



## ***Operations Committee - Board of Representatives***

Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair   John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:**        Wednesday, January 28, 2015

**Time:**        7:00 p.m.

**Place:**        Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888  
Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola, Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coleman, Giraldo, Mahoney and McMullen. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Reeder. Also present was Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer.

Chair Coppola called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#"><u>O29.029</u></a>	RESOLUTION; Oaklawn Avenue Improvements Between Halpin Avenue and Camore Street, State Project # 135-321. 12/30/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	<b>Approved, as amended 6-0-1</b>

Mr. Poola explained, and responded to questions from the Committee, as follows:

- This problem was initiated several years ago
- The neighborhood recommended changes in 2012 which they have incorporated
- This street carries 7-8000 vehicles per day
- The neighborhood wanted sidewalks and crosswalks
- There will be 13 partial property takings
- There is one non-conforming property, which would become a total take, if the Zoning Board does not approve the variance
- 10% of the project is funded by the State, 80% is funded by the federal government
- The estimated construction cost is \$3 million and the right of way is \$1million; \$500,000 has already been spent on design
- The City's cost is \$450,000

- This resolution will permit negotiations with the property owners who were all present at the meetings and in favor of this
- The advantage to straightening the road will address safety issues
- The roadway will be designed for 30 mph, although it will be posted for 25 mph
- The straightening will improve the sight line issues
- Oaklawn is not being straightened, rather the changes are to the intersections
- The project should be completed in 2 years
- Road construction should start next spring
- They are going to add crosswalks
- The State has dictated the road changes in order to put in the sidewalks.
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Chair Coppola stated that he is favor of the sidewalks, but he believes that straightening the road will enable people to drive faster and increase the number of accidents

A motion to amend the resolution to change “Stanwick Place” to “Camore Street” was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Giraldo, Mahoney and McMullen in favor). A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Reps. Zelinsky, Adams, Coleman, Giraldo, Mahoney and McMullen in favor; Rep. Coppola opposed).

Chair Coppola adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).