



State & Commerce Committee – Board of Representatives

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Pierre-Louis and Committee Member Reps. Goldberg, Ley, Miller, and Walston. Excused were Vice Chair Jacobson and Rep. Sandford. Also in attendance were Reps. Baxter, Stella, and Walston; Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise; State Rep. Corey Paris, and two members of the public.

Chair Pierre-Louis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. SC31.005	REVIEW; Increasing the Transportation System in the West Side by Adding Buses or Trolleys. 01/05/22 – Submitted by Rep. Stella 01/27/22 – Held by Committee 3-0-1 03/02/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-0 03/11/22 – Moved to Pending	Report Made

Mr. Petise gave an update on this item and there was discussion.

CT Transit is run by the State of Connecticut. Mr. Petise has had multiple conversations with them about Stamford's bus system, including the West Side specifically. He is confident the State will be actively working on this.

There is money available from the State for bus shelters. Guidelines will be put out as to how the priority of bus shelters will be determined. It is unclear how many bus shelters will be funded, it may depend on how many requests are submitted regionally. Once these guidelines are known, Mr. Petise will put together a list and submit it to the CT DOT.

Stamford was awarded a RAISE grant to do a planning study and design for West Main Street. The study will include multimodal access, vehicle access, bus access, and bus shelters. This is in the early stages as the grant was just recently awarded. There will be public involvement in this study.

Having a good bus system is critical to decreasing the amount of cars on the road.

Rep. Stella stated that we need more South to North bus routes and improved bus shelters. A better bus system is needed in Stamford overall. Smaller streets need to be widened to accommodate buses, so the routes are not only on the main arteries. Grants should be researched for this.

Mr. Petise is committed to urging the State to improve the bus system in Stamford.

Reps. Stella and Walston thanked Mr. Petise for his work on this item.

Chair Pierre-Louis adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).