



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Time: 7:00pm.
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. Gilbride, Moore, and Strain. Excused were Reps. Grunberger and Sanford. Also in attendance were Rep. Figueroa, Goldberg, and Stella; Luke Buttenwieser and Michael Frajman, Transportation Bureau; Sergeant Jeffrey Booth, Stamford Police Dept.; and members of the public.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T31.046	REVIEW ; Vision Zero: Work done so far, 2024 and 2025 crash report, speed safety cameras, and other work being done to improve roadway safety 07/08/2025 – Submitted by F. Petise 07/22/2025 – Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0	Report Made

Sgt. Booth and Mr. Buttenwieser reviewed the [Scooter and Collision Report presentation](#) and the [Vision Zero Update presentation](#) in detail and there was discussion.

Some points of discussion included:

The City is committed to making Stamford safer through enforcement, engineering, and education.

On October 1st State laws go into effect regarding labeling and advertising for scooters, speedometers for scooters, and modifications for e-bikes.

West Main Street is the widest street in Stamford that does not have a divider. There was a pedestrian fatality there in 2023. Many people do not have the ability to finish crossing the street with the walk light before it changes.

Mr. Buttenwieser said the Transportation Department is working on a redesign of West Main Street from Greenwich Avenue to the Greenwich town line to improve roadway safety.

Tens of millions of dollars of Federal, State, and local funds for roadway safety are either currently being used in Stamford or are coming to Stamford soon.

Bike lanes in Stamford need to be much better and safer, possibly with protective barriers.

Many of these scooters are being driven on sidewalks. If a pedestrian gets hit with a scooter going 30 miles an hour, and the driver has no registration and insurance, and leaves the scene, there is no recourse for the victim.

Eye protection is required for all scooter riders. Helmets are required for anyone under 18 years of age.

The safety of Courtland Avenue needs to be examined, especially in light of the recent death of a 12 year old boy.

Sgt. Booth and Lt. Jones are going to work to push a lot of education about e-bikes and scooters to the youth and their parents in the community.

Vision Zero is an initiative of the City. Mayor Simmons signed an executive order implementing it in September 2022, and the BOR passed a resolution supporting it in March 2023.

A report was made on Item #1.

2. [T31.050](#) **RESOLUTION**; Authorizing the Stamford Traffic Authority to Establish Pedestrian Safety Zones Pursuant to Public Act 21-28
07/30/2025 – Submitted by Luke Buttenwieser **Approved 5-0-0**

Mr. Buttenwieser introduced this item. In 2021 the Connecticut General Assembly passed State Act 21-28 concerning pedestrian safety. Within it there is a clause that allows municipalities to authorize the local traffic authority to create pedestrian safety zones.

These would be zones around specific areas such as downtown commercial districts, hospitals, and community centers, where speed management and roadway safety are concerns.

Different speed limits can be made and pedestrian safety upgrades implemented with State funding.

This resolution authorizes the Stamford Transportation Department to implement pedestrian safety zones. Once this resolution is approved, the Transportation Department does not have to return to the BOR to establish these zones.

Chair Watkins and Vice Chair Adams stated they want to make sure community engagement and notification are part of the plans.

Mr. Buttenwieser stated his department is committed to working with the community and the Representatives in the districts that will be affected.

A motion to approve Item #2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Adams, Gilbride, Moore, and Strain in favor).

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).