



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Mavina Moore, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Held Remotely

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Moore and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Giordano, Michelson and Patterson. Absent or excused was Rep. Di Costanzo, Pendell and Wallace. Also present were Reps. Cottrell and Zelinsky; Jim Travers, Garrett Bolella, Frank Petise and Luke Bittenwieser from Transportation, Traffic and Parking; Thomas Turk, Operations; and five members of the public.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. T30.050	REVIEW; Criteria And Application of the Residential Parking Program, with Particular Focus on the Effects of Neighborhood Parking by Beach Goers. 05/05/20 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins, Michelson and Zelinsky.	Held 5-0-0

Secondary Committee: Parks & Recreation

There was discussion on this item. Some of the key points discussed:

- It was always an intention that the Residential Parking Program (RPP) would be a living document that can change as needs change.
- No Parking zones are different from the RPP zones and are largely safety issues.
- Any changes in fines to the RPP zones and No Parking zones would be city-wide.
- Increased RPP streets near beaches could shift the parking problem to other streets.
- There are many variations to the RPP. Some streets in the Cove area have seasonal rules, and some areas near Stamford Hospital have a 2-hour parking rule for non-permit holders.
- Since downtown meters are not being enforced during the pandemic, some parking enforcement officers have been pulled to monitor social distancing, and they could now be put on enforcement in the beach neighborhoods.
- If enforcement is strong now, at the beginning of beach season, people will learn the rules early on.
- It is important that the RPP supports what the streets can support, otherwise it will lead to increased frustration for residents.

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- Mr. Travers will ask Frank Fedeli to get a report on the percentage of out of state vehicle owners who do not pay their fines, and a report on how many fines have been issued to CT residents, NY residents, and how often the fines are paid.
- Mr. Travers will speak to Frank Fedeli to determine how feasible it is to get a weekly report of this information.
- Continued research should be done on this issue. Although some of the issues are pandemic related, the beach parking problems have been going on for many years.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Giordano and Michelson in favor).

- ²2. [T30.049](#) REVIEW; Plans for Intersection of Bedford Street and Hoyt Street. **Report Made**
03/04/20 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky

There was discussion on this item. Some key points discussed:

- This project is about normalizing traffic and making safer connections for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- It follows the national guidelines for the introduction of bicycle lanes.
- Redniss and Mead was chosen to create the engineering drawings because the firm was already working on a project at 777 Summer Street, and had done the land survey for North and Bedford Streets, thus saving the City money.
- A new traffic signal is being installed at Bedford and North Streets as a requirement of the developer of the 777 Summer Street project.
- The cost of the project is included in the new police station project and the money has been allocated for this purpose.
- This block has had 31 accidents in the last three years.
- Mr. Travers will get to the Committee the exact number of new signs that are being installed.

A motion to make a report of this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Giordano and Michelson approved).

As a Secondary Committee: (Parks & Recreation Committee 5/19/20)

- ³1. PR30.046 REVIEW; Overview of Beach Access, Pedestrian and Car Access, Hours of Operation, Enforcement and Challenges the City Encounters. **Held 6-0-0**
05/06/20 – Submitted by Reps. Mahoney, Matherne, Cottrell, Roqueta, Michelson, Sherwood and Zelinsky.

There no discussion on this item due to it being discussed at the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on May 19, 2020.

A motion to hold this item as was done in the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Giordano, Michelson and Patterson in favor).

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Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

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