



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016
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 Pratt and Committee Members Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Moore and Patterson. Also present were Reps. Figueroa and Zelinsky; Ann Brown, Engineering Department; Robert Figueroa, Police Commission; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Josh Benson, Transportation Bureau Chief; Miranda Zhang and Jan Mayo.

Chair DeLuca called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
11. T29.037	RESOLUTION and <u>Approval of Public Hearing</u> ; Establishing Fees for City Owned Garages, Lots and Meters. 06/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca 07/29/15 – No Action Taken 08/10/15 – Held in Steering 09/24/15 – Held in Committee 10/19/15 – Held in Committee 11/19/15 – Approved by Committee for Public Hearing 12/07/15 – Returned to Committee by Full Board 12/14/15 – Held at Steering	Approved 8-0-1

Mr. Benson explained that this item has been revised to clarify the proposed changes and has removed the proposal for meter parking on Sunday afternoons. The rates have not been changed in several years. There is no charge for handicapped parking on the street (either in a handicapped spot or a regular spot), but the City does charge for handicapped parking in the garages. A motion to approve this resolution for publication and public hearing was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. DeLuca, Pratt, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Moore and Patterson in favor; Rep. Adams abstaining).

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- ²2. [T29.049](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 231, Article X, Section 231-73.A to add High Ridge Road @ Bull's Head Plaza. **Approved 9-0-0**
01/02/16 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca

Ms. Zhang stated, on behalf of Bull's Head Shopping Center, that they would like a don't block the box sign because the traffic gets congested at the intersection. They collected 210 signatures in support of the change in 5 days. The City has to approve the change to the ordinance. The State then gives the City a permit for the sign and the cross-hatching. A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Pratt, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Moore and Patterson in favor; Rep. Adams abstaining).

- ³3. [T29.045](#) REVIEW; Loss of On-Street Parking on East Main Street due to Urban Transitway Project. **Report Made**
12/10/15 – Submitted by Josh Benson

Ms. Brown explained that the City has met with residents to discuss the loss of parking on East Main Street. When Phase 2 is finished, there will be no on-street parking. There will be a lot at the corner of Maple and East Main when they work is finished. There is also a lot on Myrtle Avenue that has been approved for City parking. They will have to purchase the property back from the FTA and will then turn these lots into parking. The funding for this is in next year's capital budget request. The amount requested is \$1.5 million. The East Side Partnership is in favor of this and has collected 1000 signatures in favor of this. They allow 1 hour parking on the street until the construction actually begins. Business owners have freed up parking behind their businesses for customers and moved employee parking further away.

- ⁴4. [T29.047](#) REVIEW; City of Stamford Proposed Speed Hump Policy. **Report Made**
12/16/15 – Submitted by Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Benson explained that the Traffic Advisory Committee has come up with a draft policy. The most notable change is that the petition will include areas that may suffer negative impacts of speed hump, such as parallel streets to which traffic may divert. Speed humps have more gradual slopes than speed bumps. They are each about 3 inches in height, but humps are wider than bumps. Speed humps are effective about getting people to travel at slower speeds, but also encourage people to travel alternate routes The City does not put in speed bumps because people would bottom out more. Each speed hump costs about \$8000.

- ⁵5. [T29.048](#) REVIEW; City of Stamford Proposed No Truck Sign Installation Policy **Report Made**
12/16/15 – Submitted by Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Benson explained that the Traffic Advisory Committee has come up with a draft policy.

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The most notable change is that the petition will include areas that may suffer negative impacts of diverted truck traffic. This relates to the no trucks over 18,000 lbs. policy. This needs to be specified in the policy

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).