



### **Curated By Action NC**

Captive Rider is a term that refers to a person that depends on public transportation as their only means of transportation. This weekly newsletter aims to ensure that you are informed on why we oppose the 1% Transportation Tax Referendum & because the proponents have \$3 million to convince you that its in your best interest.

### **Knowledge is Power**

When proponents of the 1% Transportation Sales Tax speak about the tax on prepared food, they frame it as being an irrelevant charge on chips, candy & soda. This argument leaves out that prepared food like salad bars, cooked vegetables and rotisserie chickens served at grocery and convenience stores are relied upon by our unhoused residents and our displaced community living in hotel rooms. Please remember this when dismissing the importance of prepared food because it is the equivalent of a college student's meal plan but with additional tax and stigma.



### **Lets Take a Look at Microtransit**

Here is a short video on the history of microtransit, where we are now in its development, its intended usage and its problems with scalability

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=aJkm7LGgUqM>

## **History of Failure Flashback**

Charlotte has been waiting for the Gateway Station to be built Uptown for decades. We have heard how it will transform the area around the old Greyhound Station and revolutionize transportation by combining Amtrak, Greyhound, local bus & commuter rail into one “Grand Central Station” type complex. It was suppose to have office, residential and an entertainment component being built in colaboration with David Tepper.

<https://www.axios.com/local/charlotte/2025/08/14/gateway-station-ncdot-amtrak-uptown-scoop-records>

## **Media Coverage**

<https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/first-two-members-appointed-new-transit-authority-board/AKZ5BWC6I5FUZIV7M74W52N4QQ/?tbref=hp>

<https://www.qcnews.com/news/u-s/north-carolina/mecklenburg-county/steele-creek/steele-creek-neighbors-still-have-questions-about-proposed-transit-sales-tax-headed-to-the-ballot/>

## **Opportunity to Serve on Transit Authority Board**

We are opposed to the transportation tax, but it would be remiss of us if we did not make sure all Mecklenburg County residents were made aware of the opportunity to serve on the board if passed. If you are interested in applying, we have attached a link to the pertinent information here: <https://www.mecknc.gov/mpta>

## **Social Media Links for Sharing**

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7376937278654398464>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DPBfPdPAR7d/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17KHjyHVuJ/>

Twitter: [https://x.com/Action\\_NC/status/1971172465079636202](https://x.com/Action_NC/status/1971172465079636202)

Blog: <https://actionnc.org/its-a-good-question/>

