



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair DeLuca, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Kooris, Moore and Pratt. Also present were Reps. Cerasoli and Zelinsky, Mayor Martin; Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer; Josh Benson, Bureau Chief, Transportation; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Burt Rosenberg, Law Department; Nicole Sandford; and Laura Di Costanzo, Page; and Enton Nikej (See [Public Hearing sign-in sheet](#)).

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T29.035	ORDINANCE for <u>public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 231, Article V to provide for alternate side of the street parking during snow emergencies. 03/17/15 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera 04/29/15 – Report Made & Held 05/18/15 – Held in Committee 07/29/15 – No Action Taken	Approved 7-0-0

Chair DeLuca opened the public hearing. Mr. Nikej spoke in favor of the ordinance and noted that he would like to see his street be alternate side of the street parking at all times. There being no further speakers, Chair DeLuca closed the public hearing.

Rep. Zelinsky asked that Vincent Court be added to the list of streets. A motion to add Vincent Court to the list of Streets was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg and Pratt in favor). A motion to approve the Ordinance was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. DeLuca, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg and Pratt in favor; Rep. Moore abstaining).

¹ 2. T29.044	REVIEW; Citywide Transportation/Traffic/Parking issues with Transportation, Traffic & Parking Bureau Chief. 09/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	Report Made
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Mayor Martin introduced Mr. Benson and reviewed various transportation items he would like to see changed, including: changes to the parking permit program, combining all of the

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parking resolutions into one resolution; and increasing the charge for vehicles not registered in Connecticut.

Committee members discussed various issues with Mr. Benson, including;

- Crossing times at busy intersections, such as Washington Avenue and Broad Street
- Traffic calming measures
- Designated bike lanes versus shared lanes
- The Residential Parking program
- Increasing walkability and crosswalks in school areas
- Synchronization of traffic lights
- The use of side roads to avoid choke points

- ²³. [T29.041](#) **ORDINANCE for publication**; Adoption of CGS §§14-300 & 14-300d into Code of Ordinances. **Held 8-1-0**
08/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. Adams
08/20/15 – Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: State and Commerce

Mr. Rosenberg explained that this ordinance can't be enforced by police officers, because it is not a State criminal statute and that police officers do not have the authority to enforce municipal civil citations. He will try to incorporate a definition of marked and unmarked crosswalks for next month. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-1-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Kooris, Moore and Pratt in favor; Rep. Adams opposed).

- ³⁴. [T29.042](#) **REVIEW**; Installation of Stop Signs on East Bound and West Bound Stillwater Avenue at Fairfield Avenue. **Report Made**
08/05/15 – Submitted by Reps. Pratt, McNeil, DePina and Wallace
08/20/15 – Held in Committee

Rep. Pratt noted that the traffic calming has been effective on the uphill, but he is still concerned about the downhill. Mr. Poola stated that they have installed traffic counters and are collecting the data and will see if a stop sign is warranted. They will implement measures as they get financing.

- ⁴⁵. [T29.043](#) **REVIEW**; Status of Turner Road Issues. **Report Made**
08/29/15 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Franzetti.

Ms. Sandford stated that she remains concerned about the danger to pedestrians on Turner Road, which is used by children walking to 4 schools and families walking to synagogue. There was no funding for the roundabout discussed last year and the City has a moratorium on speed humps. She distributed the attached [recommendations](#). Committee members discussed possible solutions with Mr. Orgera, Mr. Benson and Mr. Poola, including increasing pedestrian signage, the definition of a school zone and a traffic feedback sign.

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⁵6 [T29.037](#) RESOLUTION and Approval of Public Hearing; **Held 9-0-0**
Establishing Fees for City Owned Garages.
06/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
07/29/15 – No Action Taken
08/10/15 – Held in Steering

Mr. Orgera explained that the administration is rethinking the City's parking policies in light of the recent parking changes at the mall, including increasing the fee and increasing the enforcement time to 11:00 p.m. Suggestions are included on the [attached handout](#).

Chair DeLuca noted that the DSSD is opposed to eliminating free weekend parking or extending the parking fees to 11:00 p.m.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. DeLuca, Adams, Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Giordano, Kolenberg, Kooris, Moore and Pratt in favor).

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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