimodal capacity through network connections/operational improvements

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Northwest (1-3)

- Providing safe and convenient crossings of highvolume arterial streets
- Expanding the multimodal network through bicycle and pedestrian access/connections to schools and greenways
- Improving access to transit, commercial areas, schools, greenspaces, and Activity Centers in support of 10-minute neighborhoods and to better serve transportation disadvantaged communities

### Freedom / Wilkinson (4-8)

- Improving multimodal access to commercial areas, services, and activity centers along Freedom Dr
- Providing better multimodal connections between neighborhoods, activity centers, and greenspaces north and south of I-85
- Creating and improving key multimodal streets and Bike Priority Network connections
- Providing more and safer crossings on high-volume arterials
- Improving access to transit in support of transportation-disadvantaged communities and emerging high intensity places

### Northlake (9-14)

- Improving multimodal connections to Northlake and other Activity Centers in support of 10-minute neighborhoods
- Providing for safe and convenient crossings of high-volume arterial streets for easier multimodal access to shopping, entertainment, jobs, transit, and greenways
- Improving multimodal access for transportation disadvantaged communities
- Providing bike and greenway network connections
- Increasing multimodal capacity through targeted widenings, network connections, and access to transit

### Beatties Ford / Rozzelles Ferry (15-18)

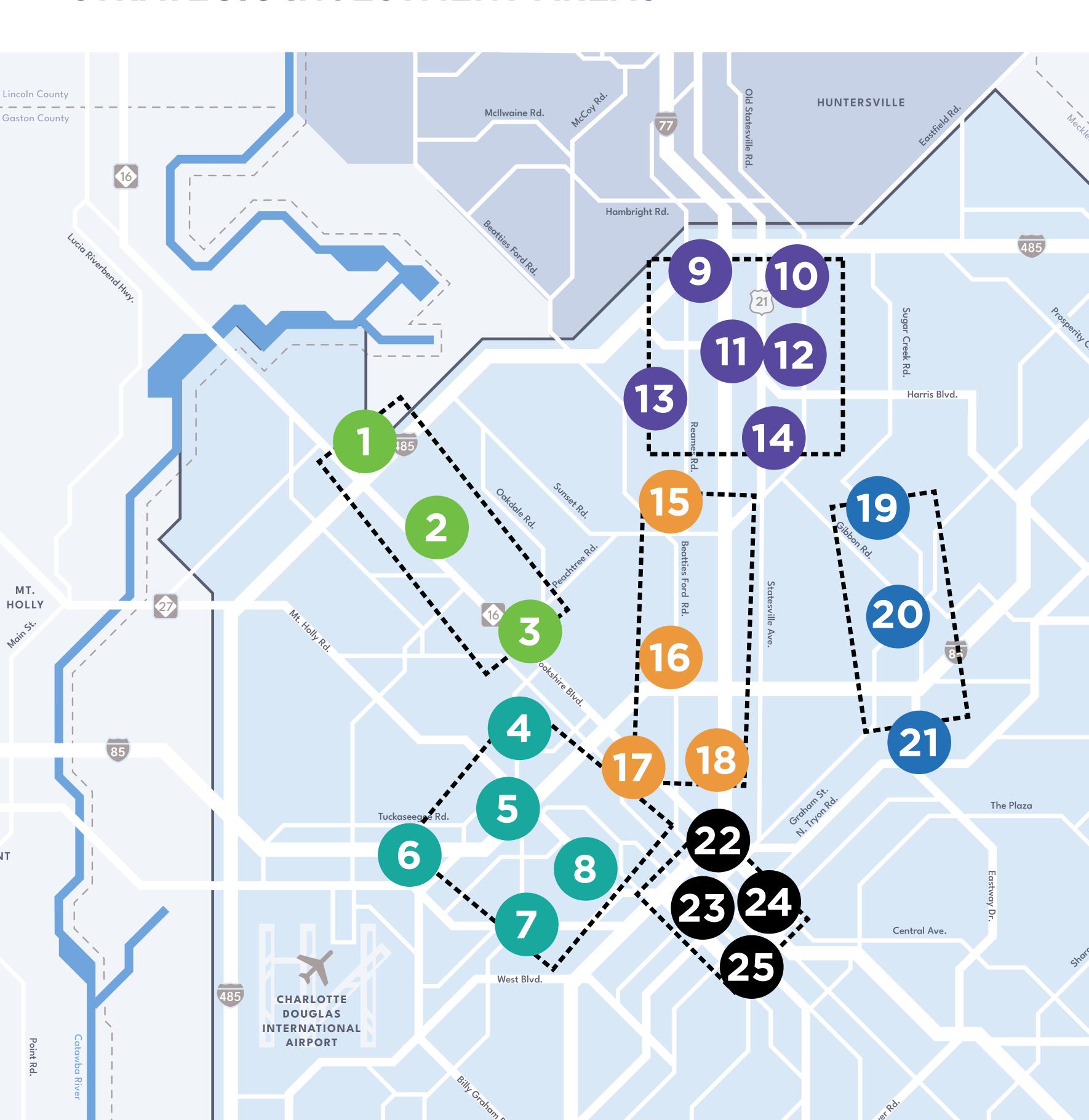
- Improving multimodal access to transit, schools, parks, and services
- Supporting multimodal access to existing and emerging activity centers at Booker/Celia, LaSalle, and Sunset
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities and growing commercial areas through safe and convenient access to transit and better multimodal connections throughout the SIA
- Coordinating multimodal access with future Gold Line

### West Sugar Creek (19-21)

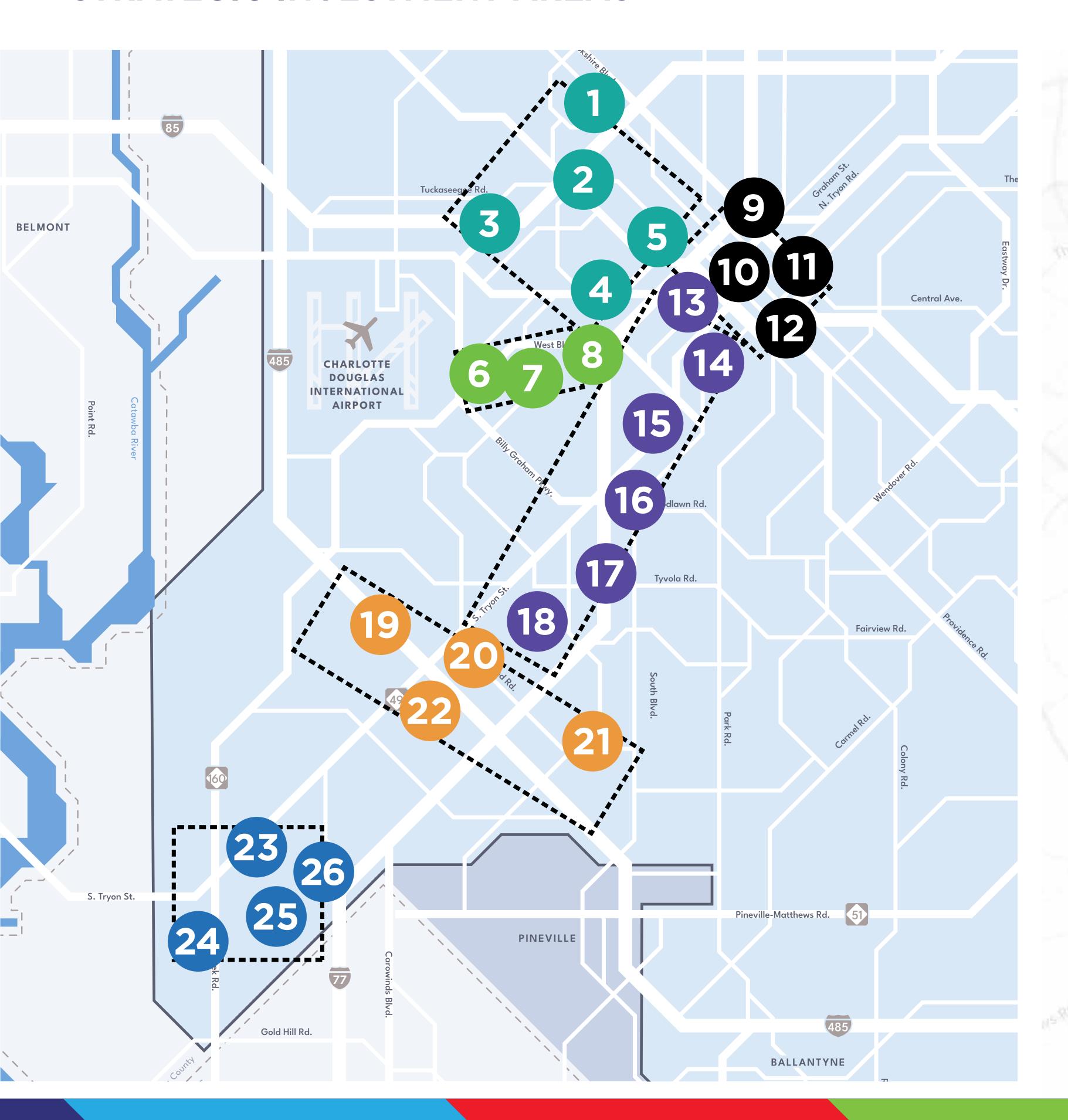
- Providing safer crossings and better multimodal connections along a High Injury Network corridor
- Improving multimodal access to and within existing commercial areas and emerging activity centers
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities by providing access to transit, including the existing Blue Line and future Red Line
- Providing mobility options to better connect neighborhoods to commercial areas/greenspaces
- Improving multimodal access along/across N Tryon St

### Center City (22-25)

- Continuing to expand bicycle and pedestrian access to and within Uptown
- Expanding the multimodal network to provide better access to greenspaces, including the XCLT and Irwin Creek Greenways
- Increasing vehicular capacity only through network connections/operational improvements, and ensuring improvements support travel by other modes
- Focusing on providing for safer and more convenient access by transit, bike, and pedestrian facilities and safe/convenient crossings of higher volume streets



### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Strategic Investment Area Mobility Focus

### Freedom / Wilkinson (1-5)

- Improving multimodal access to commercial areas, services, and activity centers and more and safer crossings on high-volume arterials
- Providing better multimodal connections between neighborhoods, activity centers, and greenspaces north and south of I-85
- Creating and improving key multimodal streets and Bike Priority Network connections
- Improving access to transit in support of transportation-disadvantaged communities and emerging high intensity places

### West Boulevard (6-8)

- Improving multimodal access to support emerging activity centers/future station areas along West Blvd and Wilkinson Blvd
- Providing more and safer crossing opportunities of high-volume arterials in support of 10-minute neighborhoods
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities, by improving access to transit, including better connections between West Blvd, the Blue Line to the south, and the future Silver Line on Wilkinson Blvd
- Improving access between neighborhoods and greenspaces, educational, and institutional services

### Center City (9-12)

- Continuing to expand bicycle and pedestrian access to and within Uptown
- Expanding the multimodal network to provide better access to greenspaces, including the XCLT and Irwin Creek Greenways
- Increasing vehicular capacity only through network connections/operational improvements, and ensuring improvements support travel by other modes
- Focusing on providing for safer and more convenient access by transit, bike, and pedestrian facilities and safe/convenient crossings of higher volume streets

### South Tryon (13-18)

- Supporting the growing concentrations of housing, jobs, and entertainment in the corridor by continuing to improve first/last mile connections to the Blue Line
- Providing safe and comfortable pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities from nearby neighborhoods to (and between) station areas
- Providing safe and convenient crossings of highvolume arterial streets
- Increasing multimodal capacity through network connections/operational improvements and providing better access to greenspaces

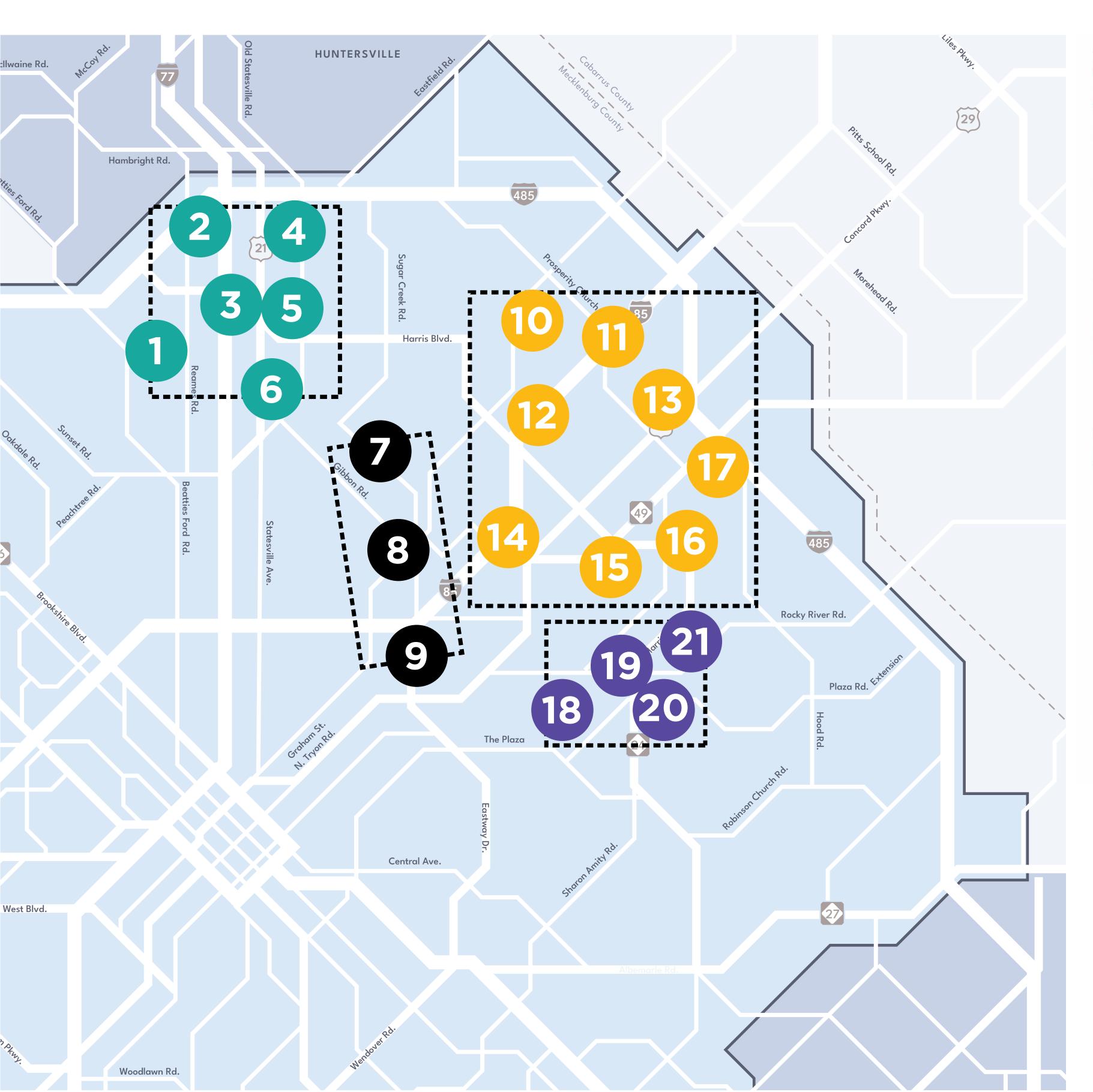
### **Arrowood (19-22)**

- Improving multimodal access to transit along this major corridor connecting High Frequency/Priority Bus transit with the Blue Line
- Improving multimodal access to the station area and activity centers
- Providing safe, multimodal access to jobs, greenspace, and educational facilities for transportation disadvantaged communities
- Increasing capacity with operational improvements, transit, and targeted widenings in the western portions of the area

### Steele Creek (23-26)

- Increasing capacity through operational and physical improvements, including street network connections and targeted widenings
- Improving access to transit along S Tryon to better serve transportation disadvantaged communities
- Providing safe and convenient crossings along with comfortable ped/bike facilities along arterial streets
- Expanding ped/bike access to area activity centers and greenspaces/greenways

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Strategic Investment Area Mobility Focus

### Northlake (1-6)

- Improving multimodal connections to activity centers in support of 10-minute neighborhoods
- Providing for safe and convenient crossings of high-volume arterial streets for easier multimodal access to shopping, entertainment, jobs, transit, and greenways
- Improving multimodal access for transportation disadvantaged communities
- Providing bike and greenway network connections
- Increasing multimodal capacity through targeted widenings, network connections, and access to transit

### West Sugar Creek (7-9)

- Providing safer crossings and better multimodal connections along a High Injury Network corridor
- Improving multimodal access to and within existing commercial areas and emerging activity centers
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities by providing access to transit, including the existing Blue Line and future Red Line
- Providing mobility options to better connect neighborhoods to commercial areas/greenspaces
- Improving multimodal access along/across N Tryon St

### University City (10-17)

- Improving multimodal access within and to University City, University Research Park, and UNC Charlotte
- Improving access to the Blue Line and bus transit
- Providing safe and convenient crossings of highvolume arterial streets for easier multimodal access to shopping, entertainment, transit, jobs, educational opportunities, and greenways
- Increasing bike and greenway network connections
- Increasing capacity through network connections, targeted widenings, and operational improvements
- Improving overall mobility options for equitable access to jobs, shopping, entertainment, and medical care

### Old Concord / Grier (18-21)

- Expanding multimodal network through new and improved connections
- Providing better multimodal access to transit in support of mode-shift goals and to better serve transportation disadvantaged communities
- Providing multimodal capacity through operational improvements and network connections
- Improving multimodal connections to commercial areas and to greenspace, including the XCLT
- Supporting access to jobs and 10-minute neighborhoods
- Providing safe multimodal connections to Central Piedmont and school campus areas, parks, and high frequency transit

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Randolph / Monroe (1-5)

- Providing safe and convenient multimodal access within the Cotswold core and to surrounding neighborhoods, including safe crossings of highvolume arterial streets
- Providing safe and convenient multimodal access between commercial areas and surrounding neighborhoods
- Improving the multimodal network through ped/ bike connections, bike facilities, and improving the network of neighborhood bicycle routes
- Increasing multimodal capacity through network connections/operational improvements

### Independence (6-10)

- Partnering with NCDOT for improved multimodal crossings of Independence Blvd
- Improving crossing opportunities along high-volume arterial streets
- Improving multimodal access to transit services, including bus and future Silver Line, in support of mode shift goals
- Supporting 10-minute neighborhoods by creating better multimodal connections to commercial areas, Activity Centers, and greenspaces

### Albemarle / Central (11-14)

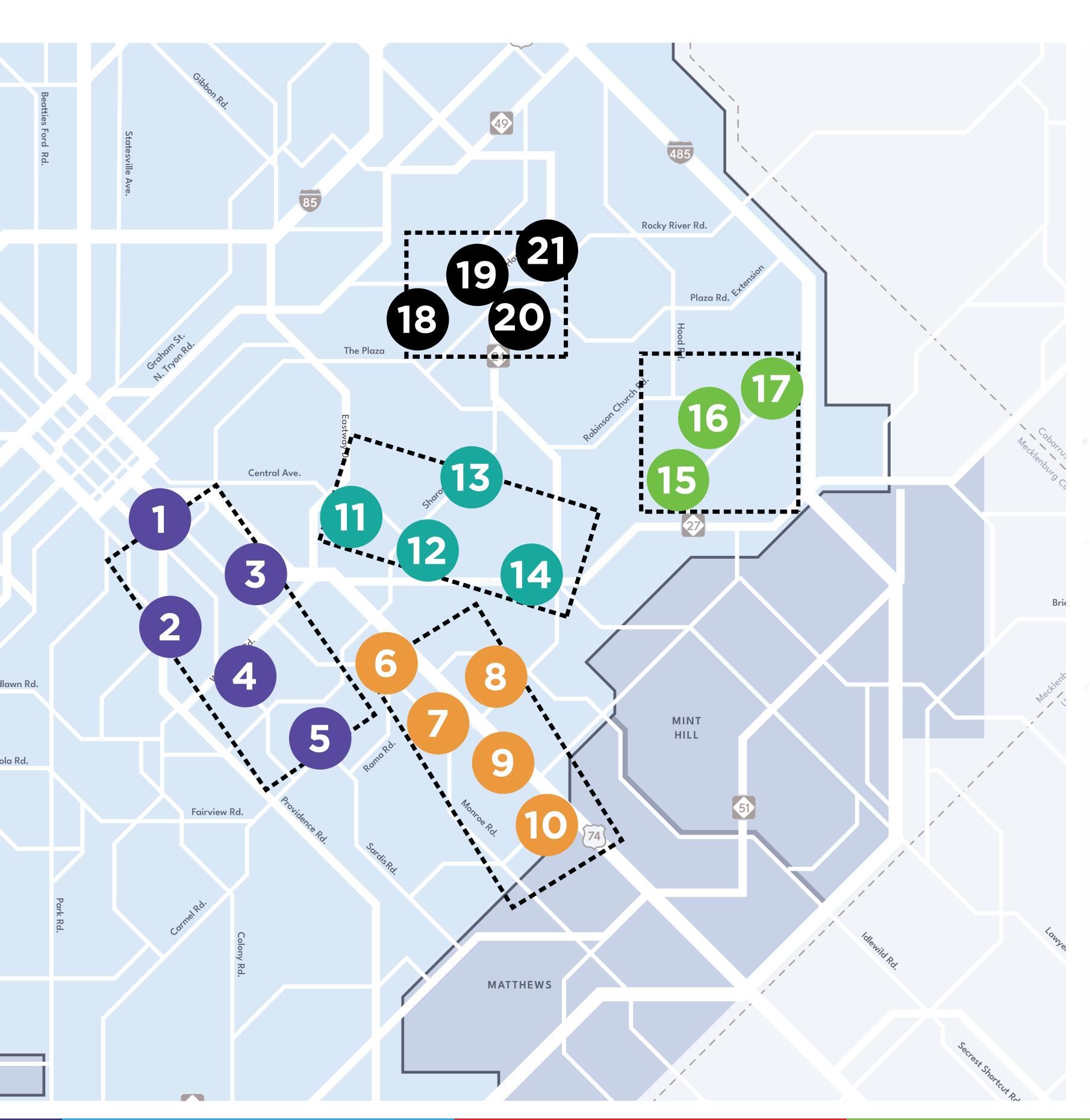
- Improving multimodal access to commercial, recreational, and institutional uses, including the redeveloping Eastland Mall site
- Providing more and safer crossing opportunities on high-volume arterials
- Supporting transportation-disadvantaged communities and growing commercial areas through safe and convenient access to transit and better multimodal connections
- Improving access to greenways and other greenspaces
- Coordinating multimodal access with future Gold Line

### Far East / Harrisburg (15-17)

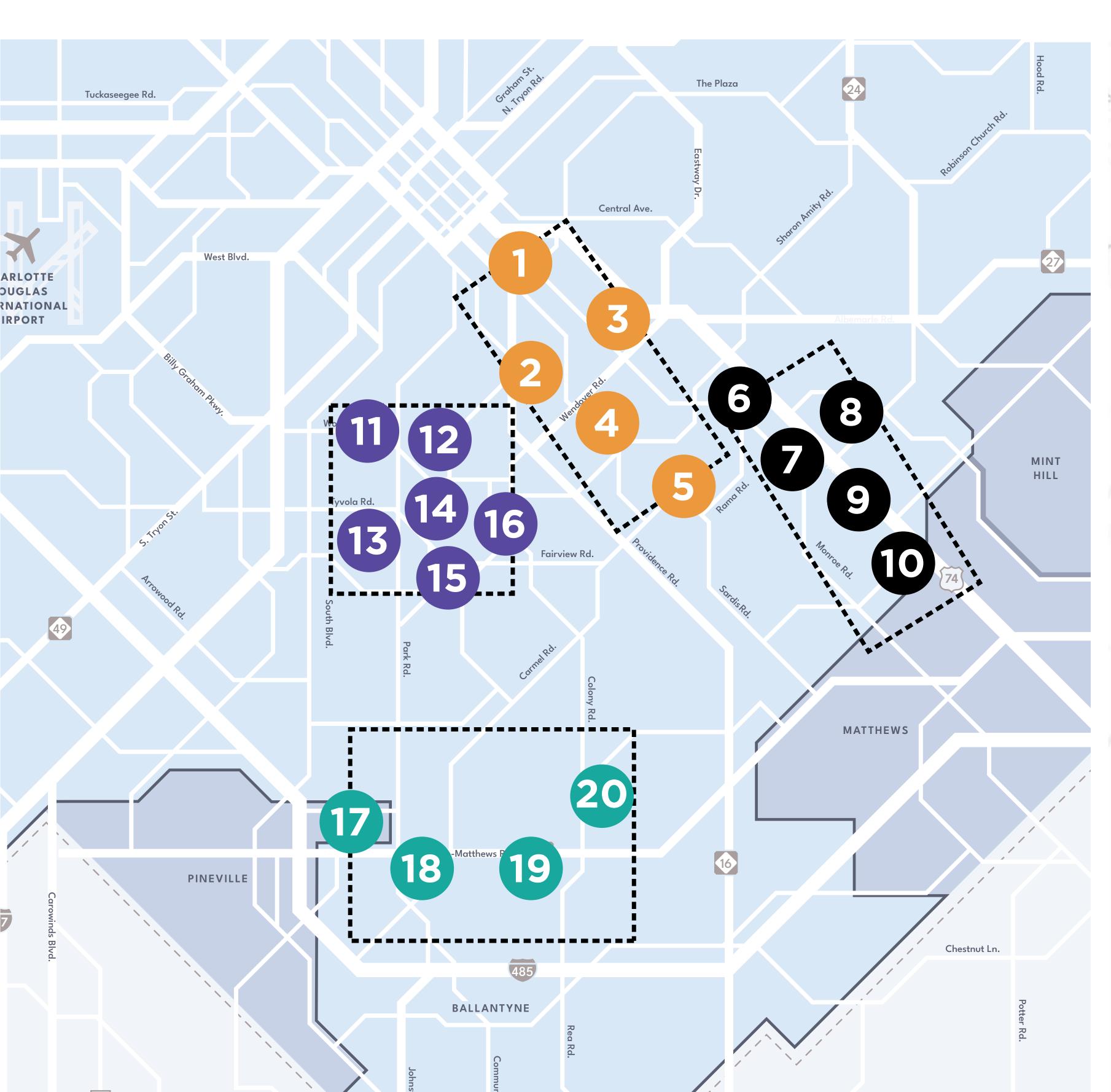
- Increasing multimodal capacity through network connections, operational improvements, and targeted widenings.
- Providing safe crossings and lighting on arterial streets for better multimodal access to parks, transit, and neighborhood amenities
- Creating better multimodal access and network connections to Cambridge Commons Activity Center to support a 10-minute neighborhood and broader transit access

### Old Concord / Grier (18-21)

- Expanding multimodal network through new and improved connections
- Providing better multimodal access to transit in support of mode-shift goals and to better serve transportation disadvantaged communities
- Providing multimodal capacity through operational improvements and network connections
- Improving multimodal connections to commercial areas and to greenspace, including the XCLT
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### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Strategic Investment Area Mobility Focus

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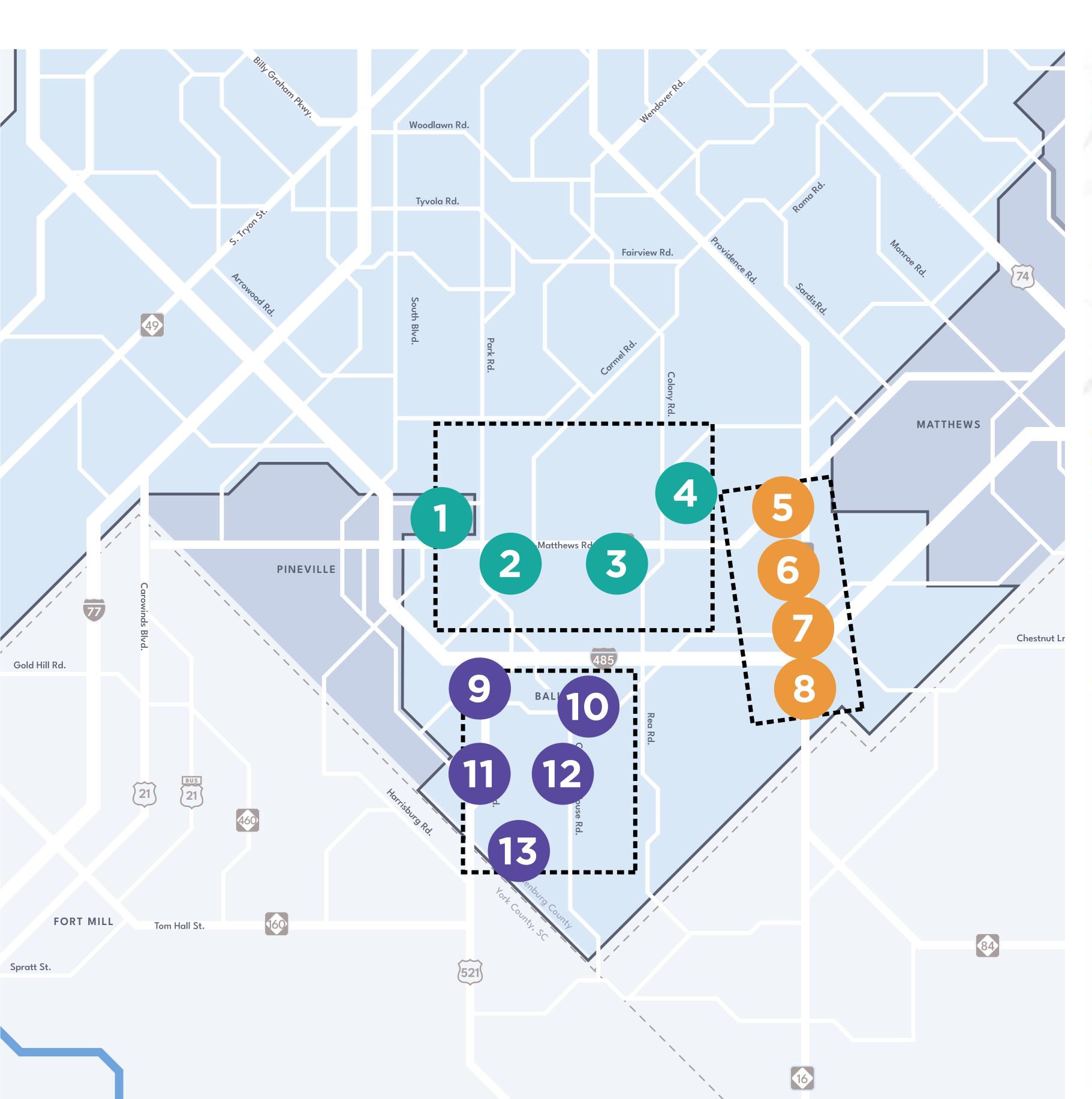
### SouthPark / Woodlawn (11-16)

- Improving multimodal mobility within and to the SouthPark, Park-Woodlawn, and Selwyn-Colony Activity Centers in support of 10-minute neighborhoods and mode shift goals
- Improving multimodal access between the Activity
  Centers and surrounding neighborhoods, transit, and
  the XCLT
- Providing for safe and convenient crossings of highvolume arterial streets for easier multimodal access to shopping, entertainment, transit, jobs, and the XCLT
- Improving the network of pedestrian and bicycle connections
- Increasing multimodal capacity through network connections, operational improvements, and targeted widenings

### Carmel / Johnston (17-20)

- Providing safe and convenient connections between the Activity Center and commercial activities along Pineville-Matthews Rd and surrounding neighborhoods in support of 10-minute neighborhoods
- Expanding the multimodal network by improving pedestrian and bike connections between existing and planned greenways and destinations along Pineville-Matthews Rd
- Using targeted partnerships for physical capacity improvements and safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREAS







### Strategic Investment Area Mobility Focus

### Carmel / Johnston (1-4)

- Providing safe and convenient connections between the Activity Center and commercial activities along Pineville-Matthews Rd and surrounding neighborhoods in support of 10-minute neighborhoods
- Expanding the multimodal network by improving pedestrian and bike connections between existing and planned greenways and destinations along Pineville-Matthews Rd
- Using targeted partnerships for physical capacity improvements and safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities

### South Providence (5-8)

- Increasing capacity with widenings, operational improvements, and transit
- Improving network connections for more capacity and better multimodal route choices
- Supporting 10-minute neighborhoods and mode shift by creating better multimodal access from surrounding neighborhoods to the Activity Centers (Waverly, Arboretum) and to the transit corridor
- Providing for safe crossings, pedestrian, bike, and transit facilities along the corridor

### South Charlotte (9-13)

- Increasing capacity through operational and physical improvements, including important street network connections and targeted widenings
- Supporting the development of the Activity Center and planned light rail corridor into a multimodal place that helps meet mode shift goals, employment and recreational opportunities to surrounding communities
- Improving safe and comfortable access for pedestrians and cyclists to and within the Activity Center in support of 10-minute neighborhoods



# The Proposed One-Cent Sales Tax Excludes:



- Most foods/grocery
- Housing
- Medicine
- Medical Services
- Electricity
- Gas
- Telephone

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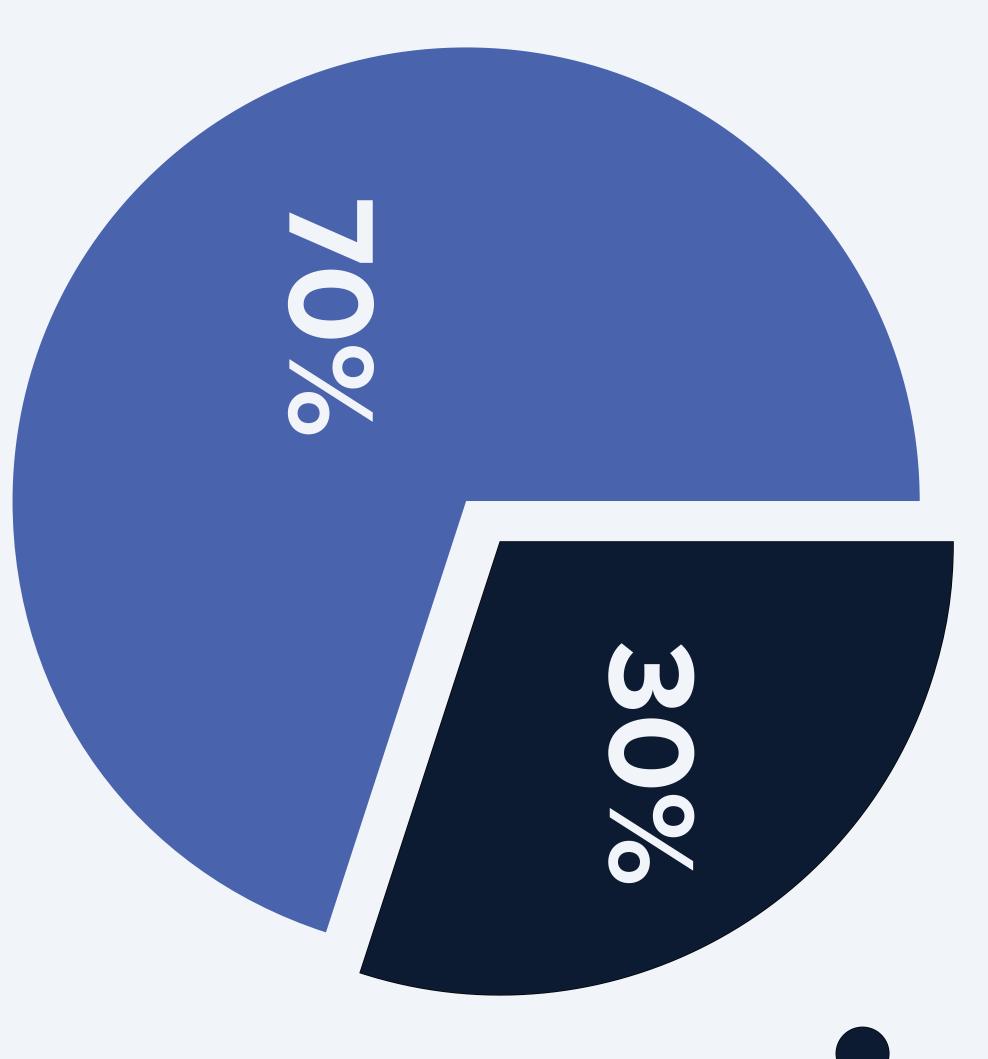


Everyone who uses transit/transportation helps pay for it.

**Visitors** 

**Outside County** 

In the County Residents Businesses **分し**の **の** 20



from Federal Grants

Additional \$5.9B

and Other Funding.

## Mould Money Spent?

40%

Road Improvements

(W) (W)

Year 1

30 Years

20%

Bus & Micro otransit

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**\$3.0** Years

40%

Rail Projects

Year 1

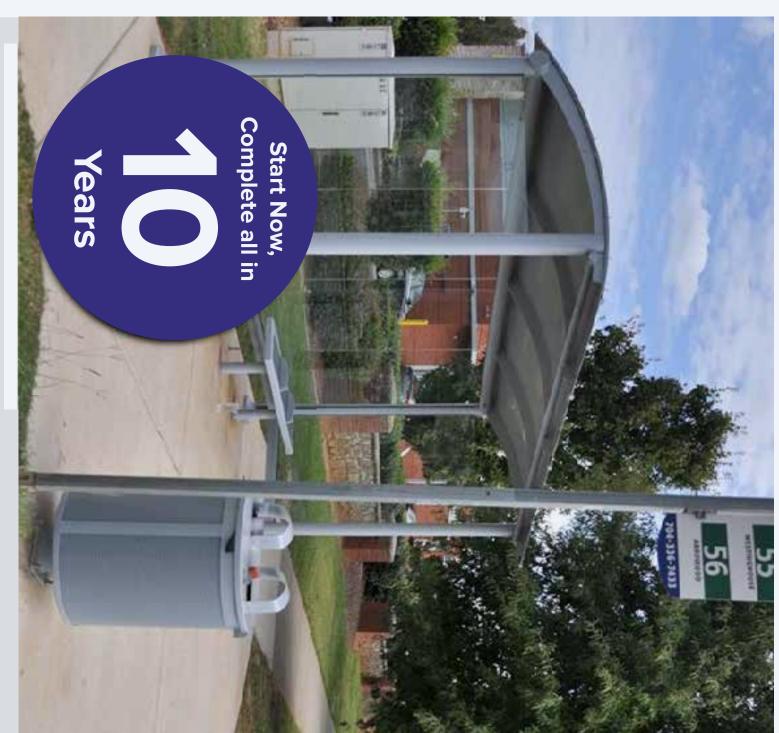
30 Years





for

60% of riders get 15-min service



Enhanced Bus Stops



curb & on-demand

## Better

15-min Frequency on the top 15 routes

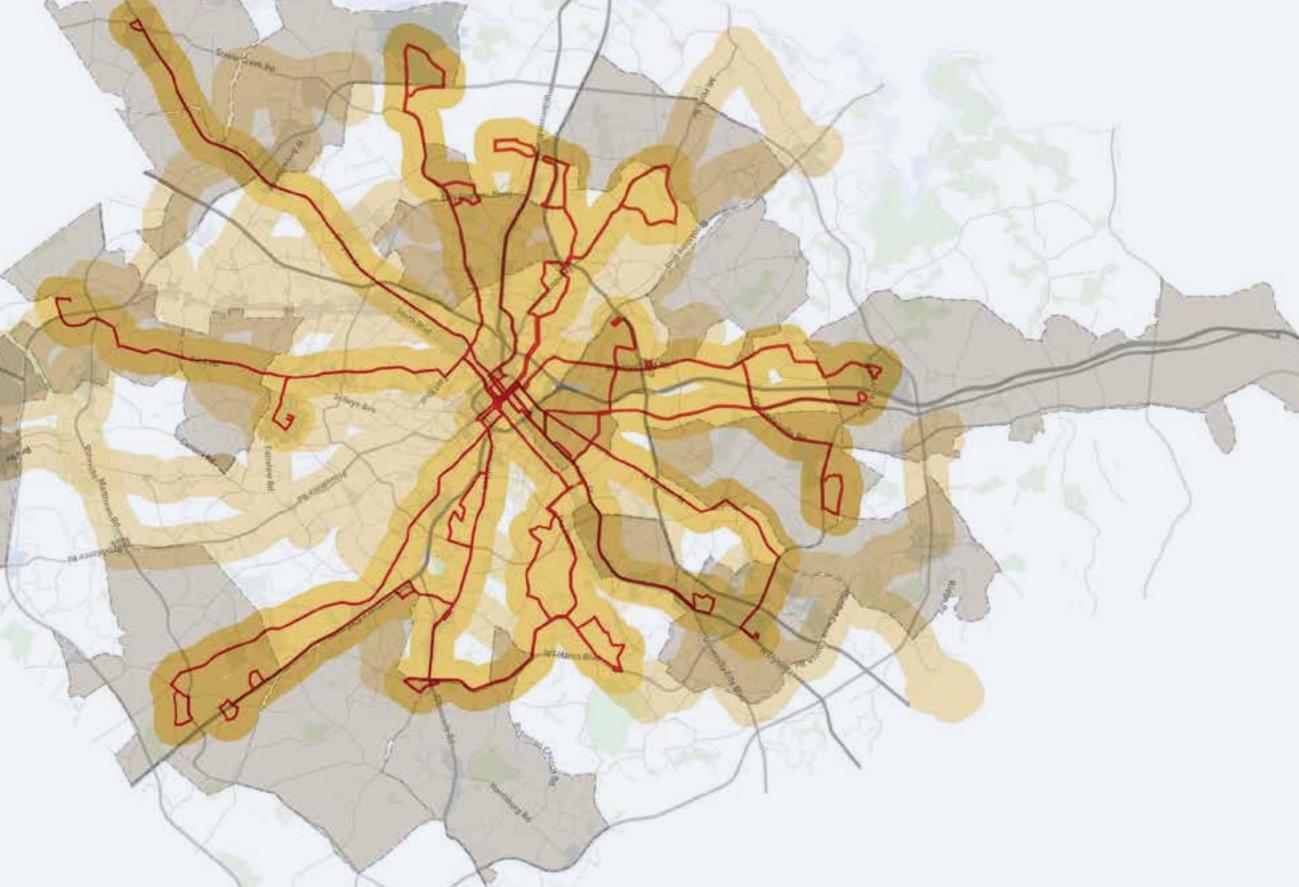
30-min Frequency

on all routes

**Expanded hours** on

weekdays and weekends

Microtransit in 100 square miles of new areas



### Bus

- 15 Minute Frequency (10-minute walk)
- 30 Minute Frequency Bus minute walk)

Connecting

people

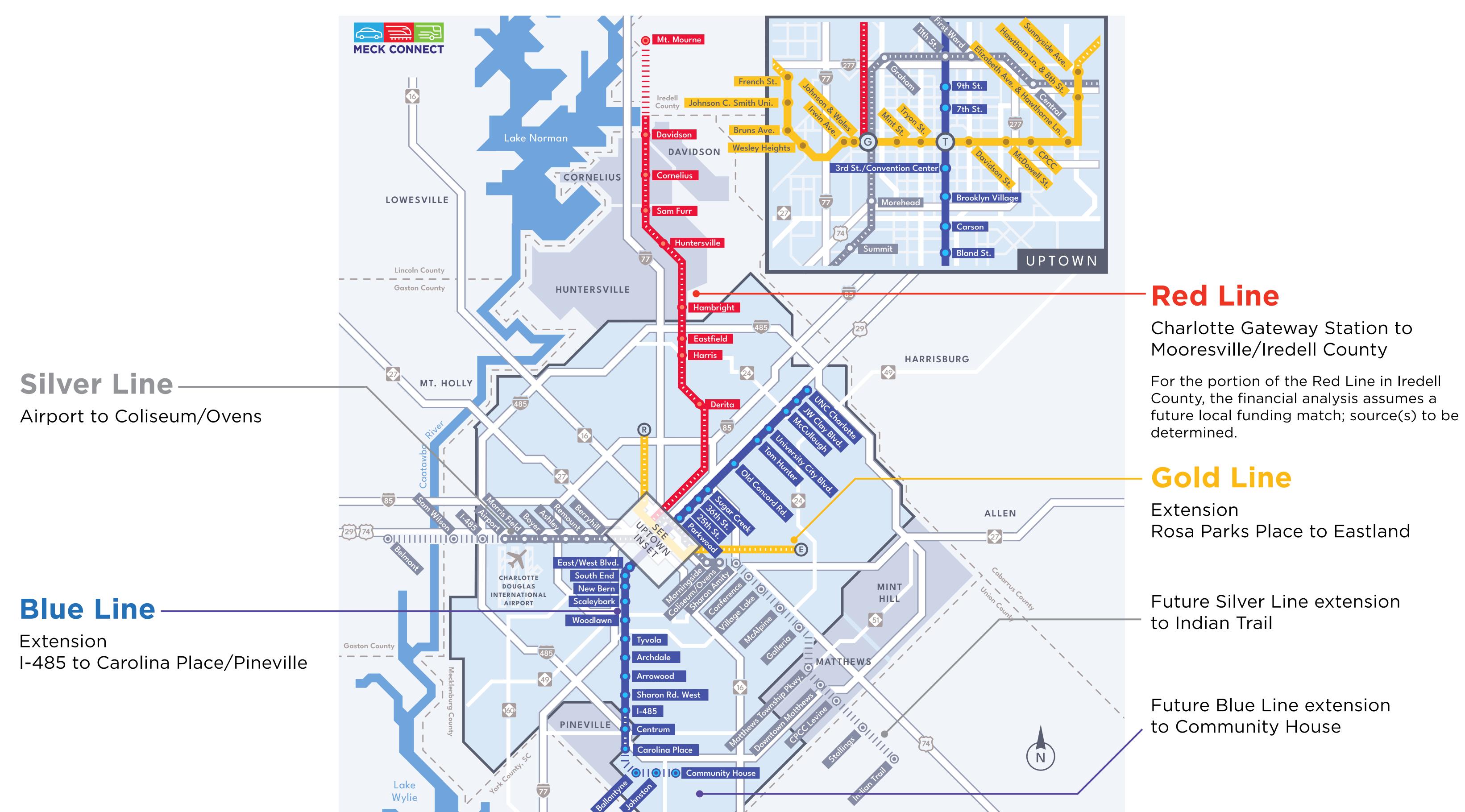
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Within a walk of 15-minute service (10 min. 1/2-mile walk)

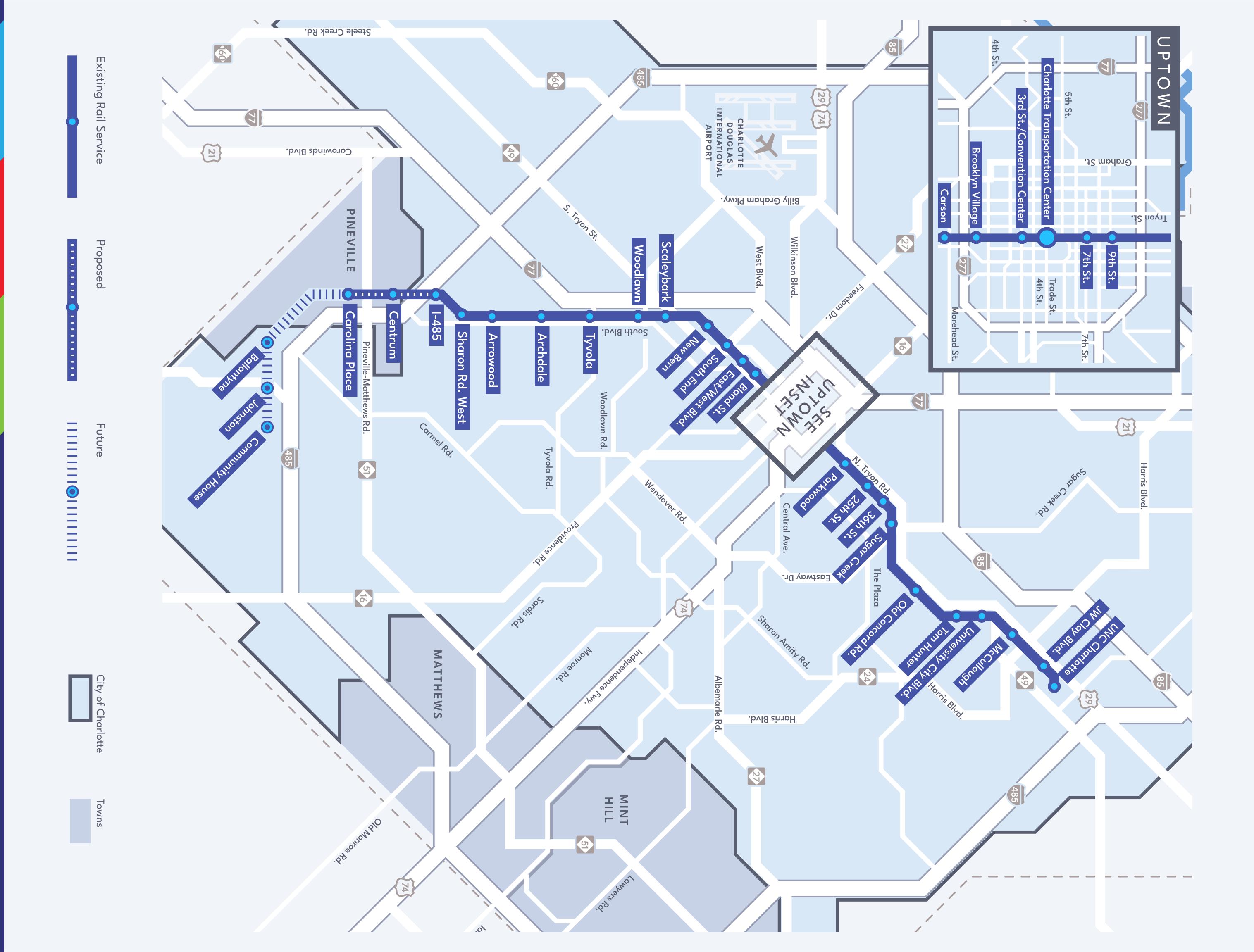
### Transit System Plan

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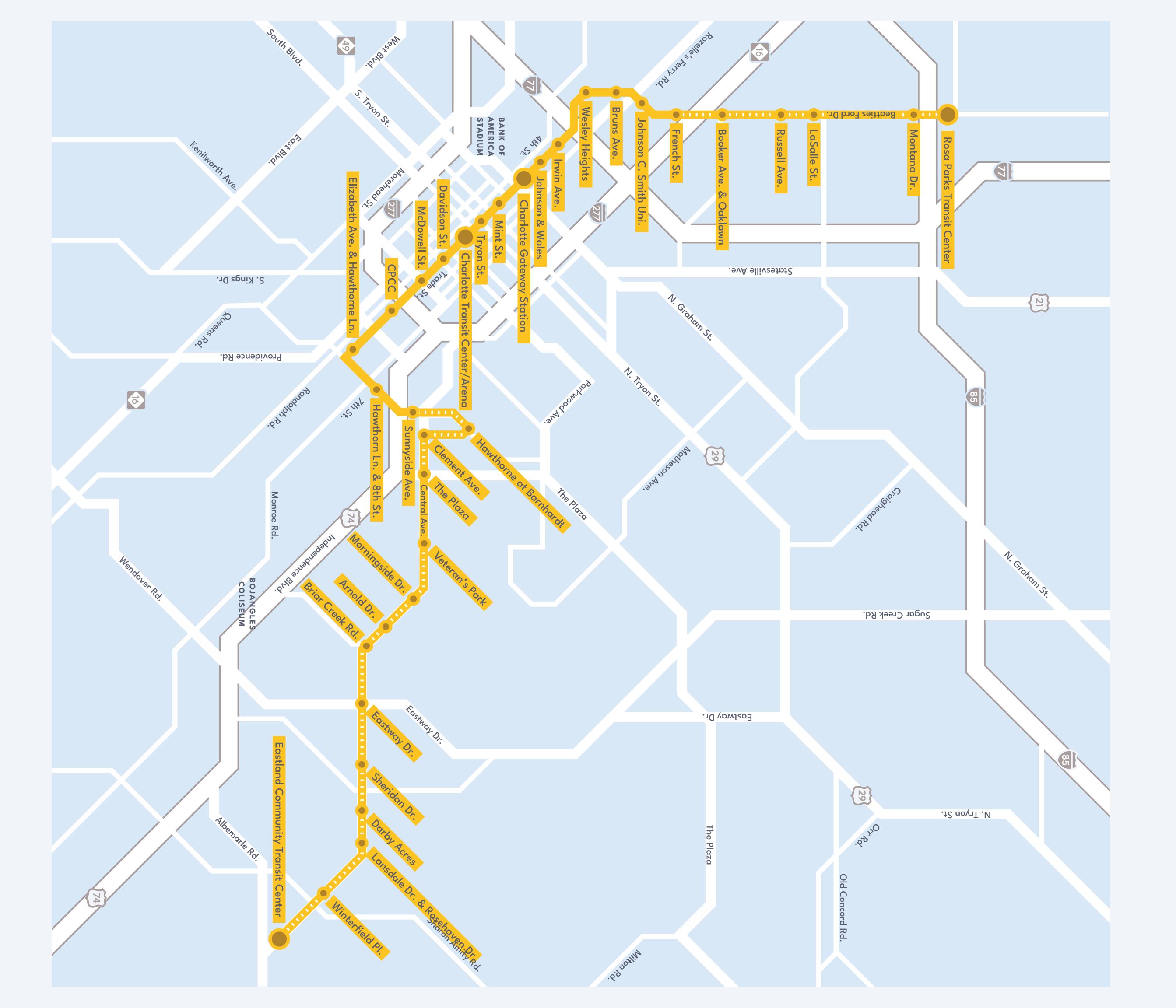








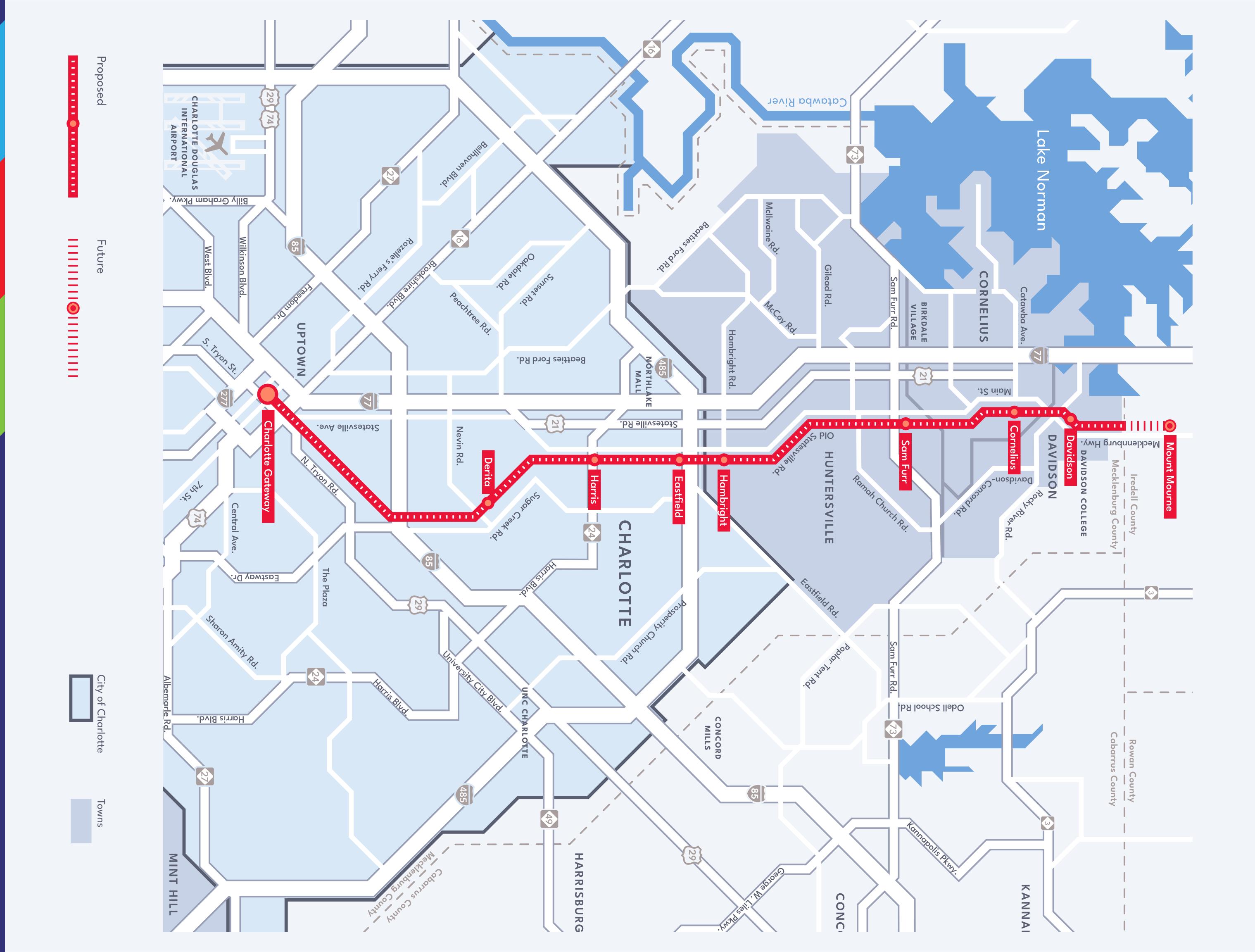




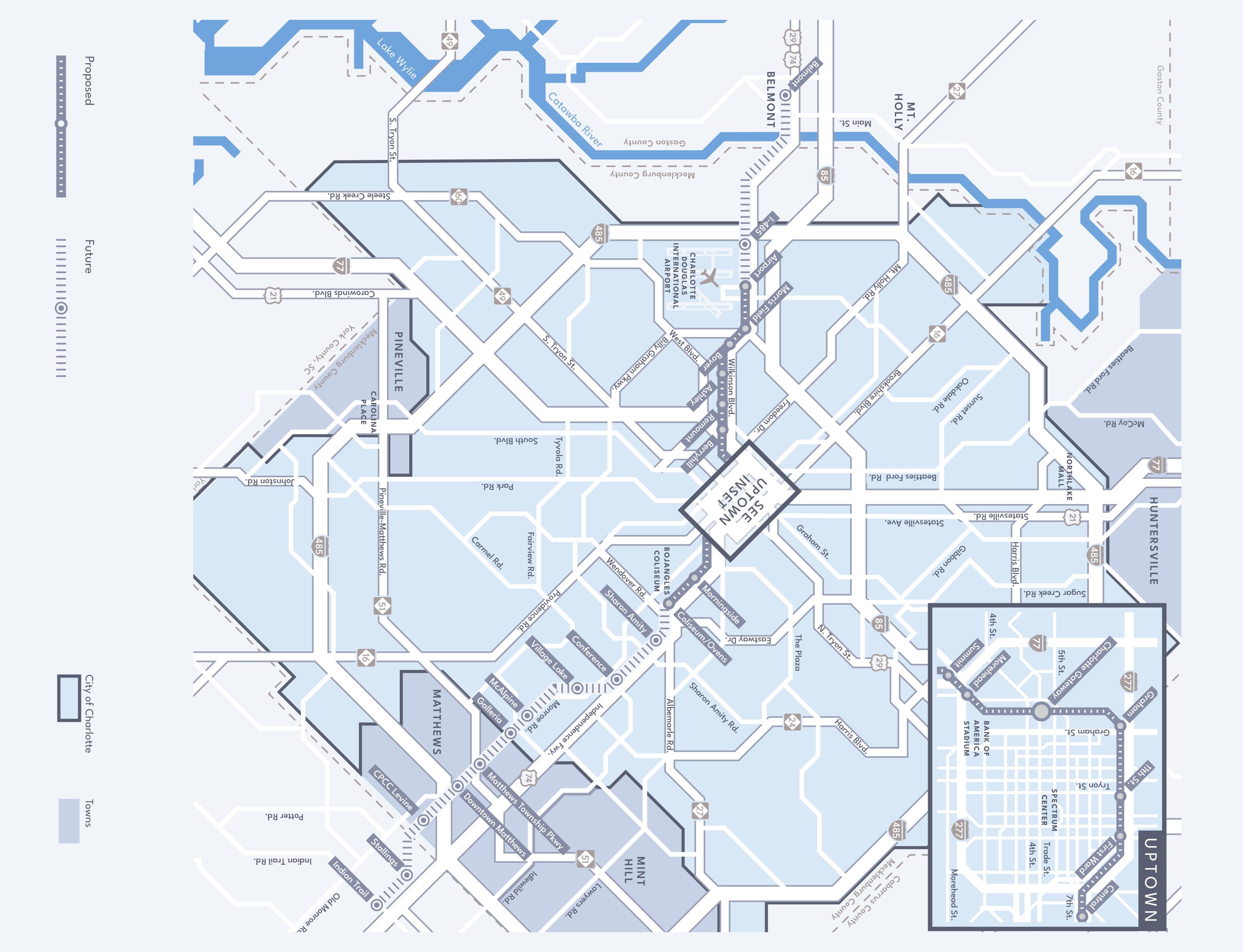
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SIDEWALKS

PEDESTRIAN

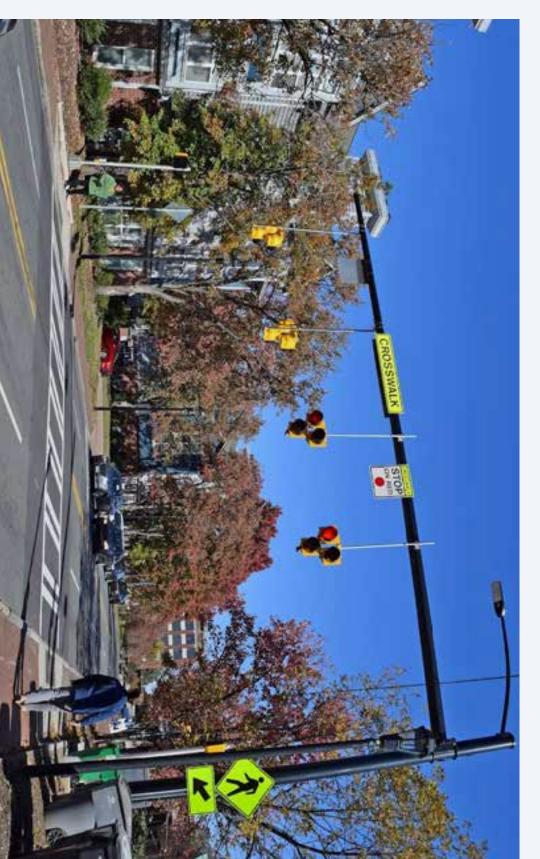
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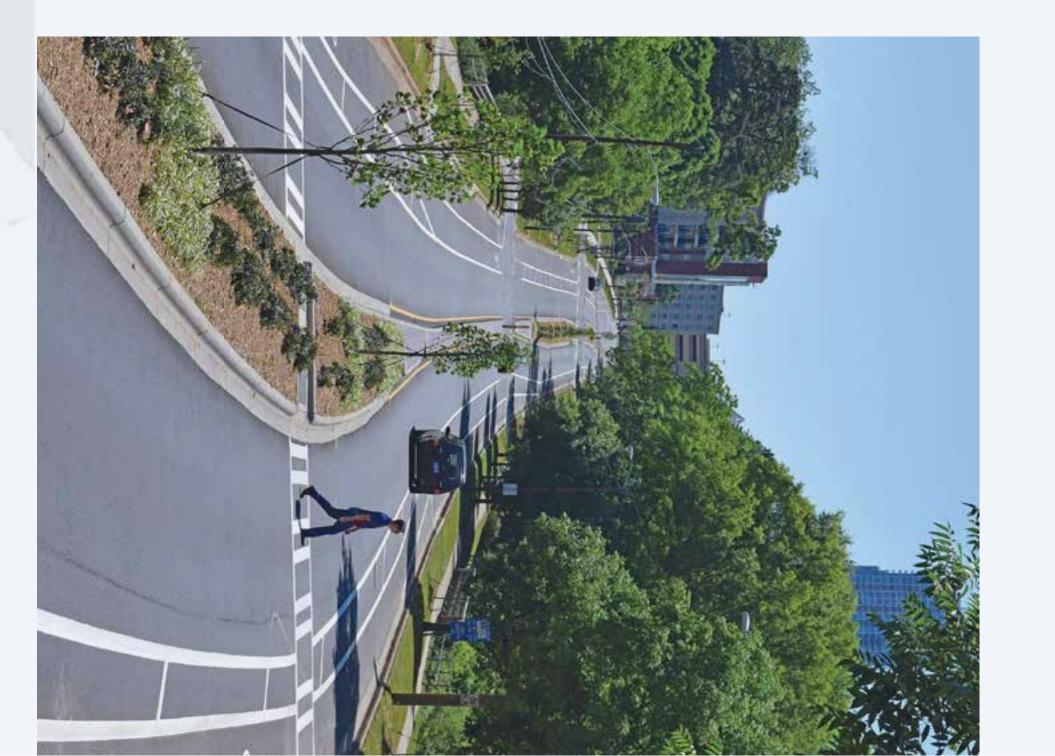
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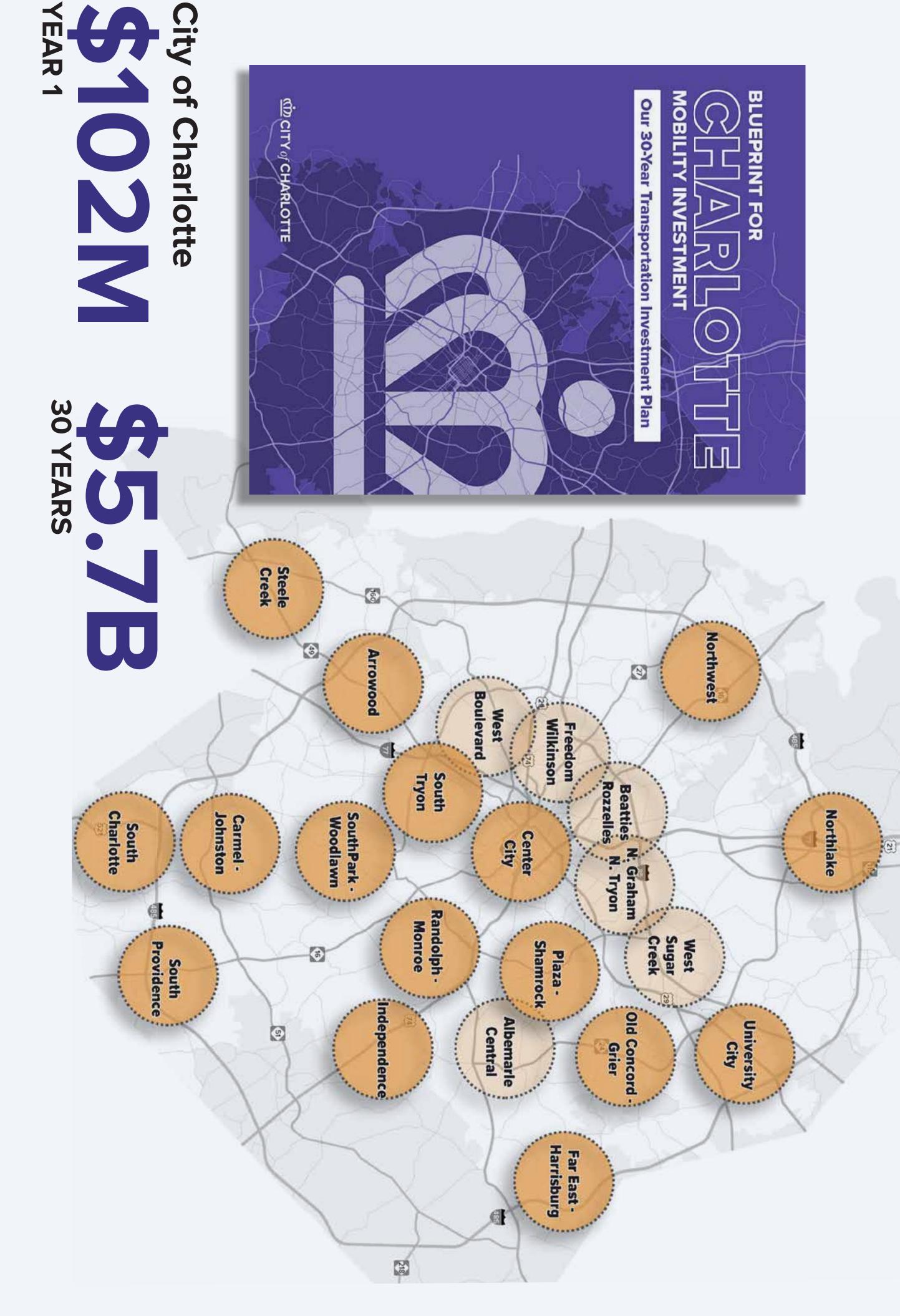
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