

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

The District Department of Transportation Slow Streets Initiative

November, 16, 2020, at 9:00 AM

On November, 16, 2020, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public roundtable on the District Department of Transportation's Slow Streets initiative. The roundtable will begin at 9:00 AM and will be broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13 and streamed live at www.dccouncil.us and entertainment.dc.gov.

The purpose of the roundtable is for the Committee to learn about how DDOT plans to improve its Slow Streets initiative. Residents have raised numerous concerns with the effectiveness of the initiative due to confusing signage, poor communication, and perplexing street choices to serve as slow streets. Due to these issues, few residents appear to take advantage of the initiative. The Committee continues to believe the initiative is worthwhile, and plans to hear from DDOT on how the initiative can be improved.

On March 11, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser issued the Declaration of Public Emergency: Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Declaration of Public Health Emergency: Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of the coronavirus. These orders require that the Council adapt the methods by which committees may hold public hearings and roundtables to comply with social distancing, large public gathering, and other public health and safety requirements. Therefore, this public roundtable will be held remotely through the WebEx teleconferencing platform.

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; witnesses will receive information on how to join the roundtable at that time. Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, or requiring sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the roundtable, which is November 9, 2020. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify at the public roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record; testimony may be submitted to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. The public may also leave voicemail testimony for the Committee by calling (202) 350-1344, which will be transcribed and made part of the roundtable record. Members of the public leaving voicemail testimony should speak slowly and clearly, state their

full name and the organization they represent, if any, and note the bill, roundtable, or agency that they are submitting testimony on. Members of the public are asked to not provide an e-mail, phone number, or other person contact information in voicemail testimony.

The record will close at the end of the business day on November 30, 2020.