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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 8(97) of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 995; D.C. Official Code § 34-801), which established the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission"), and section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment:

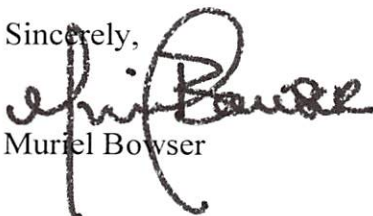
Mrs. Greer Gillis  
61 Pierce Street NE  
Apartment 1136  
Washington, DC 20002  
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Betty Ann Kane, for a term to end June 30, 2022.


Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with proposed resolutions to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of these nominations for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the appointment of Mrs. Greer Gillis as a member of the Public Service Commission  
of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "Public Service Commission Greer Gillis Confirmation Resolution  
of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Mrs. Greer Gillis  
61 Pierce Street NE  
Apartment 1136  
Washington, DC 20002  
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Public Service Commission, in accordance with 8(97) of An Act Making  
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effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), replacing Betty Ann  
Kane, for a term to end June 30, 2022.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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## **GREER JOHNSON GILLIS, P.E.**

### **Professional Biography**

Greer Johnson Gillis is a senior professional engineer and project manager with over 20 years of experience. Her expertise is in project and program management, with the experience of leading large-scale infrastructure projects from inception to completion. Her background is in transportation (traffic operations, traffic simulation, and transportation planning) having led several projects with regional jurisdictions on the improvement of traffic operations. She is a certified Professional Engineer in Washington, DC and Virginia and is a certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

Greer Johnson Gillis currently serves as the Director for the District of Columbia Department of General Services (DGS). Ms. Gillis, since August 2016, oversees the agency that is responsible for managing capital improvement and construction programs for a variety of District government agencies, including DC Public Schools, as well as executing real property acquisitions by purchase or lease, disposing of property through sale, lease or other authorized method, managing space in buildings and adjacent areas, and providing building management services for facilities owned or operated by the District.

Before accepting this role, Ms. Gillis served as the Deputy Director for the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, commonly known as DDOT. Ms. Gillis joined the Department in February 2015 under the administration of Mayor Muriel Bowser and Director Leif Dormsjo. Prior to this role, she served as the Area Manager for the Washington, DC office of Parsons Brinckerhoff, where she also served as the President of the DC Corporation of Parsons Brinckerhoff, P.C., and as Assistant Vice President of the parent company, Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc.

Prior her time in the private sector, Ms. Gillis served as the Deputy Chief Engineer for the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT). In this role, she oversaw infrastructure projects pertaining to the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) program, Stormwater Management Branch, Safety Standards and Quality Control Division, ITS Division, and Citywide Special Projects. At DDOT, she oversaw the \$300M 11th Street Bridges Design-Build Phase I Project, and served as an advisor to the Nationals Ballpark Transportation Operations Plan Task Force. In 2008, she was appointed by the Interim Director of DDOT to serve as the transportation lead for 2009 Presidential Inauguration, where she led the multi-administration team of DDOT in all phases of transportation planning and operations activities for the Inauguration, and represented DDOT with federal and city stakeholders for the Inauguration. She also served as the Acting Chief Engineer for DDOT from October 2009 to March 2010.

In 2014, Ms. Gillis was honored by President Obama and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx as a **White House Champion of Change: Transportation Ladders of Opportunity**. She was honored for her efforts in diversity, including the mentoring of and championing the participation of women and minorities in the engineering industry. Throughout her career, she has served as a role model and advocate for building a diverse transportation workforce.

### **Education**

- Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, January 1993  
Master of Science in Civil Engineering, Area of Specialization: Transportation

Thesis: "Variability of Travel Time Data and Its Application to Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS) "

- B.C.E., Civil Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 1991  
Bachelor of Civil Engineering

### Professional Affiliations

- Women's Transportation Seminar International (WTS)
  - DC Chapter, Immediate Past President, 2011
  - International Chapter, Member
- Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)
  - DC Chapter, Executive Vice President, 2013-2015
  - National Chair, Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation Awards Committee, 2012-2015
- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
  - Metropolitan Washington Chapter, Transportation Committee Member
- National Forum of Black Public Administrators/Local Corporate Advisory Council
  - DC Chapter, Member
- Parsons Brinckerhoff Internal Activities
  - Certified Project Manager, 2004
  - Women's Outreach Network, Chair, 2007 – 2008
  - Women of Color Committee, Chair, 2006 – 2007
- American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
  - Performance Management Subcommittee, Member, October 2009 to November 2010
  - Standing Committee on Highways, Member, October 2009 to March 2010, and February 2015 to August 2016
- Lean Six Sigma Black Belt
  - Certification, September 2010

### Awards

- White House Champion of Change: Transportation Ladders of Opportunity, 2014
- Women's Transportation Seminar, DC Chapter, Member of the Year, 2012
- 55<sup>th</sup> Annual AASHTO National Transportation Management Conference, Tucson, AZ, 2010
- Career Communications Group, National Women of Color Technology Awards, Special Recognition Award, 2006

### Key Competencies and Skills

Management and Leadership	Project Management	Program Management
Interpersonal Effectiveness	Conflict Resolution	Client Relations Management
Strategic Planning	Team Building	Process Improvement
Business Development	Stakeholder Engagement	Financial Oversight
Traffic Operations	Multimodal Planning	Mentoring

### Professional Registrations

Professional Engineer: DC, 2003 (900855); Virginia, 2002 (032257)

### Relevant Experience

*District of Columbia Department of General Services, Washington, DC*  
Director; August 2016 – November 2018t

- Ms. Gillis is responsible for the 700-person agency with the mission to elevate the quality of life for the District with superior construction, first-rate maintenance and expert real estate management. In addition to managing capital improvement and construction programs for a variety of District government agencies, the agency also executes real property acquisitions by purchase or lease, disposes of property through sale, lease or other authorized method, manages space in buildings and adjacent areas, and provides building management services for facilities owned or operated by the District. Her accomplishments during her tenure include the following:
  - Realigned agency organization structure to better align divisions to foster collaboration and transparency, inclusive of the development of the Chief Project Delivery Officer and Chief Administrative Officer positions.
  - Developed standard policies and procedures for agency divisions.
  - Implemented a culture change initiative with emphasis on the professional development of agency managers and to instill a standard code of conduct for employee performance.
  - Established an agency-wide training office to focus on professional development across all divisions and staffing levels.
  - Established a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) Inclusion Office to serve as the liaison for small businesses seeking to do business with the agency.

***District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Washington, DC***

***Deputy Director; February 2015 – August 2016***

- Ms. Gillis was responsible for day-to-day operations of the agency. She oversaw the agency clusters involving project delivery, operations & maintenance, administration & budget, and performance management. Her role was to support the mission and vision of the Director of the Department of Transportation and the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Her accomplishments during her term include the following:
  - Established the Transportation Equity and Inclusion Office, a Mayor's initiative, to support civil rights, age friendly, and small business activities.
  - Created a community engagement team to proactively engage the residents and business stakeholders regarding concerns around DDOT projects.

***Parsons Brinckerhoff***

***Area Manager, Washington, DC***

***President - Parsons Brinckerhoff, P.C.***

***Assistant Vice President – Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.***

***December 2010 – Present***

- Ms. Gillis was the Area Manager for the Washington, DC office of Parsons Brinckerhoff. She served as President of the DC Corporation of Parsons Brinckerhoff, P.C., and as Assistant Vice President of the parent company, Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. As Area Manager, she oversaw the transportation services staff in managing various infrastructures, planning, and design projects, as well as leading client relations management, business development, and financial oversight for activities in the Metropolitan Washington DC area. Applicable projects includes the following:
  - First Street Tunnel Design-Build Project, Washington, DC: Principal-in-Charge. First Street Tunnel is a flood control project that is part of the larger DC Water Clean Rivers Program. It addresses flooding issues in the Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park neighborhoods. As Design Principal in Charge, Ms. Gillis was responsible for providing resources to the design team during the critical design period, coordinating with the JV on project performance, and supporting DC Water in its efforts to complete the project on budget and ahead of schedule.
  - Maryland Avenue SW Transportation Study, Washington, DC: Principal-in-Charge. Transportation study commission by DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to study the lack of connectivity in the L'Enfant Plan along the Maryland Avenue SW corridor. As

Principal in Charge, Ms. Gillis was responsible for meeting regularly with team to ensure resources were properly assigned, quality was being checked, and schedule was being adhered.

- Speed Limit and Safety Nexus Project, Washington, DC: Project Manager for transportation study. The study was conducted to establish a nexus between traffic safety and placement of automated speed enforcement devices (speed cameras) in the District of Columbia.
- Baltimore-Washington Parkway Widening Feasibility Study, Prince Georges County, MD: Project Manager for the feasibility study to widen historic BW Parkway from four lanes to six lanes from the Washington, DC border to the Baltimore, MD beltway.

***District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Washington, DC***

*Deputy Chief Engineer; April 2010 – November 2010*

*Acting Chief Engineer; October 2009 – April 2010*

- Infrastructure Project Management Administration – Responsible for the oversight and management of all functions of the Design, Engineering and Construction arm for the District of Columbia.
  - Oversaw engineering and construction staff on capital improvement projects.
  - Coordinated activities of engineering staff and the Department's overall capital programs with other DDOT administrations, including Resource Management and Contracting and Procurement.
  - Worked closely with Director and Deputy Director to promote the vision of the agency.
  - Led staff of 100+ engineers, program managers, technicians, and technical staff in support of capital improvement projects. Conducts regular staff meetings with senior staff to provide mechanism for motivating staff, resolving issues, informing agency news, and awarding achievements.
  - Oversaw team leading snow removal efforts for National Highway System (NHS) roads within the District.

***District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Washington, DC***

*Deputy Chief Engineer for Anacostia Waterfront Initiative and Special Projects*

*June 2008 – September 2009*

- Infrastructure Project Management Administration – Responsible for DDOT infrastructure projects relating to Anacostia Waterfront Initiative and citywide special projects assigned by the Chief Engineer. Oversaw a team of eight to manage and lead AWI projects. Also oversaw Stormwater Management Branch, Traffic Safety and Standards Division, and the ITS Division. Responsible for the following projects:
  - 11th Street Bridge Design-Build-to-Budget - \$300M project to replace fracture critical infrastructure.
  - Anacostia Riverwalk - \$105M comprehensive project to plan, design, and construct a system of riverfront multi-use trails along both shores of the Anacostia River.
  - South Capitol Street Corridor Improvements – Oversaw completion of environmental assessment for corridor improvements totaling over \$800M.
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program – Oversaw \$3M annual project to design and construct safety improvements at 50+ high hazard intersections.
  - Roadway Safety Audits – Implemented new process to provide multi-disciplinary review, analysis, assessment and resolution of safety concerns prompted by District citizens.
  - Update of ITS System Architecture – Led the ITS Division in the update of the District's System Architecture by developing a workshop structure to garner input from the nation's and the region's ITS experts.

**Parsons Brinckerhoff, Washington, DC***Supervising Traffic Engineer**November 2003 – June 2008*

- Served as supervising traffic engineer and traffic engineering manager for firm for both Washington, DC and Herndon, VA offices. Representative projects include the following:
  - VDOT Traffic Engineering Northern Operations Region Limited Services Contract, Northern Virginia.
  - VDOT Traffic Engineering Northern Operations Region Limited Services Contract, Northern Virginia.
  - VDOT Beltway HOT Lanes Project, Fairfax, Virginia.
  - Route 236 and Route 244 Corridor Study, Annandale, Virginia.
  - Route 28 Corridor Study, Prince William and Fairfax Counties, Virginia.
  - Route 1 Improvement Project, Prince William County, Virginia.
  - Lower Georgia Avenue Transportation and Streetscape Study, Washington, DC.
  - Kennedy Center Access Improvements Project, Washington, DC.
  - South Capitol Street Environmental Impact Statement, Washington, DC.
  - National Capital Medical Center (NCMC) Traffic Impacts and Mitigation Analysis, Washington, DC.
  - Ballpark Addendum to the Anacostia Access Study, Washington, DC.
  - Traffic Management Plan for RFK Stadium and Major League Baseball, Washington, DC.

**TransCore ITS, Inc., Springfield, Virginia***Transportation Planning Group Manager**May 2000 – November 2002*

- Transportation Planning Group Manager: Responsible for overseeing staff of eight employees. Her responsibilities include assigning tasks and projects to employees, conducting employee evaluations and performance reviews, and managing workload issues and utilization. Representative projects include the following:
  - Route 1 Location Study, Fairfax and Prince William Counties, Virginia.
  - I-66 Multi-modal Transportation and Environmental Study (MTES), Fairfax County, Virginia.
  - Pentagon Reservation Study, Arlington, Virginia.
  - I-66 Improvement Study, Prince William County, Virginia.

**Iteris Inc. (formerly Viggen Corporation), Sterling, Virginia***Transportation Engineer**August 1995 – May 2000*

- Traffic Management Laboratory and R&D Support for the IVHS Research Division, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Research, Development and Technology: Served as Transportation Engineer. Specific assignments included testing and maintaining TRAF family of traffic simulation models, researching topics pertinent to the development of the Traffic Management Laboratory (driver behavior parameters, path selection design, and simulation graphics definition), and coordinating revisions and enhancements of TRAFedit input editor for TRAF models.

**Information Dynamics, Inc., McLean, Virginia***Transportation Engineer**January 1994 – July 1995*

- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Research Division, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Research, Development and Technology: Provided technical support to the ITS Research Division. Responsibilities included maintaining and updating the user reference guides for all of the TRAF models. Involved in beta testing activities for the TRAF family of models, specifically NETSIM v.5.0 and CORSIM, including compiling comments from testers. Performed several real-world modeling

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activities using TRAF-NETSIM for projects in Ames, IA and Fargo, ND. Also acted as a contributing editor to the TRAF Notes newsletter.

***Federal Highway Administration, Turner-Fairbanks Highway Research Center***

*Dwight D. Eisenhower Graduate Research Fellowship*

*Graduate Research Fellow*

*1991 – 1993*

- Transportation Research Topic: Variability of Travel Time Data and Its Application to Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS)

**Relevant Publications and Presentations**

- Thommana, J., Gillis, G., Dey, S., Bellamy, T. "Traffic Management During the 2009 Presidential Inauguration." Presented at 2009 ITE District 2 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, April 30, 2009.
- Penney, K., Gillis, G. "Traffic Circles: A Variation of the Roundabout." Presented at AASHTO Subcommittee on Design Meeting, Orlando, FL, June 14, 2006.
- Penney, K., Gillis, G. "Transportation Management Plan for the Douglas Bridge/South Capitol Street Closure." Presented at WDCSITE Annual Business Meeting and December Luncheon, Washington, DC, December 13, 2007.
- Gillis, G., Simpson-Mason, A., and Thomas, C. "Emphasizing Community Safety through a Traffic Calming Study." Presented at the 2004 National Meeting and Training Conference for the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), Cleveland, OH, July 2004.
- Elefteriadou, L., List, G., Leonard, J., Lieu, H., Johnson, G., Thomas, M., and Brewish, R. "Beyond the Highway Capacity Manual: Framework for Selecting Simulation Models in Traffic Operational Analyses." Presented at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual TRB Meeting, Washington, DC, January 1999.
- Johnson, G. "Specifying the Exclusive Pedestrian Phase in NETSIM." Article in TRAF Notes, Volume 3, Number 1, May 1996, Federal Highway Administration.
- Clark, J., Johnson, G., Andres, K. "West Side Access Study – Transportation System Analysis: The influence and relationship of the I-29 N/S Freeway and the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor." Presented to City of Fargo, North Carolina. February 1996.
- Johnson, G. "The TRAF Traffic Assignment." Article in TRAF Notes, Volume I, Number 2, September 1994, Federal Highway Administration.

**References**

Available upon request





Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments  
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## Greer Gillis



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A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Gillis received both her Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Master of Science degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Lauren Vaughan, Steven Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** November 8, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order reappointing Willie Phillips as a member and appointing Willie Phillips as Chairman and Greer Gillis as a member of the Public Service Commission

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This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Mayor's Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Karuna Seshasai, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish