



District Department of Transportation

**Hearing on “District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Matthew T. Brown Confirmation Resolution”**

Public Oversight Roundtable

**Testimony of  
Matthew Brown, Acting Director  
District Department of Transportation**

**Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor**

**Committee on the Environment, Public Works and Transportation  
Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson**

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Room 412**



Good afternoon Chairman Cheh, members of the Committee, staff, and District residents. My name is Matthew Brown, and I am the Acting Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). It is a pleasure to appear before the committee to provide testimony on behalf of Mayor Vincent C. Gray regarding my nomination to the DC Water Board of Directors as an alternate.

I am pleased to be considered for this position. DDOT works extensively with DC Water on coordination with our projects. Much of DC Water's infrastructure is below our streets. I am excited to help improve our coordination with DC Water, and to work on our joint goals of reducing storm water runoff.

I previously worked as a budget analyst for a wastewater authority in Wisconsin. At that time, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District had recently completed a deep tunnel system to hold storm water and was implementing programs such as distributing rain barrels, encouraging green roofs, and implementing what they called "watercourse" work that reduced flooding.

I bring this experience, as well as my background in financial management to this position as Board alternate.

I look forward to contributing in a meaningful way to the work that is currently being done by the Board. DDOT is responsible for a number of critical programs that impact the valuable work that DC Water just like the work that DC Water is responsible for on a number of key initiatives that impact the projects and programs that DDOT does.

For example:

- DDOT has been working closely with DC Water in advancing Green Infrastructure (GI) within the public right-of-way to manage storm water runoff and improve the livability in the city.
- DDOT's RiverSmart Washington project, which was partially funded by DC Water, provided an opportunity for the agencies to collaborate closely during the design process which helped to resolve the various design challenges that were identified early on in the process. The project is now under construction and we will continue to work together as this project moves forward.
- Also, DDOT and DC Water worked collectively on the short-term Bloomingdale Green Infrastructure project. This project was completed in 2013, and as you know, had an immediate impact on alleviating the flooding in the Bloomingdale community.
- DDOT is currently working with DC Water on their design of Green Infrastructure projects related to the Northeast Boundary Tunnel and part of the Long Term Control Plan. We are meeting consistently to

review project designs to ensure that the designs achieve the goals and requirements that were initially set forth by both agencies.

I believe that this appointment provides an excellent opportunity for both agencies to continue to collaborate to maintain and enhance our shared goals and initiatives.

Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to continuing to serve the District in this capacity as the DC Water Board Alternate on behalf of Mayor Vincent C. Gray. I am happy to answer any questions on my qualifications for this position that you might have and I thank you for your time.