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Councilmember Bowser elected as first vice chair of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Washington, DC – Today Councilmember Muriel Bowser was elected to serve as the first vice chair of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

“I am honored to have been elected as vice chair of the Transportation Planning Board. I remain committed to putting forth solid transportation guidelines for residents here in the District and in the metropolitan area,” said Councilmember Bowser.

The TPB is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. The TPB prepares plans and programs that the federal government must approve in order for federal-aid transportation funds to flow to the Washington region.

This month, four wheelchair-accessible taxicabs made their public debut in the District. Prior to the unveiling, none of the District’s 6,500 taxis were equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift. Their debut is part of a pilot program, funded in part by the TPB’s Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force (HSTF), which the Councilmember chairs.

Councilmember Bowser said “The District should ensure the best quality of life for residents, workers and visitors alike. In my role as chair of the HSTF, it was great to be part of the team that worked to make this critical service a reality.”

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A native Washingtonian and former ANC commissioner, Councilmember Muriel Bowser is Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs. She is also a member of the Committees on: Economic Development, Human Services, Public Works and Transportation, and Public Safety and the Judiciary. Visit www.murielbowser.com for more information.

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