



State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives

Lindsey Miller, Chair

Robert Roqueta, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020
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, Vice Chair Roqueta and Rep. Adams. Excused were Reps. Graziosi and McGarry. Also present was Jonathan Winkel, Executive Director of Stamford Partnership

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. SC30.026	RESOLUTION; In Support of Shared Mobility Principles for Livable Cities. 01/10/20 – Submitted by President Quinones	Approved, as amended, 3-0-0

The Committee discussed this item with Mr. Winkel:

- The Stamford Partnership is a non-profit focused on the general well-being of the City of Stamford, with a general focus on economic and community development, and they take on projects with partners and grants relating to infrastructure, but projects that the City would not take up on its own
- Last year they received a \$150,000 grant for the implementation of autonomous vehicle technology;
- The \$150,000 doesn't go very far; a single autonomous vehicle costs over \$1 million;
- The partnership that research or pursuit of solutions concerning autonomous vehicles are a better way to spend that grant;
- The use of autonomous vehicles is also at least 5 years away and could be longer;
- In the interim, they are looking at electronic shuttles, and engaging with the State and possibly the federal government
- These shared mobility principles are a way to get the State more involved and also provide guidelines for the City in anticipation of the rollout of autonomous vehicles.

The Committee approved amendments to the third and fourth "Whereas" clause without objection as follows:

WHEREAS, these new mobility services present the potential for both opportunities and challenges to the safe, reliable, and accessible movement of people and goods within the City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford must provide shared transportation guidance that facilitates the safe, reliable, efficient, and pollution-free flow of people and goods, ~~which~~ while also providing affordable, healthy, and integrated mobility for all people; and

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was approved by a vote of 3-0-0 (Reps. Miller, Roqueta and Adams in favor).

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Miller, Chair

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