

An aerial photograph of the Charlotte, North Carolina skyline at sunset. The sky is a deep blue, and the city's buildings are illuminated by the warm, golden light of the setting sun. In the foreground, there is a large, modern building with a distinctive facade, and a baseball field is visible in the middle ground. The overall scene is a vibrant and dynamic representation of the city's urban landscape.

# Enhancing MWSBE Participation in Charlotte's Capital Investment Plan

A collaborative effort by

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# Agenda

- Progress To Date
- Opportunities & Actions
- Capital Planning & Project Delivery Workshop
- Road to Growth - General CIP Pilot Framework
- Project Delivery Methods
- Path Forward & Next Steps



# Progress To Date

## June Committee Meeting

- Presented the Road to Growth Pilot Framework
- Introduced General CIP MWSBE Master Utilization Plan concept

## Summer Break

- Initiated pilot framework including 10 targeted informal solicitations to the MWSBE community
- Held CBI outreach event and webinar

## September

- Held small group meeting with Council Committee Members
- Engaged with minority trade associations and the CBIAC

## October Committee Meeting

- Reviewed CBI & Procurement policies and procedures
- Reviewed the Road to Growth Pilot Framework preliminary results

# Opportunities & Actions

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## Actions

Early Engagement

Integrating CBI into project planning phase

Project Development

Administering the Pilot Project Framework focused on increasing project opportunities

Targeted Outreach

Implementing tailored outreach efforts through the contractor development program

Remove Barriers

Improving procurement process, offering bid preparation training, providing bonding support, and encouraging licensing and certification

# Early Engagement

Goal: Identify and establish strategic entry points for CBI involvement to enhance department guidance and enable earlier engagement opportunities

## Workshop Highlights:

- Walkthrough of MWSBE best practices and effective strategies for inclusion
- Early CBI Engagement: Demonstrated where CBI currently exists and identified a proposed CBI position in the project planning process
- Clearer entry points for CBI to guide departments at critical project milestones



Representation from the City Managers Office, Aviation, CATs, CBI, CDOT, Charlotte Water, City Attorney's Office, General Services, and Strategy & Budget

# CBI Engagement

Engage CBI in planning phase to increase outreach opportunities to help shape achievable and impactful MWSBE opportunities

