

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

Speeding Electrification of WMATA's Bus Fleet

on

Thursday, September 30, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)
Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable before the Committee of the Whole on **"Speeding Electrification of WMATA's Bus Fleet."** The roundtable will be held at **1:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 30, 2021** live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) target date for electrifying its fleet is 2045 – over two decades away. While it has plans to launch a two-year pilot project with 12 electric buses and facilities for charging, it is unclear why WMATA is not being more aggressive in its electrification efforts. The purpose of this roundtable is to examine the difficulties and potential challenges in speeding the electrification of WMATA's bus fleet. This hearing will gather testimony from experts on how WMATA could set a more aggressive goal for electrification and get more EV buses on the road. Specifically, the hearing will address lifecycle costs for electric buses, bus range, charging infrastructure, funding opportunities, and the experience of other agencies and jurisdictions with substantial electric fleets.

This roundtable is limited to invited witnesses only. Testimony from each invited witness is limited to five minutes unless a longer time limit is arranged. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please contact Destiny Riley, Committee Assistant, at (202) 724-8196.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the roundtable will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Because of this, written or transcribed testimony from the public is encouraged and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us or may be left by voicemail (up to 3 minutes – which will be transcribed – by calling (202) 430-6948). Testimony received by close of business on February 2, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony> prior to the roundtable. If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00pm on October 11, 2021.