



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

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmin Tomas, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, October 21, 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. Graham, Ley, Sherwood, Stella, and David Watkins. Also in attendance were Reps. Phil Berns, Matheny, Mays, Pavia, and Walston; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Erik Larson, Purchasing Manager, Anita Carpenter, Brian Reilly, Senior Bridge Engineer; Derek Kohl, Vice President of Operations, and Steven Fraysier, Project Manager. Absent or excused was Rep. Boeger.

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

A motion to take up Item 4 first was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Stella, and David Watkins in favor).

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">O31.018</a>	REVIEW; West Main Street Bridge. 08/03/22 – Submitted by Director Quinones 08/15/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0 09/12/22 – Moved to Pending 12/29/22 –Held by Committee 9-0-0 01/09/23 – Moved to Pending 10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 5-0-0 11/20/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee 9-0-0 12/11/23 – Moved to Pending <b>09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0</b>	<b>Motion to recommit 6-0-0</b>

City Engineer Casolo and BL Companies discussed the present options assessment report. A motion to recommit Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Stella, and David Watkins in favor).

2. O31.056	REVIEW; Status of Cedar Heights Road Bridge. 05/07/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns 05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 06/17-24 – No Action Taken 07/15/24 – Held at Steering <b>08/12/24 – Held at Steering</b>	<b>Motion to hold 6-0-0</b>
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City Engineer Casolo provided a status update of the replacement project.

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

3. [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. **Motion to hold 6-0-0**  
02/18/24 – Submitted by Rep. Berns  
03/11/24 – Held at Steering  
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0  
05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-2-0  
06/17-24 – No Action Taken  
07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**08/12/24 – Held at Steering**  
**09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0**

City Engineer Casolo confirmed that the contract has not been finalized.

A motion to hold Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Sherwood, Stella, and David Watkins in favor).

4. [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](#)] **Motion to recommit 6-0-0**  
05/08/24 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz and Ley  
05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0  
06/17-24 – No Action Taken  
07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
**08/12/24 – Held at Steering**  
**09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0**

Representative Ley requested more time to follow up on comments made regarding the resolution.

A motion to recommit Item 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Stella, and David Watkins in favor).

5. [O31.060](#) APPROVAL; of a proposed First Supplemental Agreement with Wengell, McDonnell & Costello, Inc. for continued construction inspection services for the Riverbank Road Bridge replacement project. **Motion to approve 4-1-1**  
09/25/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

A motion to approve Item 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-1-1 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, and David Watkins in favor, Rep. Stella not in

favor, Rep. Sherwood abstained).

6. O31.061 REVIEW; schedule of Street Cleaning on the West Side of Stamford. **Motion to hold 6-0-0**  
10/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Walson

A motion to hold Item 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Sherwood, Stella, and David Watkins in favor)

7. [O31.038](#) REVIEW; Status of plans to replace multiple gas fired HVAC units with fewer heat pumps units and installation of solar panels on the roof of the Yerwood Community Center. **Motion to recommit 6-0-0**  
10/05/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz  
10/16/23 – Report Made and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 5-0-0  
11/13/23 – Moved to Pending  
01/17/24 – Held by Committee  
02/26/24 – Report Made & Recommitted to Steering by Committee 7-2-0  
03/11/24 – Held at Steering  
04/15/24 – Report Made  
05/06/24 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
05/13/24 – Moved to Pending

A motion to recommit Item 7 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Sherwood, Stella, and David Watkins in favor)

8. O31.049 REVIEW; Obligations of City to Maintain and Repair Unaccepted Roads. **Motion to hold 6-0-0**  
03/06/24 – Submitted by Rep. Pierre-Louis  
03/11/24 – Held at Steering  
04/15/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0  
05/20/24 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0  
06/17-24 – No Action Taken  
07/15/24 – Held at Steering  
08/12/24 – Held at Steering

A motion to hold Item 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Sherwood, Stella, and David Watkins in favor)  
Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).