

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

B23-393, The Safe Passage to School Expansion Act of 2019

Monday, November 25, 2019, at 11:00 AM
in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

On Monday, November 25, 2019, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on B23-393, The Safe Passage to School Expansion Act of 2019. The hearing will begin at 11:00 AM in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

B23-393 would establish an Office of Safe Passage, tasked with ensuring the safe passage of students as they travel to and from school, both during the school year and summer. The new office would develop ward-specific five-year strategic plans for the safe travel of students to and from school, collect data on student safety during school commutes, award grants to community-based organizations participating in the Safe Routes to School program, and provide recommendations on how the District can improve the safety of students as they travel to and from school. The legislation would also require the new Office to establish a Safe Routes to School program, which would designate 10 priority areas, establish safe routes to and from schools in those areas, and engage community-based organizations to hire and manage safe passage personnel to monitor these new safe routes.

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 9, 2019.