

Graham Street Connector Project "shelved" again. Money going elsewhere.

Funding for the Graham St. Connector has been shifted to complete other NCDOT projects. While it remains on the 5 Yr. Projects To Do List for now, even that may change as the economy worsens.

Meanwhile, the Mecklenburg Co. Commission will meet Tuesday (3pm) to discuss increasing the Transit Tax (your N.C. Sales Tax) to stem the CATS shortfall. Rather than begin construction on the shovel-ready Commuter North Rail, CATS also wants to apply federal stimulus money to design the \$1 Billion+ UNCC Lynx Line, in hopes that the Fed might later help build the North Rail.

While commuters are dealing with real transportation issues daily, a portion of the Street Car rail is already being built in front of Presbyterian Hospital. CATS wants to extend that into downtown so they can use the Charlotte Trolley there for the sightseers . . . The Trolley, which cost CATS \$29 per person to operate for every \$1.60 collected. . . And you ask why CATS is still looking for more taxpayer money?

Thanks,

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