

Big needs loom for Charlotte's transportation infrastructure



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Charlotte will ask voters for millions to fund transportation upgrades, but bonds won't cover all needs

By Ely Portillo

Charlotte is planning to ask voters this year to approve more than \$100 million worth of new transportation bonds — an amount that would allow the city to make progress on goals like building more sidewalks but still fall short of fully covering many crucial needs.



Podcast: Think you simply have to have a car to live in Charlotte? Pam Murray says you don't.

Future Charlotte Podcast

Pam Murray sees Charlotte through different eyes — and from a different seat — than most people as she moves about the city. Murray, one of the biggest bicycle advocates in Charlotte, uses her bike for everything from getting groceries to hauling furniture. She bikes somewhere around 20 miles a day on average, only using her car occasionally to keep the battery charged. Murray's philosophy on riding goes beyond recreational opportunities or sticking to bike-only lanes and greenways. A ride with her involves getting to where you're going, even if you have to hop on a main road like Providence or Randolph for a little while.



Listen to "EQUALibrium: A public conversation on race and equity in Charlotte"

Hosted by WFAE

Eight years after the Chetty study ranked the Charlotte region dead last for economic mobility, have we improved? Where are we making gains, and where are we falling short? WFAE hosted a public conversation featuring Ely Portillo, assistant director of outreach & strategic partnerships at UNC Charlotte's Urban Institute, Sherri Chisholm, executive director of Leading on Opportunity, Vi Lyles, mayor of Charlotte, Charis Blackmon, executive director of West Side Community Land Trust, and Daniel Valdez, senior director of external affairs at Welcoming America. You can hear it all online.



[A new Brookhill Village redevelopment plan has surfaced. Read our report on residents' needs here.](#)

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Plans to redevelop a low-income housing complex in South End are once again in the news. Residents at Brookhill Village pay an average of \$463 a month to live there. Earlier this year, the Urban Institute released a report, created in conjunction with residents, about what they need and the challenges they face.

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