



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, May 20, 2024
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice-Chair Tomas, and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Stella. Also in attendance were Reps. Berns, Camporeale, Goldberg, Matheny, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Summerville, and Weinberg; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Tom Turk, Road Maintenance Division Manager; Matthew Quiñones, Director of Operations and Erin McKenna, Senior Parks Planner.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O31.048	REVIEW; City Planning for Future Road Infrastructure Needs. 03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis 03/11/24 – Held at Steering 04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0	Report Made

Director Quiñones discussed the 2002 assessment performed on 1191 roads controlled by the City, where the top 200 with porous road conditions were measured using the Pavement Conditioning Index study as reference.

- Over \$10 million was invested in paving over the last three budget cycles.
- A new standard operating procedure for the management and coordination of utility projects was launched this year.
- A comprehensive sidewalk construction plan to fix sidewalks citywide is being developed focusing on sidewalks that are priority (i.e. schools and other high traffic areas with senior and mobility disabled residents).
- State funding sources are continuously sought out throughout the year to support the City's bridge program.
- Stormwater maintenance has been aligned with the City's road maintenance division to work in tandem on paving projects.
- A citywide park strategic plan has been completed to identify best practices and align the City with the best resources, both public and private.
- There is over \$4 million in capital investment for the City's park system for this year.
- The tree inventory study is moving forward with a more improved maintenance and planning program and invasive species study.
- A greenhouse gas emissions inventory was completed to review all available opportunities for federal and state grants and how the resources will be used.
- A partial dredge of Cove was initiated with a planned completion date of January

2025.

- There is a section of the City's website on the Land Use Dept page that lists the department's plans and studies.
- Ms. McKenna stated that Circa at UConn is close to completing the modeling for the resiliency study.

2. O31.054 REVIEW; Street Paving Priorities List and How **Report Made**
Items Placed on List.
05/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns

Mr. Quiñones reviewed the City's street paving priorities during the discussion of Item No. 1

- A list of 200 roads with poor conditions were identified using the Pavement Conditioning Index.
- The paving project for 200 roads will take five years or less to complete.
- The list of roads can be found on the City's website.

3. O31.055 REVIEW; Road Maintenance and Repaving Study. **Report Made**
05/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns

Mr. Quiñones reviewed the City's road maintenance study during the discussion of Item No. 1.

Mr. Turk provided an overview on the approach to management of the Road Maintenance and Repaving study.

- A scientific approach is utilized including lasers, cameras, and a program that can read cracks in the road.
- The approach is very objective as to not favor any particular road or side of town.
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4. O31.056 REVIEW; Status of Cedar Heights Road Bridge. **Recommitted to**
05/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns **Steering 8-0-0**

City Engineer Casolo provided a status review of Cedar Heights Bridge project.

- The project is funded 80% by the federal local bridge program and 20% by the City.
- Prior to the Bridge project, Eversource relocated several aerial feeder cables to make way for the project.
- The project was scheduled to begin on April 1, 2023 with a contract duration of 244 days to be completed by November 30, 2023, which was not met. The following factors led to the missed completion date:
 - 45 submittals were required for the project.
 - During the time of compliance, an opportunity to work in a low flow condition was missed.
- A time extension request is in progress with a targeted project completion date of November 2024.

A motion to recommit Item No. 4 to Steering to be considered at the September meeting was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Dakary Watkins, and David Watkins in favor).

5. O31.050 REVIEW; Dredging of Toilsome Brook upstream of culverts at Dannell Drive, Silver Hill Lane and White Birch Lane. **Report Made**
02/18/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns
03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

Ms. McKenna provided a status review of the Toilsome Brook project.

- A grant of \$600,00 was awarded to complete the Toilsome Brook flood resilience plan.
- The project is currently in the RFP process.
- Proposals from three firms are being reviewed.

6. O31.051 REVIEW; Status of Design and Implementation of Long-Term Solutions to Toilsome Brook Flooding Upstream of Culverts at Dannell Drive, Silver Hill Lane and White Birch Lane. **Recommitted to Steering 5-2-0**
02/18/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns
03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

Stakeholder input in addition to development alternative and cost benefit analyses will be used to broaden the eligibility to obtain more grants for implementation.

A motion to recommit Item 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-2-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Sherwood, and Dakary Watkins in favor; Reps. Ley and David Watkins opposed).

7. O31.049 REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads. **Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0**
03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis
03/11/24 – Held at Steering
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

Mr. Quinones explained that City code allows for unaccepted roads to have the following services provided:

- Snow removal
- Leaf pickup
- Sanitation collection

Seventy-three roads will be evaluated to determine if they will be labeled as unaccepted or otherwise with an overall goal to develop a road map for restoration in the future.

A motion to recommit Item 7 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, and Sherwood in favor).

8. O31.052 REVIEW; Utility providers (Eversource and Aquarion) plans for upgrading services and supply to the city of Stamford as the population continues to grow. **Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0**
04/03/24 – Submitted by President Curtis
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0

A motion to recommit Item 8 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, and Sherwood in favor).

9. [O31.053](#)

RESOLUTION: Regarding the Processing of Request for Proposals and Grant Applications to Provide for the Board of Representatives (BOR) to Participate in the Drafting of Project Descriptions and Scopes of Work for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Projects Anticipated to Require BOR Approval to Ensure Consistency with BOR Expectations and to Improve the Efficiency of Processing [based on [O31.040](#)]
05/08/24 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz and Ley

Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0

A motion to recommit Item 9 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, and Sherwood in favor).

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).