

Join us to discuss what's next for Charlotte's transit plans



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Transit and transportation: What's the path forward in Charlotte?

Register now to join us at noon on Oct. 20 for a virtual conversation about transit and transportation in Charlotte, and where we should spend limited dollars. You'll be able to ask questions about these issues.

Panelists will include **Jason Lawrence**, director of planning for the Charlotte Area Transit System; Dr. **Elizabeth Delmelle**, associate professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and is the Pennsylvania; and the Master of Urban Spatial Analytics program at the University of Pennsylvania; and **Meg Fencil**, director of engagement and impact at Sustain Charlotte. The moderator will be **Ely Portillo**, director of research engagement at the Charlotte Urban Institute.



Charlotte leaders are looking for regional cooperation — and funding — to restart stalled transit expansion plan

By Ely Portillo

In a reversal of its previous strategy — building buy-in and regional support for a plan

Charlotte devised on its own — leaders signaled this week that the new plan will have regional cooperation at its heart from the beginning.

"We can't just bring the plan we developed to them (regional partners) and say 'there it is,'" said Charlotte City Council member Ed Driggs. And he said a regional authority of some kind would be required. "We needed to have a regional plan...We're going to have to create some sort of an organization for the issuance of debt."



[Four things I wish I'd known about Charlotte's housing market before I started writing about it](#)

By Ely Portillo

For one: "Affordable" doesn't mean the same thing as "subsidized." And housing policy is really "everything policy."



[ICYMI: Charlotte's changing climate, with meteorologist Brad Panovich](#)

Future Charlotte

From seemingly endless heat waves in the west to catastrophic floods from Kentucky to Pakistan, a drumbeat of extreme weather has dominated the news this summer. In Charlotte, we're seeing the effects too: Hotter, muggier summers, heavier downpours, stronger storms.

There are few people watching our weather as closely as Brad Panovich, chief meteorologist for WCNC, and few people who provide as much information about our climate and post as prolifically, and on as many platforms. He joined the Future Charlotte podcast to discuss everything from why it feels like our summers are muggier and grosser-feeling than they used to be (hint: dewpoints), what Charlotte's climate will look like in the future and what we can do locally to address impacts such as more rainfall, flash floods and the biggest weather-related killer — heat.

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