May 2, 2022

# **Emerging Stronger Together**

PROPOSED FY 2023 BUDGET



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#### FY 2023 Proposed Budget: \$3.24 Billion

FY 2022 Total Budget	\$2.7b
General Fund*	+ \$34.4m
General CIP (Excluding Bonds)	+\$19.5m
General Bonds	+\$226.0m
Enterprise Operating	+\$86.8m
Enterprise Capital	+\$146.6m
All Other Funds	+\$25.5m
FY 2023 Proposed Budget	\$3.24b

\*The General Fund Budget is \$784.8m and grew at 4.5% prior to net of transfers calculation.

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# We Never Stopped Working





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#### **Remaining Focused on Priorities**

	Great Neighborhoods	Safe Communities	Transportation, and Planning	Economic Development	Equity, Engagement, and Environment	Well- Managed Government
Affordable Housing	Р	P	S	S	Р	✓
Corridors of Opportunity (SAFE Charlotte)	Р	P	P	Р	P	✓
Mobility	Р	S	Р	S	Р	✓
Charlotte 2040 and UDO (SEAP)	Р	S	Р	S	Р	✓
Arts and Culture	S	S	S	Р	P	✓
Hire Charlotte	S	P	S	P	Р	✓
Core Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

P = Primary relationship, direct impact on a priority; S = Secondary Relationship, indirect impact/relationship on a priority

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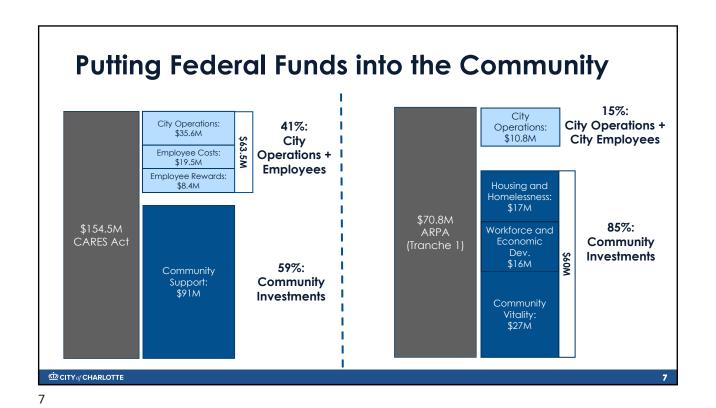


...Without a Tax Increase

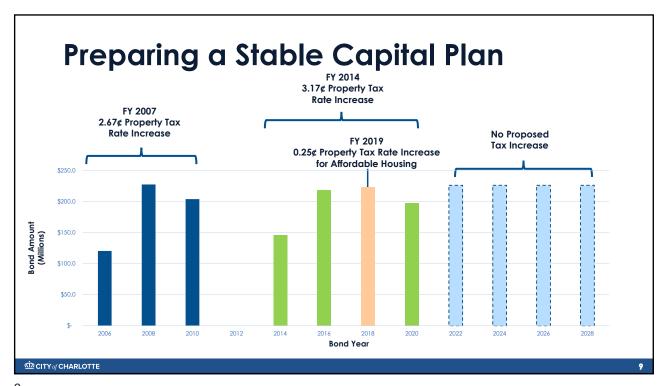
Including almost **\$5.0m** in FY 2023

Maximized the use of one-time Federal Funds

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Continue to use Phase II ARPA Funds to Support... Employees: \$10.8M 29%: Healthcare: **City Operations** \$6.0M + Employees **Charlotte City** IT Infrastructure: **Operations for ARPA** Phase 1 and 2 = 22% Arts and Culture: \$70.8M \$4M ARPA National Average (Tranche 2) Jobs and Workforce Development, and MWSBE: \$16M for city operations = 71%: 38% Community **Investments** Affordable Housing and Staying in Place: \$30M © CITY of CHARLOTTE





# Setting the Foundation for Future Bond Cycles

**Developed the Advanced Planning Fund** 

• Improve estimates of large capital projects

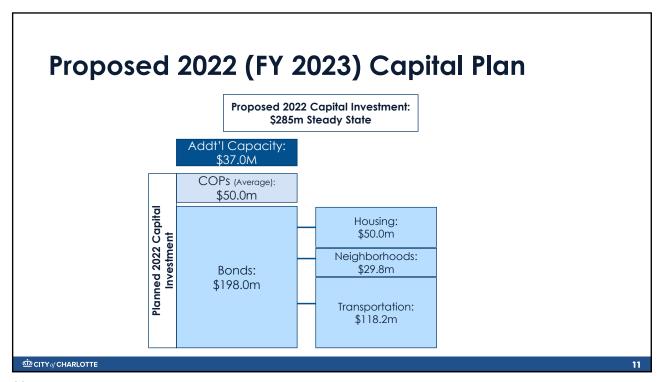
Solved lingering issues like the Cross Charlotte Trail

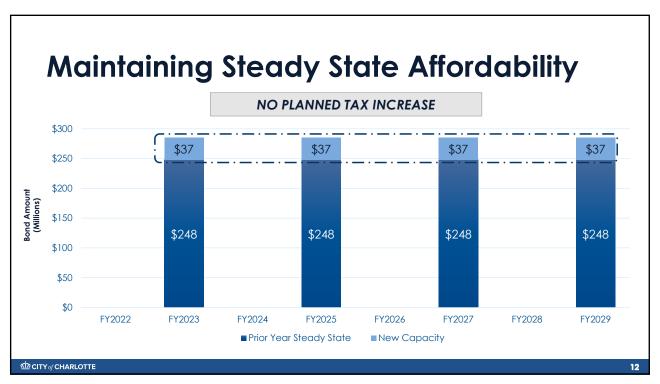
#### **Established Steady State Affordability**

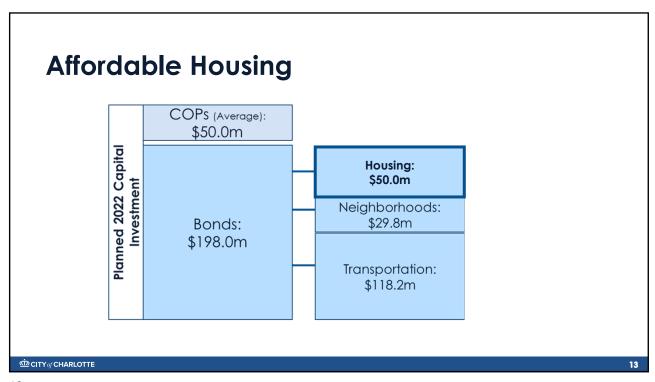
- · Match funding priorities with funding
- · Maintain capital affordability
- · Maintain AAA rating

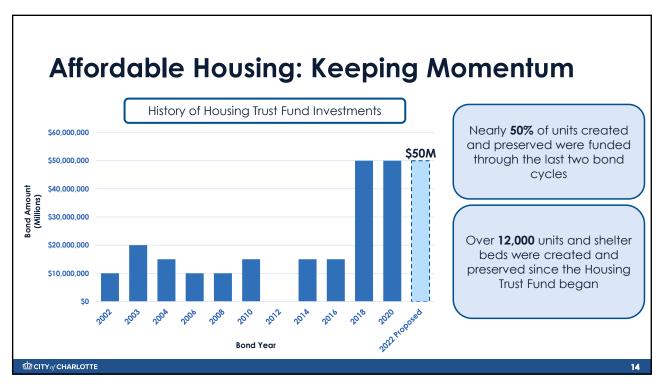
First new bond package that does not need a tax increase

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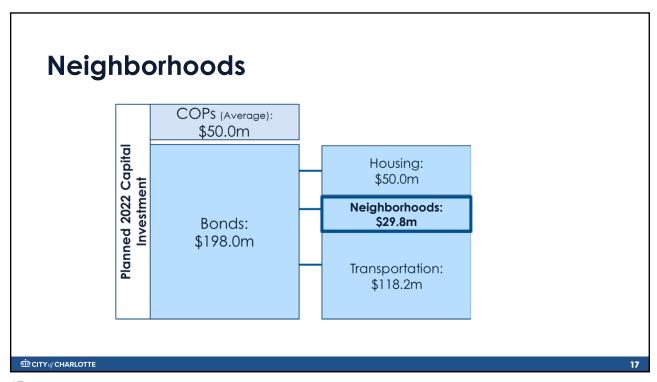


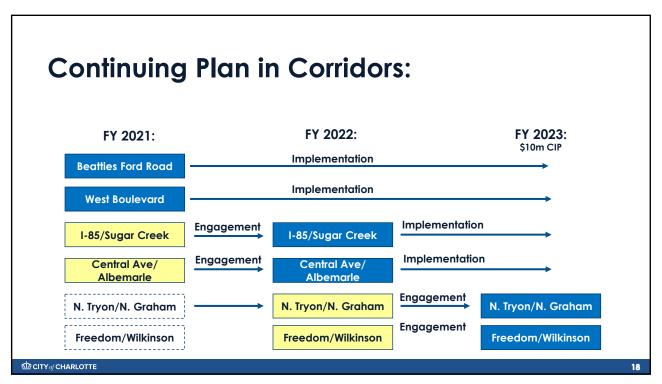
#### Affordable Housing: Holistic Approach **Reducing Displacement Risk Advancing Staying in Place** ✓ Allocated \$4.5m as initial investment Staying in Place Initiatives ✓ Analyzed and modified existing programs ✓ Down Payment Assistance ✓ Comprehensive Housing Rehab ✓ Engaging pilot neighborhoods Great **NEST Neighborhoods** Commission ✓ Launching new programs Committee ✓ Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot ✓ Rehab Contractor Capacity Building ✓ Partnering to better meet resident needs Collaborating with United Way to provide supportive services Equitable Development Commission

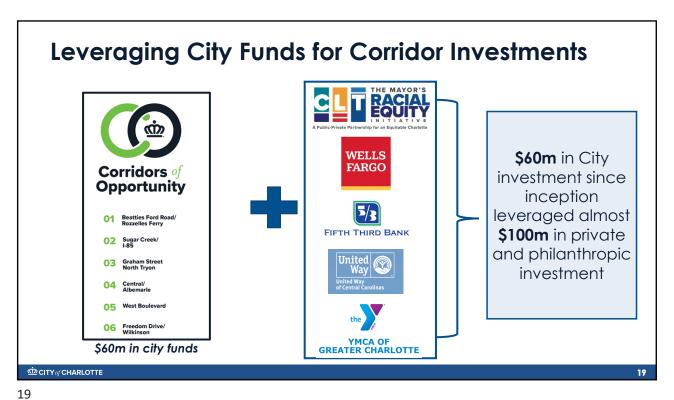
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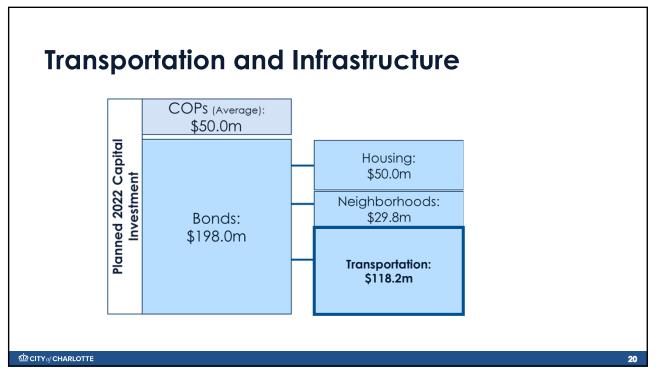


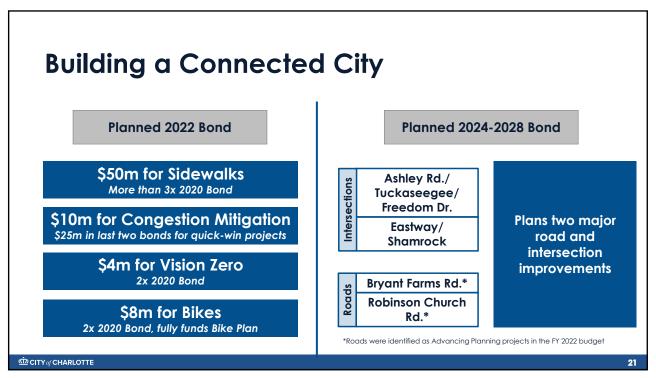


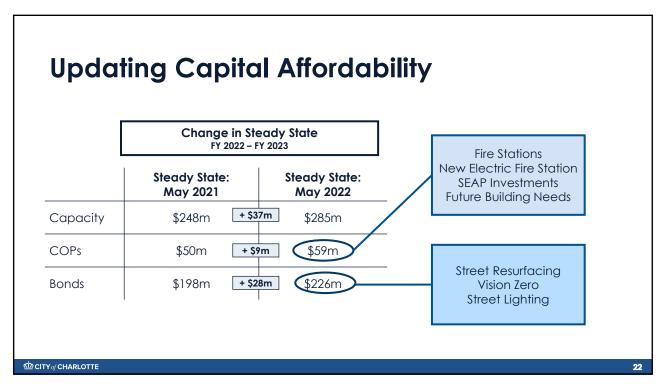


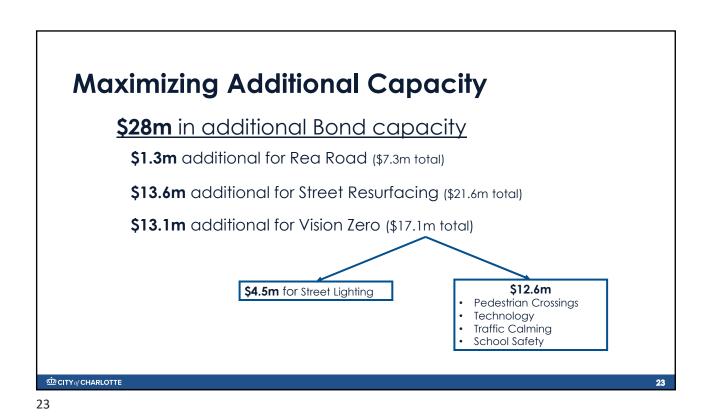


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Connecting the Workforce Ecosystem

EMPLOYMENT ECOSYSTEM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HIGHER ED

WORKFORCE TRAINING

EVALUATION

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#### Implementing HIRE Charlotte





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#### **Providing Pathways for Upward Mobility**

#### Almost \$1.5m Proposed in FY 2023 for Workforce and Business Development



Launch portal to connect residents to jobs



\$250,000 Support small and minority business capacity building



\$250,000

Builds on AmpUp to provide further small and minority business capacity building



\$800,000 Launch CBI Access to Capital and CBI Bonding Programs

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#### **ARPA** Investment for Jobs



Jobs and Workforce Development and MWSBE: \$16.0m

Employees and Technology: \$20.8m

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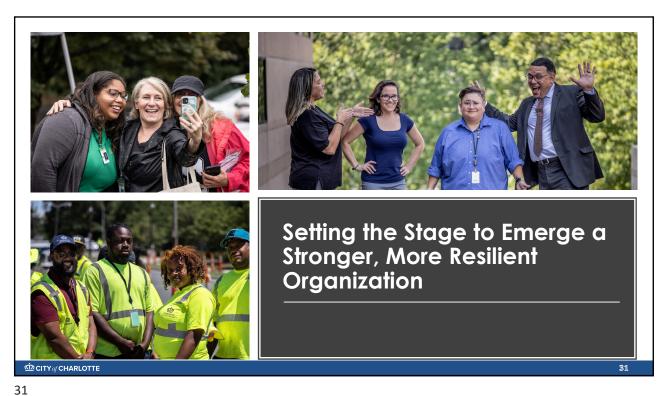
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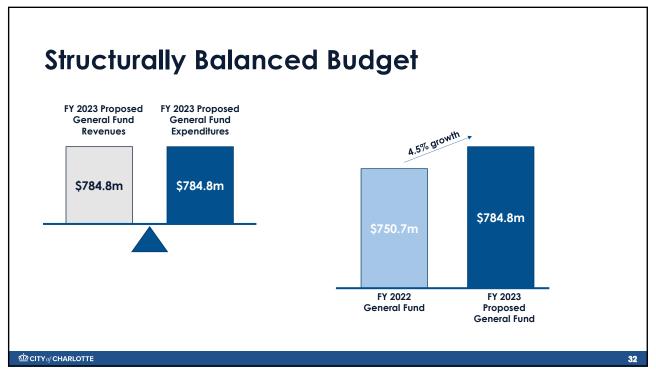


#### ... By Focusing on Equity and Advancing the **Strategic Energy Action Plan** Sustainability **Equity** Almost **\$16m** in SEAP investments over the last three years Adding \$100k for American Sign Language and Spanish Translation at Council meetings Includes proposed **\$7.1m** in FY 2023 Approved Language Access Policy First electric Fire Station + Fire Truck Advanced the ADA implementation plan First electric pursuit vehicle in Police \$4.25m proposed investment First Ford F-150 Lighting electric trucks Approved internal equity statement Adding 55 electric vehicles Working with Environment, Engagement, and Adding solar panels at three Fire Stations **Equity Committee** © CITY of CHARLOTTE



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## **Supporting our** Region

Department	Proposed FY 2023 Total Budget	Proposed FY 2023 Fee Changes*
Aviation	\$807,825,713	NA
CATS	\$257,421,461	No
Water	\$614,795,193	\$2.49 (avg. user)
Storm Water	\$113,242,034	\$0.34 (avg. user)
Solid Waste	\$75,274,838	\$0.92

\*Monthly Fee Changes

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#### **Using ARPA to Invest in Employees**

Affordable Housing and Staying in Place: \$30.0m Jobs and Workforce Development and MWSBE: \$16.0m Employees and Technology:
\$20.8m

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### Three Year Public Safety Strategy: Top Pay

Significant improvements in top pay compared to peer cities

Total Increase in Top Pay for Police Since Last Survey			
Position	Increase	Eastern	National
Police Sergeant	\$13,419	1 of 10	2 of 21
Police Officer	\$11,540	1 of 10	3 of 21

Total Increase in Top Pay for Fire Since Last Survey			
Position	Increase	Eastern	National
Fire Captain	\$13,489	2 of 10	4 of 21
Fire Engineer	\$11,425	3 of 9	3 of 18
Firefighter	\$7,127	5 of 10	9 of 21

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# Supporting First Responders

- Boost starting pay for officers and firefighters by 9% in July (10.5% by January)
- 3% market increase, split between July and January
- Step increase of 2.5-5% (if eligible)
- Consolidate steps in Fire Pay Plan
- 2% bonus, split between July and September

Minimum of \$1,000

Expand education incentive to include military service (January)

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#### Taking the Next Steps with Public Safety

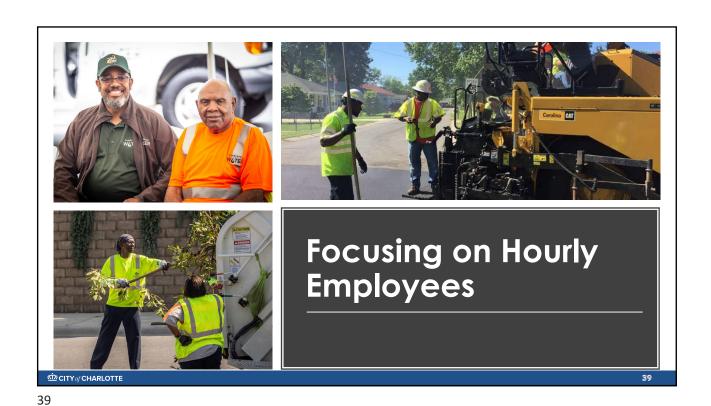
Work with the Public Safety Pay Plan Committee over the next fiscal year on the longterm structure of pay

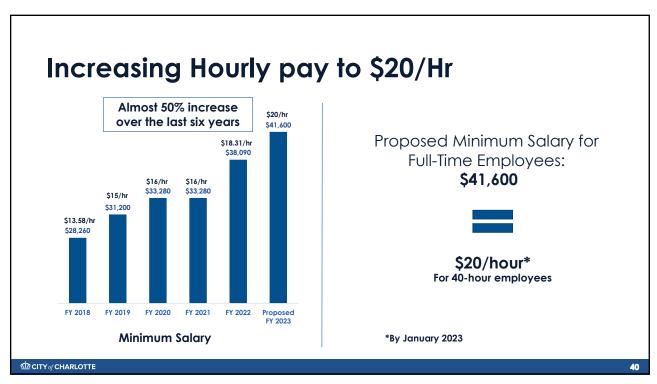




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#### **Providing More than Twice the Standard Pay Increase**

#### Typical Hourly Wage Increase

1.5% market increase (Dec.) + 1.5% merit increase (Merit Date)

3% increase

Proposed FY 2023 **Hourly Wage Increase** 

4% increase (July) +

4% increase (Jan.)

8% increase

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## **Total Compensation for Hourly Employees**



4% Increase January



Minimum of \$1,000

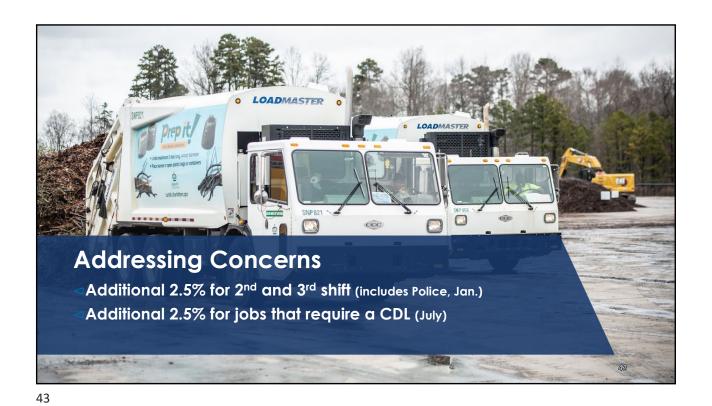


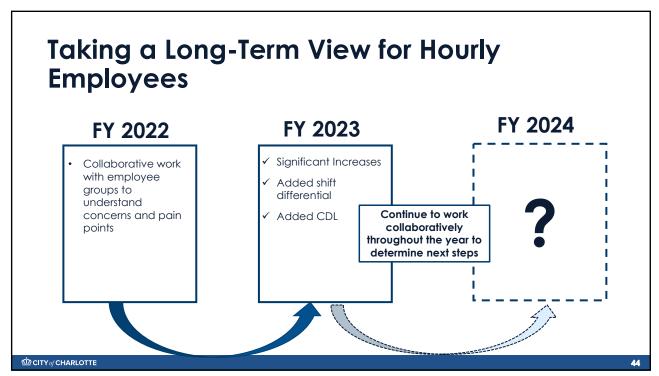
NO Increase in Healthcare **Premiums** 

10%

**Minimum Total Compensation** for General Hourly Employees

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# Rewarding Salaried Employees

- 4 percent merit pool for salaried general employees
- No healthcare premium increase
- 2% bonus in July and September\*
  - 1% in July, 1% in September
  - Minimum of \$1,000
- Continue flexible work options

\*Excludes Grade 20 and above



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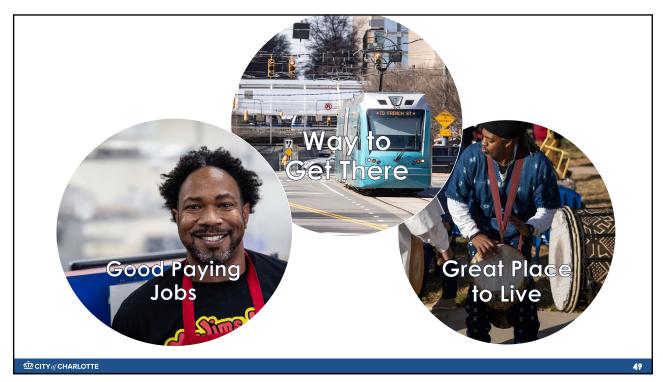
#### Enhancing Housing Opportunities for Team Charlotte

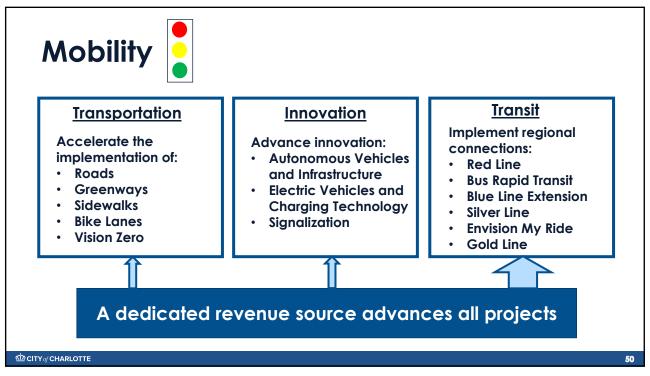
- Provide \$2.0 m to increase homeownership opportunities for city employees
- Explore opportunities to increase access to rental housing



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#### **Next Steps**

- ¬May 9 Budget Public Hearing (@ Business Meeting)
- ¬May 11 Budget Adjustments (@ 1 p.m.)
- ¬May 25 Straw Votes (@ 1 p.m.)
- ¬May 31 Budget Adoption (@ Business Meeting)

Comments on the FY 2023 Proposed Budget?

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Feedback to be shared with Council

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