Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable before the Committee of the Whole on PR 22-190, the “Sense of the Council Supporting the National Mall Underground Parking Feasibility Study Resolution of 2017.” The roundtable will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017 in room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of PR 22-190 is to declare the Sense of the Council to support a National Mall Underground Parking Feasibility Study to evaluate the concept of a parking structure built under the National Mall that would also serve as a retention structure to reduce or prevent flooding in the District’s Federal Triangle area. The feasibility study would be undertaken by the Planning Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Baltimore District) and would involve an economic analysis of the feasibility of constructing an underground structure. The total cost for the twelve-month feasibility study is estimated to be $100,000. The cost to the District will be zero dollars, as the National Mall Coalition has committed to covering the entire cost of the study.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or to call Sydney Hawthorne, Legislative Counsel at (202) 724-8196, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by close of business April 5, 2017. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on April 5, 2017 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the roundtable. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on http://lims.dccouncil.us.

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 the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at noon on Monday, April 21, 2017.