

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

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**REVISED**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**Administration of the Lead Water Service Line Replacement Programs**

Monday, May 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**Councilmember Cheh's Facebook Page (facebook.com/cmmarycheh)**

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On May 3, 2021, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public roundtable on Administration of the Lead Water Service Line Replacement Programs. The roundtable will begin at 9:00 a.m. and streamed live at facebook.com/cmmarycheh.

The Committee seeks testimony from the public on DC Water and the Department of Energy and Environment's administration of the District's lead water service line replacement programs. DC Water has committed to replacing all lead water service lines within 10 years, and the Committee is concerned that DC Water will be unable to meet this goal at its present pace. Currently, DC Water would need 20 years to complete all full service line replacements, and it would take 64 years for all private-side partial replacements to be removed and replaced. The Committee seeks testimony on the administration of these two programs, including recommendations to accelerate their pace (and any barriers to doing so), information on the health and equity impact of the current pace, and comments on DC Water's recently announced proposal to restructure these programs to prioritize vulnerable and underserved populations.

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](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us); witnesses will receive information on how to join the roundtable at that time. Requests to testify must be received at least 24 hours before the start of the roundtable. 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 April 26,

2021. 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](mailto: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 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

This roundtable notice is revised to reflect that the subject of the roundtable has been narrowed to only cover administration of the lead water service line replacement programs. The roundtable as originally noticed would have also included discussion of the Mayor's proposed allocation of federal relief funds for DC Water Programs in the FY 2022 budget and FY 2021 supplemental budget; however, the date that the Mayor was to transmit her proposed budget to the Council, originally scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, has been delayed to May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Committee intends to hold a separate hearing on allocation of federal relief funds for DC Water Programs in June, after the Council receives the Mayor's budget proposal. The Committee has not yet scheduled that hearing but will do so in the coming weeks.