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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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**COUNCILMEMBER MARY CHEH, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING

on

The CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Project

on

**Tuesday, August 26, 2014
12:00 p.m., Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Mary Cheh announce the scheduling of a joint public oversight hearing of the Committee of the Whole and Committee on Transportation and the Environment on the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel project. The hearing will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

On April 30, 2014 the Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on PR 20-601, "Sense of the Council for a Hearing on the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Project Resolution of 2013," which would urge the relevant United States House of Representatives committee to hold a hearing on the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Project, located in Ward 6. This hearing provided a public forum for residents to raise questions and concerns surrounding the project, many of which remain. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for this project was released by the Federal Highway Administration and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) on June 13, 2014, with an extended comment period to end August 12, 2014. Because there is significant public interest in this project, yet there remain outstanding questions to be answered by DDOT prior to the issuance of permits for the CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel project, the Committees invite testimony regarding this project.

Those who wish to testify are asked to telephone the Committee of the Whole, at (202) 724-8196, or e-mail Jessica Jacobs, Legislative Counsel, at jjacobs@dccouncil.us and provide their name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business Friday, August 22, 2014. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on August 22, 2014, the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.