



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

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

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014
Time: 6:30 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 and Committee Member Reps. Franzetti, Kooris, Moore and Pratt. Absent or excused were Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano and Kolenberg. Also present were Reps. McNeil and Zelinsky, Mayor Martin; Robin Stein, Mayor's Office; and Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations.

Chair DeLuca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
11. 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	Approved 5-0-0

Rep. Kooris explained that this ordinance is consistent with the Mayor's safe streets initiative. It defines Complete Streets as transportation infrastructure that accommodates the needs of all users, including pedestrians and bicyclists, and directs the administration to take Complete Streets into consideration in all projects and directs them to incorporate pedestrian facilities when in close proximity to schools, transit centers, etc., unless the cost outweighs the benefits. It references a manual to be created. New Haven has an award-winning manual and New Haven is willing to allow Stamford to use it as a model. It causes the thought process to happen without tying hands. A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. DeLuca, Franzetti, Kooris, Moore and Pratt in favor.)

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Under a Suspension of Rules:

Upon the request of the Mayor, a motion to suspend the rules to take up the following item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-0. (Reps. DeLuca, Kooris, Moore and Pratt in favor; Rep. Franzetti opposed.)

- ²2. [T29.026](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Creating the position of Bureau Chief, Transportation, Traffic & Planning. **Held in Committee**
11/04/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
11/20/14 – To be considered by Personnel Commission

Mayor Martin explained that the challenge of the Street Smart program is the lack within the organizational structure of a person responsible for Traffic, Parking and Transportation issues. The goal of this position is to consolidate the oversight of the functions of the Transportation Planner, the Transportation Engineer, the Signs and Lines department and the Parking function under a Bureau Chief of Transportation, Traffic & Planning. The proposal is to fill this position. This has been approved by the Personnel Commission as a Pay Plan position as a Grade 6 position at a salary between \$108,000 and \$133,000. He would like to fill this in May or June. This position will be posted. He does not intend to fill the Transportation Planner position, which was funded last year.

Committee members discussed whether or not this item belongs in the Transportation Committee, since it had been submitted to the Steering Committee for the Personnel Committee.

This item was held until December 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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