

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Wednesday, July 30, 2025

*****Press Conference TOMORROW, Thursday, July 31 @ 8:30 a.m.*****

Sen. Charlane Oliver, community members to demand answers on Gov. Lee's secretive Tesla tunnel deal

NASHVILLE — On Thursday morning, Sen. Charlane Oliver, D-Nashville, will join concerned community members and advocates for a press conference to demand transparency and accountability following a secretive agreement between Gov. Bill Lee and Elon Musk's Boring Company to construct a private underground tunnel from Nashville International Airport to downtown.

The press conference will be held **at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Cordell Hull Building Press Room**—or immediately following a special-called meeting of the **State Building Commission**, where commissioners are expected to vote on Gov. Lee's proposal to give The Boring Company a **no-cost lease** for an acre of state-owned property at the foot of Capitol Hill.

"I am outraged by this secretive process that completely bypassed Democratic legislators, community input and basic transparency," Sen. Oliver said. "There was no public bid process for this massive giveaway of state property and right-of-way. Why wasn't this opened to competitive proposals that might better serve our community?"

The proposed tunnel route is a secret so far, but it is rumored that state officials want it to run through **Senate District 19** without any input from local stakeholders or affected communities. Sen. Oliver and attendees will raise serious concerns about the lack of:

- Public transparency
- Competitive bidding
- Community engagement
- Environmental and safety planning
- Economic justice and long-term accountability

PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS

WHO: Sen. Charlane Oliver and concerned community members

WHAT: Press conference on Elon Musk's private Tesla tunnel deal

WHEN: Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. (or immediately following the State Building Commission meeting)

WHERE: Cordell Hull Building, Press Room (Ground Floor), 425 5th Ave N, Nashville, TN

WHY: To demand transparency and accountability in the proposed "Music City Loop" tunnel project