

Utrecht's Ten-Minute City — A €7.1 Billion Bet on Four New Urban Centres

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

In January 2021 Utrecht's council adopted the Ruimtelijke Strategie Utrecht 2040, committing roughly €7.1 billion to build four new urban centres so daily needs stay within a 10-minute walk, cycle or transit ride as the city grows from 355,000 to 455,000 residents.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Gemeente Utrecht \(Utrecht City Council\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Gemeente Utrecht – RSU2040 announcement](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[EU Urban Mobility Observatory – Utrecht SUMP case study](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

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