

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON**

**The Report of the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force on Achieving Full Lead Water Service Line Replacements in the District by 2030, and the Council Contractor's Assessment of DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 2:00 PM  
**Councilmember Cheh's Facebook Page ([facebook.com/cmmarycheh](https://www.facebook.com/cmmarycheh))**

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On Tuesday, September 27, 2022, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will hold a public roundtable on the Report of the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force on Achieving Full Lead Water Service Line Replacements in the District by 2030, and the Council Contractor's Assessment of DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. The roundtable will begin at 2:00 PM and will be streamed live at [facebook.com/cmmarycheh](https://www.facebook.com/cmmarycheh).

On June 14, 2021, DC Water released its Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. In this plan, DC Water provided a detailed account of the anticipated process and cost for the agency to replace and remove all lead water service lines in the District by 2030. That Plan also included details on DC Water's new scheme to prioritize blocks and specific properties for these replacements, which, in part, will prioritize properties with young children and pregnant women and in historically underserved areas. At that time, DC Water also raised to the Committee barriers the agency faces to most efficiently completing this work, including cross-agency costs, delays, and inefficiencies.

In the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, the Council established an interagency Task Force made up of representatives from DOEE, DC Water, DDOT, DCRA, and Council representatives, tasked with identifying barriers to the expedient completion of lead service line replacement work, and proposals to reduce or eliminate those barriers. That interagency Task Force first met in fall 2021, and, over the summer, produced a report with its findings and recommendations. At this roundtable, the Committee will hear testimony from Task Force members and agency representatives on the report.

Also in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, the Council identified funding for a contractor to undertake a comprehensive assessment of DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. Through that plan, DC Water has requested that the District allocate between \$312,000,000 and \$507,000,000 to the agency to support lead water service line replacement work; the plan also includes DC Water's rubric for prioritizing lead water service line replacements. The contractor was tasked with reviewing DC Water's cost estimates, prioritization scheme, and overall plan; contrasting those plan elements with other jurisdictions and general best practices; and, providing the Council with a report with findings and recommendations on how DC Water's might be more effective, efficient, and economical. The contractor also completed

its assessment over the summer, and, at the roundtable, will present its findings and recommendations to the Council.

Both the Task Force's report and the contractor's assessment are intended to inform future legislative action by the Council to most effectively and efficiently move forward lead water service line replacement work in the District. Thus, the Committee welcomes public comment on the report, assessment, and the District's existing lead water service line replacement programs.

Due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of the coronavirus, the Council has adapted the methods by which committees may hold public hearings and roundtables to comply with social distancing, large public gatherings, and other public health and safety requirements. Therefore, this public roundtable will be held remotely through the Zoom 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](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us); witnesses will receive information on how to join the hearing 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 hearing, which is September 20, 2022. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received less than five business days ahead may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, 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 hearing 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, hearing, or agency that they are submitting testimony on. Members of the public are asked to not provide an e-mail, phone number, or other personal contact information in voicemail testimony.

The record will close at the end of the business day on October 11, 2022.