

## House Transportation and Local Government Committee Information

**Meeting times and locations.** The House Transportation and Local Government Committee meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. The committee also meets on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings upon adjournment of the full House. The committee's designated meeting room is House Committee Room (HCR) 112. Occasionally, the committee meets in a different room to accommodate larger crowds or the needs of other committees. Changes to the committee's regular schedule are generally announced on the House floor prior to adjournment.

**Committee hearings.** Committee meetings are broadcast over the Internet. Interested persons who are not able to attend a meeting in person can listen live over the internet. To access the live and archived feeds, visit: <http://leg.colorado.gov/committee/granicus/742011>

**Joint meetings with the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee.** The joint rules of the House and Senate require the House and Senate Transportation Committees to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budgets of the Department of Transportation. The House Transportation and Local Government Committee meets jointly with the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee to receive briefings from this department annually. This year, the committees met on January 3, 2019 to receive this briefing. If needed, the committees may also meet to receive briefings on other policy issues by staff, state agencies, or other stakeholder groups, or with the Joint Budget Committee. Joint meetings of the House Transportation and Local Government Committee and Senate Transportation and Energy Committee are held as needed.

**Joint meetings with the Senate Local Government Committee.** In addition, the House Transportation and Local Government Committee is required to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budget of the Department of Local Affairs. The House Transportation and Local Government Committee meets jointly with the Senate Local Government Committee to receive briefings from this department annually. The committee met in December 18, 2018 to receive this briefing. Joint meetings of the House Transportation and Local Government Committee and Senate Local Government Committee are held as needed.

**Testifying before the committee.** Individuals who wish to testify before committees are asked to sign-up prior to the start of the meeting or before a bill is debated by the committee. Staff will provide a separate sign-up sheet for each bill.

The chair of the committee, Representative Matt Gray, is responsible for overseeing public testimony and will recognize those on the sign-up sheets in an order most conducive to the business before the committee. With rare exception, everyone who is signed up will be called to testify. Because the meetings are recorded and broadcast over the internet, individuals who are testifying are asked to wait to be recognized by the chair prior to beginning their testimony. The appropriate manner to address the committee chair is "Mr. Chair." The appropriate manner to address committee members is "Representative."

Once witnesses have been recognized by the chair, they may begin their testimony by giving their name and the organization they represent, if any. Committees are subject to tight deadlines and busy schedules. As a courtesy to the legislative members as well as those in the audience waiting to testify, witnesses are asked to keep their testimony brief and relevant to the bill. Please do not repeat testimony that may have already been provided to the committee. Witnesses may distribute copies of handouts and written testimony to the committee.

If you wish to distribute materials to the committee that relate to your testimony, please bring at least 14 copies — one for each member of the committee, as well as a copy for the committee's official record. Please hand any materials to the committee staff person, who will distribute the materials to the committee members.

Witnesses are asked to observe professional decorum during the committee meetings. Clapping, booing, hissing, or otherwise disruptive behavior is not permitted. In addition, witnesses are asked to avoid any personal attacks or other emotional outbursts. Finally, all individuals present in the committee room are asked to silence all cell phones and electronic devices prior to the start of the meeting.

**Committee staff.** The Legislative Council Staff person for the House Transportation and Local Government Committee is April Bernard, who is available to answer any questions regarding the committee schedule at (303) 866-4789 or [april.bernard@state.co.us](mailto:april.bernard@state.co.us).

**Committee updates.** Interested persons can sign up on Twitter and follow the House Transportation and Local Government Committee to receive periodic updates on the committee's schedule and the status of bills in the committee. The committee's Twitter user name is COTransLocalGovComm.