

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT
MARY M. CHEH, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIR

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON

Plans to Replace the Collapsed Pedestrian Bridge Along Route 295 and the Resiliency of the District's Transportation Infrastructure

July 9, 2021, at 9:30 AM

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

DC Council Website (dccouncil.us)

Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)

Office of Cable Television Website (entertainment.dc.gov)

On July 9, 2021, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, and Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, will hold a joint public roundtable on plans to replace the collapsed pedestrian bridge along Route 295 and the resiliency of the District's transportation infrastructure. The roundtable will begin at 9:30 am and will be broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13 and streamed live at www.dccouncil.us, facebook.com/cmmarycheh, and entertainment.dc.gov.

On June 23, 2021, a pedestrian bridge spanning Route 295 collapsed following a collision with a truck. That bridge connected the Kenilworth and Deanwood neighborhoods, and was a key point of access to the metro and other amenities for Kenilworth residents. At this roundtable, the Committees will seek updates from the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and the District Department of Transportation on plans to replace the pedestrian bridge, as well as interim measures that will be put in place to minimize the impact on residents until the pedestrian bridge can be restored. In addition, the Committees will seek information from DDOT and the Deputy Mayor on how the District can best prepare for and respond to unanticipated events like the recent pedestrian bridge collapse.

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 least 24 hours

prior to the start of the hearing 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 July 4, 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. 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 July 25, 2021.