

## Fixing the 'structural weakness' in Charlotte's transit system



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### Charlotte's transit system is struggling with the pandemic. But the end of COVID-19 won't bring relief.

**By Ely Portillo**

After almost two years of pandemic-related challenges, the Charlotte Area Transit System is trying to balance the need to restore service and lure back riders with the need to grow and meet the challenges of a growing region.

And CATS chief executive John Lewis has a simple message: Charlotte's transit system needs more money if it's going to expand. Even fixing the system's current operational problems, like a lack of drivers and high unscheduled absences, would still leave CATS with a bus system that doesn't meet the city's needs.



## Examining housing needs in Brookhill Village in the event of redevelopment

Brookhill Village residents pay an average of \$463 a month for rent at the old complex in booming South End. Where will they go if it's redeveloped? Read our latest report, co-created with residents to explore their housing needs.



## Apply to be part of the next Gambrell Faculty Fellows cohort

### **By Ely Portillo**

The UNC Charlotte Urban Institute is seeking the fourth cohort of faculty fellows to research issues related to economic mobility in the Charlotte region, with support from The Gambrell Foundation. This year, the Gambrell Faculty Fellows program will fund up to six projects with grants up to \$15,000 each. The fellows will join a growing group of researchers contributing to our community's ongoing search for solutions that could foster greater equity.



### **Podcast: Curating the future in Charlotte**

What if the future is not just a continuation of present trends, but looks radically different? That's the vision of Curators, a collective of young, multinational designers who hope to develop new, innovative and sustainable ways of life in Charlotte. Join us as we talk about two pilot ideas they want to see happen in Charlotte: Controlled indoor farming powered by solar panel glass windows to bring fresh food onto every block, and the Next City (pictured above).



## Too much of a good thing: Charlotte's bunny boom.

**By Ruth Ann Grissom**

No spiderworts. No asters. No threadleaf ironweed or liatris. Very few brown-eyed Susans and even fewer green beans. That was the sorry state of my garden last year. No, it wasn't weather-related, it was rabbit predation.

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