



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held remotely*

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair David Watkins, Vice-Chair Adams, and Committee Member Reps. Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore, and Strain. Also in attendance were Liz Turner, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief. Absent or excused was Rep. Sandford.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T31.033	RESOLUTION; Authorizing Mayor Caroline Simmons to Execute a Master Municipal Agreement For Rights Of Projects With The Connecticut Department Of Transportation 09/5/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	Motion to Approve 6-0-0

Transportation Bureau Chief Petise discussed the phases of obtaining grant funding.

- Designing the project.
- Rights of Way.
- Construction.

In accordance with the new Master Agreement format there is no longer a need for three agreements per grant project.

- There are only three agreements between the municipality and the state.
- Each of the three phases includes a project authorization letter that authorizes the release of funds to the city.

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Watkins, Co-Chair Adams, Reps. Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore, and Strain in favor).

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| 2. T31.032 | APPROVAL; of a Contract with FU Wilmers Architects PLLC for the Cove/East Side Neighborhood Plan (RFP 2024.0171).
08/01/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
09/12/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
08/12/24 – Moved to Pending | Motion to Approve 6-0-0 |
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The amount of the transportation study is \$373,875, which includes:

- \$300,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
- \$100,000 of City Capital funds.
- There is \$4,500 that could potentially still be outstanding for certain reimbursables. Should this need to be spent, the money would come out of the Transportation Budget.

A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Watkins, Co-Chair Adams, Reps. Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore, and Strain in favor).

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| 3. T31.031 | REVIEW; Citywide Parking Study Results and Recommendations
08/02/24 – Submitted by Frank Petise
08/12/24 – Moved to Pending | Report Made |
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The citywide parking study was adopted by the planning board on January 23, 2024. The study ran from January to August 2024.

Bell Street parking garage:

- Transient parking has a total of 214 spaces.
 - Less than 150 of those spaces were occupied.
- Monthly parking has a total of 654 spaces.
 - Less than 260 of those spaces were occupied.

Bedford Street parking garage:

- Transient parking has a total of 187 spaces.
 - Less than 130 of those spaces were occupied during peak hours.
- Monthly parking has a total of 397spaces.
 - Less than 300 of those spaces were occupied.

Summer Street parking garage (the data excludes one floor that is occupied):

- Transient parking has a total of 114 spaces.
 - Sometimes reaches its peak on weekend nights.
- Monthly parking has a total of 268 spaces.
 - Less than 200 of those spaces were occupied.

Key findings during the study:

- There was a substantial reserve of underutilized parking in our municipally owned facilities. Current parking requirements for multifamily residential buildings appeared to

result in an oversupply of parking.

- The consult team identified a need to clarify policies and regulations related to parking requirements and sustainability incentives such as unbundling of parking and shared parking.
- Stamford's rail access to other transportation resources presents opportunities for reducing car ownership and dependency.
- The engagement sessions with some of the neighborhoods identified conflicts between some of the older homes that rely largely on on-street parking much more than the recent additions of multifamily buildings or the compute intrusions of commuter parking.
- There are opportunities to streamline certain operational procedures and for the city to invest in new parking technologies.

Several City action items were a result of the study.

Chair David Watkins adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).