

# Media Coverage of *Beltway Burden*

Four major local news stations—ABC, NBC, FOX, and CBS—covered the report during the five o'clock and 10 o'clock news segments.

NPR affiliate WAMU explored the findings of the report during the morning drive time.

Over a six-day period, 11 print articles were published—including the front page of the Real Estate section of the Washington Post.

“While you may get a great deal on a home in the outer suburbs, the cost savings may be lost once you figure out the transportation costs.”

—**NPR Affiliate, 2/9/09**

“New fodder in the on-going battle between people who live in the city and people who live in the outer suburbs. . . There’s no doubt buying or renting a home farther out is likely to save money, but a study from the Urban Land Institute suggests the money you save on your housing is more than chewed up by the extra money you spend getting to your job in the city.”

—**CBS Affiliate (WUSA), 2/10/09**

“The takeaway: In many parts of the region, lower housing prices are largely offset by higher transportation costs.”

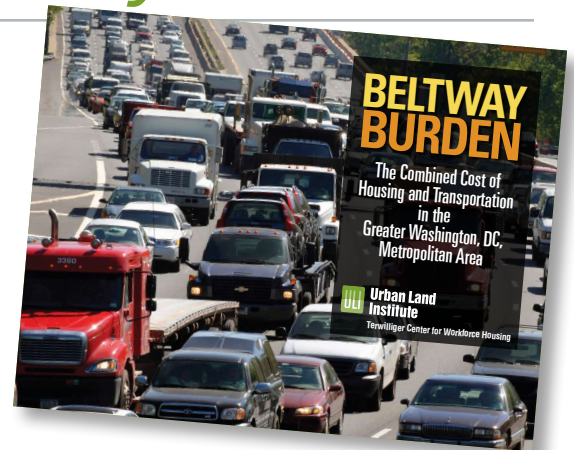
—**The Washbiz Blog, Washington Post, 2/10/09**

“The DC-based institute also released a calculator to determine costs by neighborhood, which provides updated housing and transportation cost data to help locals make informed decisions on where to live and work.”

—**Washington Business Journal, 2/9/09**

“The report is linked with a Web-based calculator. . . adjust it for your family size and income, the number of people who hold jobs, the number of vehicles in the driveway, current gas prices and even your car’s fuel efficiency. You can tweak the model to see whether taking public transit would lower your transportation expense or actually add to the cost. And you can easily enter multiple addresses to see how housing and transportation costs break down for different places that you’re considering as a new home.”

—**Washington Post, 2/14/09**



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