



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Carmine Tomas, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025
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, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins. Also in attendance were Rep. Walston; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Tyler Theder, Regulatory Compliance and Administrative Officer; Scott Butch, Director of Facilities and Sustainability, Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Joshua Noggle, Building Systems Engineer; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief, and Anthony Vitti, A. Vitti Excavators.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

A motion to take the Items out of order was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O31.018	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 09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0 10/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0 11/18/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0 12/09/24 – Held at Steering	Report made

City Engineer Casolo provided an overview of the assessment of the options put forth by BL Companies, highlighting the pros and cons of the suggested alternatives.

Chair de la Cruz requested that the presentation by BL Companies be sent to the Board office for including in the legislative history of the Item.

Rep. Sherwood called for a resolution regarding this item to determine the future construction of the West Main Street Bridge.

A report was made.

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| 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
08/12/24 – Held at Steering
09/16/24 – Recommitted to Steering 7-0-0
10/21/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
11/18/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
12/09/24 – Held at Steering | Report
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City Engineer Casolo provided a project status update:

- The contractor remains on track to finish the corrective work on the bridge by the end of January. This work addresses the issue identified regarding the bridge's height being too low.
- Two proceed notices have been scheduled:
 - April 1, 2025: The contractor will be permitted to make submittals.
 - May 15, 2025: Wire Mill Road Bridge will close, and Cedar Heights Road Bridge will open.

A report was made.

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| 3. O31.061 | REVIEW; schedule of Street Cleaning on the West Side of Stamford.
10/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Walson
10/21/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
11/18/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
12/09/24 – Held at Steering | Motion to
issue report
9/0/0 |
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Administrative Officer Theder addressed the weather-related obstacles, parking regulations, and the timeline considerations involved in developing a street cleaning schedule for Stamford's West Side.

A motion to issue a report for Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Tomas, Reps. Boeger, Graham, Ley, Mays, Sherwood, Stella, and Watkins in favor).

4. [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. **Report made**
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
10/21/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
11/18/24 – Recommitted to Steering 6-0-0
[12/09/24 – Held at Steering](#)

Items 4 and 7 were discussed together.

Building Systems Engineer Noggle elaborated on the various stages of the rooftop replacement project.

A report was made.

5. [O31.063](#) REVIEW; Boccuzzi Park Master Plan Implementation including: Status of Phase 1- components completed and expenditure to date; Remaining Phase 1 components and cost estimate; Detailed scope of Vitti Phase 1D contract, cost, payments to date, source of funding, work completed to date, and estimated completion date; Available funding at this time and sources; Phase 2 components and cost estimates; Replacement of dilapidated fence between private back yards and park grounds; Projected time to completion of Master Plan Implementation. **Report made**
01/07/25 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz

City Engineer Casolo outlined the phases of the Boccuzzi Park master plan.

A report was made.

6. O31.066 REVIEW; of a flooding incident at the Lathon Wider Center on Henry Street **Report made**
01/08/25 – Submitted by Reps. Graham and Adams

Director Butch shed light on the flooding at the Lathon Wider Community Center, explaining the factors leading to its indefinite closure and discussing the necessity for a notification system to alert residents in case of emergencies.

A report was made.

7. O31.067 REVIEW; Funding sources for Capital Budget item CP9238; Yerwood Center Renovations; Operations: Engineering; Building interior renovations; structural repairs and improvements.
01/08/25 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz

**Report
made**

Chair de la Cruz questioned whether the terms of the \$2,000,000 American Rescue Plan grant (*CFDA 21.027*) allowed the funds to be used for Capital Budget Item CP9238. Grants Officer Anita Carpenter indicated that there was other language so permitting. Chair de la Cruz requested that a copy of such other language be sent to the Board office for including in the legislative history.

Chair de la Cruz questioned how the City planned to coordinate with the Yerwood Center specifically how the Federal \$500K grant given directly to the Center for structural repairs and renovations to a City owned building is to be used. City Engineer Casolo indicated his department will follow up.

A report was made.

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).