



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

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 2, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 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 DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Moore and Pratt. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Kooris. Also present were Reps. Nabel, Quinones, Reeder, Ryan and Zelinsky; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; and Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer.

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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 1. T29.012	REVIEW; Traffic Congestion in Stamford and what is being done to correct it. 05/30/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky	<b>REPORT MADE</b>

### *Secondary Committee - Operations Committee*

Committee members and other Board members discussed traffic issues on West Main Street, East Main Street, High Ridge Road, Long Ridge Road, Hope Street, Courtland Road, Taylor Road and Wire Mill Road and other streets and possible ways to alleviate the traffic congestion with Director Orgera and Mr. Poola. Items discussed included:

- light synchronization
- adding stop signs
- enforcement of "don't block the box"
- DOT construction causing traffic problems
- The need for additional funding or state approval
- When the Transportation Planner position will be filled

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- <sup>2</sup>2. T29.013      REVIEW; Plan for improving Pedestrian Safety on Turner Road.      **REPORT MADE**  
06/04/14 – Submitted by Rep. Reeder

Mr. Orgera stated that making a dead end on Turner Road would not be a good idea because of the impact on area residents, traffic and the school. Any survey would have to include the entire area, not just the residents of Turner Road. The street is a local road and does not have too much volume. Speeding on the road would be an enforcement issue. He will speak to Chief Fontneau about putting in positive feedback signage on the street.

In response to questions from the Committee members and other Board members, Mr. Orgera and Mr. Poola stated that:

- there are already speed bumps on the street
- speed bumps slow down emergency vehicles by 10-15 seconds per bump
- there is no capital to install sidewalks on the street
- There is \$25,000 in the budget this year for traffic calming
- They will look at putting in stop signs

Representatives Quinones and Kolenberg both expressed opposition to dead ending Turner Road because of the impact on their districts

Mr. Orgera will contact Nicole Sandford regarding the residents' offer to fund improvements on Turner Road.

- <sup>3</sup>3. [T29.009](#)      ORDINANCE for publication; amending Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, adding Article X, Electric Vehicle Charging Station in City-Owned Garages and Surface Lots.      **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
03/07/14 – Submitted by Director Orgera  
03/20/14 – Held in Committee

Mr. Orgera stated that the current grants do not permit the City to charge for the energy used at charging stations, but that he would like to be able to limit the time such charging stations are used. Any regulations issued by the Director of Operations would need to be approved by the Board of Representatives.

A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0. (Reps. DeLuca, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Moore and Pratt in favor.)

***As Secondary Committee:***

1. [SC29.011](#)      REVIEW; Sense of the Board; Requested Additions to State Regulation of Taxicab and Livery Services.

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06/03/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gabe DeLuca, Chair

*This meeting is on [video](#).*