



## ***Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Steven Kolenberg, Chair

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Kolenberg and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Moore, and Pendell. Absent or excused were Reps. DeLuca, Giordano and Wallace. Also present were Reps. Grazioso, Morson and Patterson; Jim Travers, Traffic Bureau Chief and Garrett Bolella, Traffic Engineer.

Chair Kolenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. T30.001	REVIEW; Congestion at Palmer's Hill and Westover Road and Palmer's Hill and Stillwater Road; Viability of Traffic Circle. 12/05/17 – Submitted by Reps. Graziosi and Morson	<b>Report Made</b>

Committee members and other board members present discussed this item with Mr. Travers and Mr. Bolella as follows:

- The traffic between Palmer's Hill from Havemeyer to Stillwater all the way to West Broad Street is one large problem which should be addressed in one project
- Reps Morson and Graziosi met with Mr. Travers and Mr. Bolella at the site to review this problem last week
- The capital budget request for next year has already been submitted and last week the State DOT notified the City that grant applications are currently on pause, other than those projects which already have a letter of commitment
- Last year the City performed a study to optimize traffic signalization and are about to start with the first corridor in January
- Need fiber optics at each intersection in order to put the optimization in place; the City has a federal grant for this
- Optimization will not fix everything at the area; for example there are infrastructure issues such as signals that are close together or large numbers of cars,
- Roundabouts require data and modeling; this may or may not be the appropriate solution for this area
- There are several projects that require attention, but the City will start the process to address this area
- Roundabouts are designed to keep traffic flowing at a slower pace; Stamford has traffic circles but is getting its first true roundabout at Greenwich and Pulaski

- The City will need to analyze the data about this area, including accident and congestion information
- The addition of Home Depot will add to the traffic in the area; as part of the approval process, there are traffic improvements required on the part of the City
- The Traffic Bureau has no authority over school bus transportation or school pick-up
- Every project is supported by data and most projects are supported by grants
- The Traffic Department is seeking to hire a Traffic Analyst in the next budget so that they can be proactive rather than reactive
- The traffic study at the area revealed only one accident in the three year period, which would not make it a high priority for State funding; further analysis would be needed to determine what short term solutions would be available; they are still evaluating the traffic flow
- The City has the budget to do some short term traffic solutions
- Short term solutions might include: getting rid of a “no turn on red” sign; restriping; including a motion sensor for the optimization

Chair Kolenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Kolenberg, Chair

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