

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Transportation**



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Before the  
Committee on Transportation and the Environment  
Council of the District of Columbia  
The Honorable Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson

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Good morning Chairperson Cheh and members of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment. My name is Jeff Marootian, and I am the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

I am pleased to provide testimony on Mayor Bowser's Fiscal Year 2020 budget entitled, "A Fair Shot." Mayor Bowser recently presented the District's 24th consecutive balanced budget. It reflects the ideas and priorities of District residents and fulfills our commitment to deliver for District residents each and every day. Mayor Bowser's FY 2020 budget makes strategic investments in education, affordable housing, transportation, infrastructure, public safety, job training, and employment services that keep residents on the pathway to the middle class.

Furthermore, the proposal reflects DDOT's commitment to safety and transparency, as well as renews our efforts to achieve a state of good repair for infrastructure and provides a robust transportation network in all eight wards. We are eager to intensify the progress we have made to foster a safe and inclusive transportation network that promotes prosperity for all District residents by expanding free Circulator service, moving forward to build the K Street Transitway, maintaining a state of good repair for the District's assets, and prioritizing streetscapes that have the greatest safety impact. The Mayor's budget for DDOT supports these objectives.

In order to most effectively deliver the content of DDOT's FY 2020 budget, I will present slides with information on the operating and capital budget organized by the following topics:

- Investments in Safety
- Maintenance of Core Assets
- Transit and Mobility
- Sustainability and Livability
- Mega-Projects
- Improvements in Government Operations

Before I go into the slide presentation, I want to close by thanking this committee for your past support for DDOT's efforts. After the presentation, I look forward to answering your questions.