



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Moore and Pratt. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Kolenberg and Kooris. Also present were Reps. Nabel and Zelinsky; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Lou Casolo, City Engineer and several members of the public (see [sign in sheet](#)).

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T29.022	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Complete Streets Ordinance to ensure that capital projects and transportation improvements implemented in the city are designed to meet the needs of all users as appropriate for the project context. 09/03/14 – Submitted by Reps. Kooris, DeLuca, Fountain, Reeder, Kolenberg and de la Cruz 09/15/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee	Held in Committee
12. T29.033	REVIEW; Request for speed bumps City wide. 09/22/14 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Franzetti	Report Made

Mr. Orgera stated that he has 2 requests from speed bumps – one on Clover Hill and one on Cross Road. The City was ready to put in speed bumps, and the residents decided they didn't want them, but now do. There is a standard for "speed humps".

Mr. Casolo explained that the prior administration put in place a moratorium on speed bumps which is still in place. There is a process which includes a traffic study to determine if speed bumps are warranted and if so, then a survey of the neighbors to determine if bumps are wanted. Mr. Orgera explained that the moratorium was put in

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place for financial reasons and also because of complaints from residents on neighboring streets when traffic diverted as a result of speed bumps.

Committee members discussed lowering speed limits, other traffic calming measures, school zone flashers, asking the administration to lift the moratorium and increasing the budget for traffic calming.

- ²3. T29.024 REVIEW and Public Hearing; Traffic Calming – City **Report Made**
Wide.
10/07/14 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca, Franzetti
and Reeder

Chair DeLuca opened the public hearing. Mr. DeLuca read the attached [letter](#) from Robert and Carol Wasil opposed to the proposed changes to the Turner Rd, High Clear Dr., Dann Dr., Sherwood Rd. area into the record.

Members of the public spoke about speeding, failure to stop at the stop sign and pedestrian use on Turner Road and in favor of sidewalks and speed safety measures for Turner Road area including a roundabout and sidewalks.

Chair DeLuca closed the public hearing. Mr. Orgera stated that the Traffic Engineer is preparing an estimate for a traffic circle which will first go through the Planning Board. After that, they will prepare an estimate for sidewalks. He estimates that a roundabout probably costs at least \$250,000. Property would need to be taken, drainage would need to be constructed. The Planning Board needs to balance all of the requests from the entire City within the Safe Debt limit set by the Board of Finance. Mr. Orgera noted that the City has put speed humps on Turner Road. They did a speed count on Turner Road and the median speed was in the 30s. There were no cars going at 50 mph.

The City only uses speed humps, not speed bumps, because of safety issues with speed bumps.

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabe DeLuca, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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