



## ***State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives***

Brien Buckman, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Buckman and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Miller, Pratt and Watkins. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Liebson and Summerville. Also present were Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Elizabeth Carlson, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Rob Sackett, WESOG.

Chair Buckman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. SC29.033	REVIEW; Status of State Redevelopment of the Stamford Transportation Center and Surrounding Area. 02/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman <i>Secondary Committee: Transportation</i>	<b>Report Made</b>
12. SC29.034	REVIEW; Update on the Mayor's Priorities for the Stamford's State Delegation. 02/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman	<b>Report Made</b>

Commissioner Redeker was invited for this item, but nobody from his office attended. Mr. Pollard reported that he and the Mayor have been anxious to hear about the current status and have been working to receive updates, including visiting Hartford to meet with Secretary Barnes and telephone calls with the Director and Assistant Director of DOT. They have received very little information. There are protracted negotiations ongoing about this with the firm selected under the RFP. The old garage is expected to open in the next few months. They anticipate "closure" at some time in the next few months.

Mr. Pollard and Ms. Carlson reported on the primary items discussed at the last meeting which they are focusing on;

- the West Main Street item is in the process of moving forward (this money will come through the COG)

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- Veterans Park and Mill River Park are not currently moving forward
- SP1 is being worked on
- Changes to the eviction family relocation reimbursement was raised by the Judiciary Committee today
- Changes to the Worker's Compensation bill to ensure that claims are filed with the Town Clerk are being considered
- They have submitted road improvement requests for the Rogers School

<sup>2</sup>3. SC29.035    REVIEW; Update on Council of Governments                    **Report Made**  
 Activities.  
 02/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
**03/02/16 – Held in Committee**

Mr. Pollard and Mr. Sackett discussed that:

- the hazard mitigation plan is a regional plan which makes the City eligible for FEMA funding
- there is a regional GIS service, which the City is taking advantage of
- the region is applying for a regional economic development program
- The Transportation Bureau participates in many of these projects

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Buckman, Fedeli, Miller, Pratt and Watkins in favor.)

4. SC29.036    REVIEW; Update on Economic Development Plan                    **Report Made**  
 for the City of Stamford.  
 02/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
**03/02/16 – Held in Committee**

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Buckman, Fedeli, Miller, Pratt and Watkins in favor.)

Chair Buckman adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Brien Buckman, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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