

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B25-0710, THE “AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TESTING PERMIT REQUIREMENT
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2024”**

B25-0738, THE “TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2024”

AND

**B25-0801, THE “BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2024”**

**Thursday, June 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – no later than 5:30 p.m.
Hybrid Hearing in Room 120 (for government witnesses) and
via Zoom (for public witnesses)**

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On Thursday, June 6, 2024, Councilmember Charles Allen, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, will convene a public hearing to consider B25-0710, the “Autonomous Vehicle Testing Permit Requirement Amendment Act of 2024”, B25-0738, the “Transportation Improvements Amendment Act of 2024”, and B25-0801, the “Building Energy Performance Standards Amendment Act of 2024”. This is a hybrid format hearing, with public witnesses appearing virtually via the Zoom platform and government witnesses testifying in-person in Room 120 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, from 9:30 a.m. to no later than 5:30 p.m.

The stated purpose of B25-0710, the “Autonomous Vehicle Testing Permit Requirement Amendment Act of 2024”, is to amend the Autonomous Vehicle Act of 2012 to prohibit driverless testing of autonomous vehicles (“AVs”) on District roadways without an AV testing permit and to

require any person or entity testing AVs with a test operator before an AV testing permit becomes available to provide notice to the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”).

The stated purpose of B25-0738, the “Transportation Improvements Amendment Act of 2024”, is to amend the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002 to provide the Director of DDOT greater discretion to delegate the duties and responsibilities assigned to DDOT; to provide the DDOT Director with the authority to construct, maintain and control DDOT infrastructure on land transferred from the federal government for recreational purposes, provided that the land is adjacent to public space and integral to a transportation improvement plan or project or DDOT’s control of public space; and to provide that the District has an adequate interest sufficient to meet federal highway funding requirements in federal parkland where transportation infrastructure projects are located.

The stated purpose of B25-0801, the “Building Energy Performance Standards Amendment Act of 2024”, is to amend the CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018 to align the District’s Building Energy Performance Standards with the recommendations from the Building Energy Performance Standards Task Force, to delay the start of the second and third compliance cycles by one year, to require DOEE to establish building energy performance standards for the second and third compliance cycles no later than January 1, 2028, and every 6 years thereafter, to clarify that a period of time for which a public health emergency was in effect shall not count toward the 3-year delay for a qualifying building to come into compliance, to create a whole-cycle exemption for qualifying buildings that are vacant or in financial distress, to change the term “alternative compliance penalties” to “alternative compliance payments”, and to require DOEE and the Zoning Commission to amend regulations to confirm that mechanical and electrical upgrades made to comply with the District’s Building Energy Performance Standards are exempt from stormwater and Green Area Ratio requirements; and to amend the Green Building Act of 2006 to change the benchmark reporting and verification deadline from April 1 to May 1, to clarify that a consulting firm other than the owner or property management company may conduct verification if the firm completed the benchmarking for the building, to exempt a building owner from third-party verification requirements when both the owner and its benchmarking consultant have a demonstrated history and track record of data integrity, and to allow DOEE to permit third-party verification requirements to be modulated in detail or timing.

The Committee invites the public to provide live and written testimony. Public witnesses seeking to provide testimony at the Committee’s hearing must thoroughly review the following instructions:

- If you would like to provide live testimony during the hearing or submit written testimony for the record, please use the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>. HMS is a universal, centralized way to find out about upcoming hearings, register to testify, submit testimony, download testimony, and see how many witnesses have registered. **The deadline to register to provide testimony through HMS is Friday, May 31, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The hearing record closes on Friday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m., after which you will be unable to submit written testimony.**
- Once you have identified the hearing at which you want to testify on the Hearing Management System, read the Hearing Notice at the bottom of the page for additional

details on the hearing. The hearing page also shows how many witnesses have already registered under the “Witnesses” heading.

- Click the “Register to Testify” button at the upper right of the page to register to testify at the hearing. If the deadline to sign up for a hearing has already passed, or if there is no public testimony at the hearing, the button will not be available.
- If there are multiple topics to be considered at a hearing, select which one you would like to speak to by placing a checkmark next to the relevant topic or legislation. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization, select “Organization” and include your title and the organization’s name. If you are testifying on your own behalf, select “Individual.” There may be additional fields included by a Committee to gather further details.
- Select “Live Testimony” or “Record Testimony.” Select “Live Testimony” if you previously registered to testify at the hearing. If your testimony is only for the written record, choose “Record Testimony.” Please use the same name, organization information, and email address that you used if you registered to testify.
- If you are trying to submit testimony, click the “Submit Testimony” button in the upper right on the hearing page. If the deadline to submit testimony for a hearing has already passed, the button will not be available.
- You can upload testimony in either Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, or a plain text file by clicking “Upload My Testimony.” You can also type your testimony from this page by selecting “I will type my testimony here.”
- After completing the web form, you should receive a confirmation email from noreply@dccouncil.gov. Prior to the hearing, you will receive an email from noreply@dccouncil.gov from the Committee with additional details on testifying, including the access link.
- The Committees will approve witnesses’ registrations based on the total time allotted for public testimony. The Committees will also determine the order of witnesses’ testimony.
- Representatives of organizations and ANCs will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. If more than one witness is testifying on behalf of the same organization, the first witness will have five minutes, and all subsequent witnesses will have three minutes. To accommodate additional public witnesses, the Committee may reduce witnesses’ allotted time for testimony but will inform witnesses if it plans to do so.
- Witnesses are not permitted to yield their time to or substitute their testimony for the testimony of another individual or organization.
- Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation, including ASL interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the hearing. Please include this request in the additional field for this purpose when you register to testify. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests; however, requests received fewer than five business days before the hearing may not be fulfilled.