Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives



David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 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, Gilbride, Moore and Sandford. Committee Member Rep. Shinn was absent. Also present was Rep. Summerville; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; and Dana Lee, Legal Department.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. <u>T31.025</u>	REVIEW; Potential Ordinance Regarding Automated Speeding Cameras Near School Zones. 10/05/23 – Submitted by Reps. Adams, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Mays, Miller, Morson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Sandford, Shaw, Shinn, Stella, Dakary Watkins, David Watkins, and Weinberg.	RECOMMITTED TO STEERING 6-0-0

Mr. Petise discussed with the Committee the attached <u>PowerPoint presentation</u> regarding Speeding Cameras Near School Zones. The Presentation includes the following:

- Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (speed/red light camera)
- Speed/Red Light Enforcement Camera Operations
- Camera Location Criteria
- Camera Enforcement
- Camera Reporting Requirements
- Action Steps and Process for implementation

Key Points and Possible next steps:

- Implementing an automated enforcement camera program will take time (24-36 months)
- Violations are considered to be civil offenses. Like a parking ticket. No points or insurance violations.
- New staff and new vendor contracts may be required
- Multiple local legislative changes are required

Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in this meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator as soon as possible: Carmen Hughes, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, (203) 977-7993, Email: CHughes1@StamfordCT.gov.

- Community engagement and transparency is vital
- Creating an equitable program that does not negatively impact communities of concern is essential
- Demonstratable safety benefits must be made as a result of the program. This is not
 just another tax, but rather a key tool in the Vision Zero Toolbox.
- Need to address scofflaws, dangerous drivers, and license plate covers
- This will be a benefit to the City and will increase safety for all roadway users

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

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on video.