



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

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

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, December 1, 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 Vice Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, and Patterson. Absent or excused were Committee Member Chair DeLuca, Reps. Adams, Giordano, Moore and Kolenberg. Also present were Reps. de la Cruz, McMullen, and Quinones; and Robert Zaitooni, Traffic Engineer.

Vice Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | COMMITTEE ACTION |
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| 1. T29.061 | REVIEW; Status of application with State of Connecticut for Traffic Light on High Ridge at Bradley Place/Donata Lane. 10/11/16 – Submitted by Reps. Quinones and Kolenberg | REPORT MADE |

Mr Zaitooni explained:

- Submitted a signal warrant analysis to the State of Connecticut
- The State office of Transportation Administration denied this request meaning they will not authorize a signal at this time

Mr. Quinones explained that this has been a concern in District 16 in terms of a light being placed there. The Zoning Board also denied this light with opposition from the neighborhood. Mr. Quinones asked Mr. Zaitooni will the City continue to try to get a light at this intersection since it was denied. Mr. Zaitooni said they have no intent to pursue this issue.

The Committee would like to reassure that all Boards and Departments consider constituents in their decision making.

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| ¹ 2. T29.062 | REVIEW; Provisions for pedestrian safety around all Stamford public schools. 11/08/16 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz | REPORT MADE |
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¹ Video time Stamp 00:21:25

Mr. Zaitooni expressed that the City is trying to secure pedestrian safety. He said they've visited schools and performed 3 assessments of 18 regarding the safety of students because of limited manpower. The assessments include, looking at sidewalks, signals and crosswalks to make sure they meet safety standards. They found lack of sidewalks and missing links of sidewalks. He explained there was a program called Safe route to Schools, funded by the State but funding is no longer available. Also, there is no City funding available presently. He informed the committee that he did ask for \$200,000 of Capital for Safe route to Schools in the upcoming Fiscal Year, but was told it may be denied. He said if they find fixes that can be done in house like crosswalks, they will be completed, unfortunately sidewalks need additional funding. He's looking for additional funding from Grants.

Representative de la Cruz explained that this should be high priority considering the recent tragedy at Stamford High School. He feels money should be available to avoid another tragedy. He received an email from Representative Jacobson regarding constituent's complaints about the bad routes to and from schools and he will forward this email to Mr. Zaitooni.

The Committee agreed action should be taken regarding pedestrian safety immediately by:

- Completing the assessments at all schools
- Hire seasonal workers to help with the process
- Specify a well identifying line item for the upcoming Fiscal Budget year
- Look into putting in place a systematic process to continue in the future

A motion was made to take T29.063 under suspension of the rules; the motion did not receive a second.

Under a Suspension of the Rules:

3. [T29.063](#) ORDINANCE; Amending Chapter 231, Vehicles And Traffic, Section 6, Prohibited Stopping, Standing Or Parking, To Prohibit Parking On City Streets For More Than Seventy-Two Hours. R. Zaitooni
11/15/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Vice Chair Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).