



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice-Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Gilbride, Grunberger, and Strain. Excused were Reps. Moore and Sandford. Also in attendance were Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation Department; and one member of the public.

Vice Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 1. T31.044 | REVIEW; Pedestrian Safety Zones. 06/02/2025 – Submitted by L. Buttenwieser | Report Made |

Mr. Buttenwieser reviewed this item and there was discussion.

This item may come forth in a future committee meeting as a potential ordinance.

The Zero Vision Action Plan was recently adopted by the Planning Board. Within this plan the Pedestrian Safety Zone has been identified as one of the top five key action items.

The State of Connecticut passed a statute allowing municipalities to establish Pedestrian Safety Zones in certain areas. The objective is to reduce accidents, encourage walking, and improve pedestrian safety. This will assist with broad-based traffic calming.

The State requires the local transportation authority (Stamford Transportation Department) to create these zones, and the legislative body (Board of Representatives) to approve them. A traffic engineering study will be needed. These zones can be in high commercial activity areas, or near areas such as parks and transit hubs. This statute allows municipalities to seek grant funding.

A Pedestrian Safety Zone is a roadway traffic engineering concept and is specifically referred to in the State statute.

The Transportation Department is working with the State to reduce the speed on Washington Blvd. and Tresser Blvd. from 35 mph to 25 mph.

A report was made.

Mr. Bittenwieser reviewed this item and there was discussion.

There has been a big increase in app-based food delivery providers using all types of vehicles: cars, bikes, electronic bikes, scooters, and mopeds. Due to this, there are many problems occurring such as double parking, illegal parking, electronic bikes and scooters going the wrong way on roads and driving on sidewalks.

The Board of Representatives recently passed a related ordinance regarding some of these vehicles, and the Stamford Police Department has increased enforcement.

Boston has passed a road safety [ordinance](#) that could be well replicated in Stamford. The Legal Department and the Stamford Police Department have said this type of ordinance would be feasible.

The idea is to require companies such as Door Dash, UberEats, and Grubhub to obtain a permit from Stamford to operate within the city. Requiring permits and insurance would help to regulate these providers and do infrastructure enhancements through data collection. This could also serve as an enforcement mechanism.

A few weeks ago a parking area was allocated on Bedford Street for the delivery people on bikes and scooters. There is a Transportation Department pilot project to analyze the needs for these dedicated parking spaces throughout the city.

The Stamford Police Department has increased enforcement for all people on electronic bikes and scooters, not only delivery drivers. An ordinance would increase the enforcement of the food delivery companies by requiring registration and insurance on these delivery vehicles. This is not meant to penalize the delivery people, who often make low wages with no benefits, but to add accountability to the app-based food companies for safety and regulation. The city wants to work with the companies to address the complaints and bring more order to the operations of these providers.

Stamford does not have the authority to license and register vehicles, but it can register companies doing business in the city through a business permit.

A report was made.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

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