

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT
MARY M. CHEH, CHAIR

REVISED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

Implementation of 5G Small Cell Technology in the District

November 19th, 2018, at 11:30 AM
in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

On Monday, November 19, 2018, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public roundtable on the implementation of 5G small cell technology in the District. The roundtable will begin at 11:30 AM in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

The purpose of the roundtable is to discuss and to hear testimony from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding the implementation of 5G small cell technology in the District. The telecom industry is preparing to roll out new technology designed to increase the speed of internet on mobile devices. This technology, known as "5G" requires small cells to be located throughout city blocks. Unlike 4G technology, which uses towers located .25 - .5 miles apart in urban areas, 5G uses small boxes, called small cells, spaced 200-400 feet apart. Because small cells must be placed at a higher density around the city, there are challenges in implementing this new technology and the protection of District infrastructure. As the agency responsible for issuing public space permits, DDOT is responsible for approving requests to install small cells throughout the city.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official Record. Anyone wishing to testify should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, Staff Assistant to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, at (202) 724-8062 or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Persons representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony. Individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony. Witnesses should bring eight copies of their written testimony and should submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us.

If you are unable to testify in person, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Benjamin at the following address: Committee on Transportation and the Environment, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 108, Washington, D.C. 20004. Statements may also be e-mailed to abenjamin@dccouncil.us or faxed to (202) 724-8118. The record will close at the end of the business day on December 3, 2018.

This hearing notice is revised to reflect that the time of the hearing has been moved from 11:00am to 11:30am.