



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL  
LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
*Mission Statement*

*On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, The Land Use & Transportation Committee is committed to shaping a reliable, equitable, and sustainable future for Baltimore's land use and transportation systems. Through operational oversight and legislative action, the committee aims to develop and support lasting solutions grounded in principles of good governance.*

**The Honorable Ryan Dorsey  
Chairperson**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday January 23, 2025  
10:00 AM  
CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

***Committee Meeting  
Orientation***

## CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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## COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee: Land Use and Transportation Committee**

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### Committee Hearing - Orientation

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of:

- review committee rules & expectations
- planned agenda for the year/term
- serve as a general preview for the committee

The committee will be requesting agency heads and key representatives from DOT, DHCD, the Department of Planning, BMZA & the Law Department. Additionally, several land use attorneys and representatives will be invited to speak to the committee.

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### **REPORTING AGENCIES**

Department of Transportation

Department of Planning

Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

Law Department

Department of Housing and Community Development

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### **BACKGROUND**

This meeting will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM in council chambers. It will include time for:

- Introductions and an overview of committee's schedule and agenda.
  - Legal matters pertaining to land use.
  - Committee rules.
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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):**

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Additional Materials



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**TO:** Land Use & Transportation Committee members  
**CC:** Shamoyia Gardner, Ty'lor Schnellla, Nancy Mead  
**FROM:** Ryan Dorsey, Chair  
**DATE:** January 21, 2025  
**RE:** Committee Schedule Overview

The Land Use & Transportation Committee will adhere generally to a four-week cycle of business. Below is a general overview.

1. The first Thursday of each month will generally be dedicated to oversight of Department of Transportation operations. The current schedule is as follows.
  - Parking enforcement - **February 6, 2025**
  - Community engagement - **March 6, 2025**
  - Lighting maintenance - **April 10, 2025**
  - Traffic calming, quick-build, community-led placemaking - **May 8, 2025**
  - TEC and footways - **June 5, 2025**
  - ROW, street cuts, maintenance of traffic - **July 10, 2025**
2. The second Thursday of each month will generally be reserved for oversight and discussion of matters primarily related to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning.
3. The third Thursday will be used to hear bills of public policy; discussion of matters requiring substantial planning, coordination, and long-term commitment; discussion of ideas for substantial changes to City operations; and occasionally additional oversight follow up. Some likely topics include:
  - Greenway Trails Network progress
  - Charm City Circulator and MTA service overlap
  - One-way to two-way conversions of central arterial roads
  - The future of the Jones Falls Expressway
  - Bicycle network build-out
  - Highway to nowhere
  - Vehicle crash response and reporting changes
4. The fourth week of each month will be reserved for hearings of site-specific land use bills but may also be used for work sessions and voting sessions of bills previously heard.



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**FROM:** Ryan Dorsey, Chair  
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**RE:** **Committee Procedural Rules**

Please see the following procedural rules for the Land Use & Transportation Committee, which will be reviewed at the Committee's orientation on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

### Hearings, Work Sessions, and Voting

- The sponsor of a bill, including committee members, will testify first and will stand before the committee when doing so. Bills will not be heard without the sponsor present in-person.
- Non-committee members and members of the public will be permitted to testify for a predetermined length of time and will do so standing before the committee.
- Panelists and agency representatives may stand or be seated at a desk.
- On-screen visual presentations may be permitted via sufficient advance consultation with the Chair.
- Only committee members will be permitted to participate in dialogue with agencies or others testifying on bills.
- In general, a non-committee member will be permitted to provide testimony once per convening on a bill. However, additional rules and permissions may apply during work sessions and informational discourse.
- Only committee members will be recognized during voting sessions.
- The Chair may impose additional rules, waive any of the above, or may otherwise exercise discretion at any time.

### Virtual Testimony

- Virtual testimony will generally be permitted for a maximum of ten people per bill. More may be permitted at the Chair's discretion.
- Advance signup is required and will be open only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m, two business days prior to a bill hearing. Example: For a bill scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, signup is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday.
- Persons signing up to testify must provide: first and last name, phone number, email address, home address, organization being represented, the bill number, and must state their overall position on the matter as "support", "support with amendments", "oppose", or "comment only".
- If significantly more than ten people sign up, preference will be given at the Chair's discretion to Baltimore City residents, earliest signup, and/or diversity of viewpoints for overall consideration.

### Chair Discretion and Amendment of Rules

- The above rules are general, and the Chair may exercise reasonable discretion and leeway in diverting from them. The Chair reserves the right to amend these rules, including those pertaining to online testimony, from time to time, with appropriate advance written notice to the public and committee.