



State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives

Lindsey Miller, Chair

Robert Roqueta, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Adams and Graziosi. Absent or excused were Reps. Liebson, Mahoney, McGarry and Roqueta. Also present was Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. SC30.016	REVIEW; Informational Update and History of the Transportation Center Garage. 09/10/18 – Submitted by Michael Pollard	Report Made

Secondary Committee: Transportation

Mr. Pollard noted that the Transportation Center is the most valuable asset to the City. Next week, there will be a public hearing on the garage held by the State DOT.

He reviewed the attached [Power Point presentation](#) regarding the history of the garage and the proposed plan:

- The train station and garage was originally built by the City and leased to the State
- In 2000, the State became the owner/operator of the train station and the garage (this seems to have been a transfer; he was not able to locate records of these discussions)
- The State currently has no current agreement as to the train station or garage with the City
- A study re: refresh/renew the train station was done in 2009 by Stantex, but it was never acted upon
- In 2013, the State issued an RFP to add an additional garage and update some parts of the train station; ultimately, there was no agreement with the party who won the bid and the State did not move forward. This bid would have included TOD oriented development

- The FTA did a TOD study in 2016; they determined that the transit center needs to be connected with the South End
- Use of train station has changed since 2005 – increased use of Jitneys and busses by employees working in Stamford
- Moving traffic in/around the train station has also become an issue
- South State Street was transferred to the State several years ago
- The proposal is to build the garage on the current location of the surface lot on the corner of Washington Boulevard and South State Street
- Why not rebuild on the current garage space -There is less volume on Station Place because the garage is being used less (it is not a road that can handle increased traffic); this Station Place space leaves options for the Transportation Center to grow/develop
- Plan includes an enclosed walkway to ticketing area
- The original garage was 700 spaces; the proposed garage is 800-900 spaces (the current proposal is 8 floors, which presents a user experience problem)
- This garage is no further than the new section of the current garage
- The ability to go straight to the platform is difficult from an engineering perspective
- The State DOT has funding for this already
- The current plan only has an exit to Washington Boulevard. The City has suggested an exit to South State Street going toward Greenwich
- The older garage will be demolished (hopefully that space can be used for jitneys, ubers, etc.)
- The State has no current funds to upgrade the train station; there is a possibility of forming a TIF to fund an update of the train station (as a public-private partnership)

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Miller, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).