

## State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives

Lindsey Miller, Chair

Robert Roqueta, Vice Chair

## Committee Report - Amended

**Date:** Monday, May 21, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican 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 Miller, Vice Chair Roqueta and Committee Member Reps. Adams and Graziosi. Absent or excused were Reps. Liebson, Mahoney and McGarry. Also present were Rep. Zelinsky; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Jackie Lightfield, Stamford Partnership; and Thomas Madden, Economic Development Director (by phone).

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

Item No. Description Invitee(s) or Designee(s)

The Committee first considered Item No. 2

2. <u>SC30.013</u> RESOLUTION; Supporting Participation in the Fully Approved 4-0-0 Autonomous Vehicle Testing Pilot Program. 05/09/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Secondary Committee: Transportation

Ms. Lightfield and Mr. Madden reviewed the attached presentation. She explained that this resolution is the first of many steps to be designated as a testing site for the pilot program. Stamford Partnership is assisting the City with some of the infrastructure for this project. There will be no driverless vehicles at this point. The State Legislation map is out of date. Ohio has passed legislation for testing. The City has been working on plans for this for the past several years, so that it is ready as autonomous vehicles become more adopted.

Ms. Lightfield, Mr. Madden and Mr. Pollard discussed this item with the committee. The City will be reviewing liability issues with liability and insurance experts and these issues will be addressed when a vendor is selected. The City is several years from having autonomous vehicles near live traffic. They do not currently know the cost, because it will depend upon the vendor. Currently the City is using grant funds. Current states where AVs are being tested are flat and have clean lines of sight. The only cities currently testing are Pittsburgh and Boston, which have very limited testing areas. At this point, the City is simply at the initial starting point of this process. The law is similar to California's. This resolution only permits the application.

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Miller, Roqueta, Adams and Graziosi in favor).

1. SC30.009 REVIEW; Update on Council of Governments T. Madden Activities/Review COG functions. M. Pollard 03/07/18 – Submitted by Rep. Miller

03/15/18 – Held in Committee

04/16/18 - Report Made & Held in Committee

Mr. Pollard discussed the COG with the Committee as follows:

- The original intent was to allow Cities to consolidate their efforts to reduce costs, since there are no county agencies or governments in Connecticut
- Stamford is larger, and pays more, but has only one vote
- Stamford's issues do not always align with the other members of the COG
- The COG structure allows competition for federal county based funds that were not available before
- The City would like to see the office closer to Stamford
- It would be helpful to the City to leverage some of the COG staff
- It has been beneficial to learn what other cities are doing

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lindsey Miller, Chair

This meeting is on video.