



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held remotely*

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Adams, and Committee Member Reps. Grunberger, Moore, Gilbride and Sandford. Committee Member Rep. Shinn was absent. Also present was Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; and Chris Dellaselva, Legal Department; and members of the public.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Chair Watkins asked Vice-Chair Adams to chair item no. 1 to be able to speak openly about this item that is happening in his district.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T31.021	APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. for Roundabout Design & Inspection Services for Shippan Avenue, Harbor Drive & Magee Avenue under RFP No. 867 [total cost \$308,000] 05/12/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/08/23 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	Committee Approved 6-0-0

Mr. Petise discussed this agreement as follows:

- This issue was Identified in the housing and mitigation plan for the city in 2015 and was a concept in the 2011 Masterplan
- Roundabout will keep the traffic moving freely
- Concerns about flooding was looked at by adding a more robust drainage analysis
- Layout of the roundabouts and how it effects the other businesses in the area was addressed with the State's roundabout committee; The designs have to be approved in order to look at those problems in more detail
- The Process is submitting a preliminary application to the region which gets voted on; then a full application get sent up to DOT and once reviewed and viable; they submit a letter and states they are committed to get the City the amount for this project; during the design process they review the full project again with comments; then ultimately they have to approve the plans for the project then they issue the dollars to be appropriated here in the City of Stamford

Rep Watkins discussed this following:

- Wants this project to have visibility and concern
- Acknowledges that the administration has been extremely responsive on this project
- The RFP had definition and the concerns he had, the administration acknowledged
- Flooding is still a concern of this project

- Mr. Petise stated that the reason for the large amount is because to look at the drainage analysis issues you have to look further than the direct area of the roundabout
- In Phase 1 there will be a strong outreach to Shippan residents and businesses to discuss this issue; If the result of the outreach is negative, would this project continue?
 - Mr. Petise stated that this is correct, and they have no intentions to deliver something no none wants

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Watkins, Adams, Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore, and Sandford in favor)

2. T31.022 REVIEW; Activities of the Traffic and Transportation Department. F. Petise
06/06/23 – Submitted by Rep. Watkins

The Committee and Mr. Petise discussed the attached [PowerPoint](#) regarding the Traffic and Transportation Department which included:

- Divisions and Initiatives
- Active Capital Projects in Design
- Active Capital Projects Under Construction This Year

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).