

## Charlotte can learn from other cities on housing, transportation



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### Car-free life for a family of Four in Delft, Netherlands

**By Martin Zimmerman**

Charlotte-based architect and urban planner Martin Zimmerman talks with Melissa and Chris Bruntlett about their latest book and their family's first few years living and navigating Delft, a 1,200 year-old city in the Netherlands, by bike, at speeds rarely exceeding ten miles per hour.



## Searching for solutions for Charlotte's affordable housing crisis

**By Ely Portillo**

With rents and home prices shooting up to record levels, it's not news that finding a place to live in Charlotte is getting more expensive. Last week, the Charlotte Journalism Collaborative brought together local and national experts, advocates and community members, including from the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, in search of policy solutions that could help ameliorate the situation.

One takeaway: There's no silver bullet, no single solution or policy that will quickly make housing cheaper and easier for residents to find.



## Podcast: Investors buying up the American dream

### **Future Charlotte**

Corporate landlords like American Homes 4 Rent and Invitation Homes now own 40,000 single-family homes across North Carolina. In Mecklenburg County, they now account for one in four rental properties.

Tyler Dukes, one of the investigative reporters behind a new series from the Charlotte Observer and Raleigh News & Observer, joined the "Future Charlotte" podcast to talk about the rise of the Wall Street landlords, and what this might mean for the future of one of the fundamental ways we build wealth and security in the U.S.



## Charlotte's big goal: Take half of all trips in something besides a car

**By Ely Portillo**

Charlotte transportation leaders laid out an ambitious goal last week: By 2040, half of all trips in the city should be taken in something besides a car. That would be a major shift. Right now, somewhere around three-quarters of trips within the city are currently made using single-occupant vehicles, transportation staff said at the City Council transportation committee meeting.



## Podcast: What's next for Charlotte transit?

### **Future Charlotte**

When WFAE, The Charlotte Ledger and the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute launched a joint newsletter last year to cover transit and transportation, we assumed that the main focus would be the 1-cent transit sales tax vote.

Well, that vote didn't happen and the transit plan is in a bit of limbo, but we've still found plenty to write about, from Chick-fil-A's humongous backups to the NC DOT's yawning budget hole, the "stigma" facing bus riders to the real reason there are no plans for a train directly to the airport.

Hear from Ely Portillo (UNC Charlotte), Steve Harrison (WFAE) and Tony Mecia (Charlotte Ledger) about what's next for getting around in our city.

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