



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, July 22, 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, Moore, and Strain. Rep. Sanford was excused. Also in attendance were Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Planner; and two members of the public.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Chair Watkins announced that Mr. Petise will be leaving as Transportation Bureau Chief to take a new appointment in Fairfield. He thanked Mr. Petise for all of his work with the City of Stamford and with the Transportation Committee.

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 1. T31.046 | REVIEW; Vision Zero: Work done so far, 2024 and 2025 crash report, speed safety cameras, and other work being done to improve roadway safety 07/08/2025 – Submitted by F. Petise | Recommitted to Steering 5-0-0 |

Chair Watkins proposed that this item be recommitted to Steering. A similar item was originally on the Public Health & Safety Committee. Since it falls under the Zero Vision Action Plan, Chair Stella agreed to have it on the Transportation Committee. However, Chair Stella could not attend tonight's meeting and asked that it be taken up in August.

There being no objections, this item was recommitted to Steering.

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| 2. T31.047 | APPROVAL; of an Agreement between the City of Stamford and BETA Group, Inc. for the design of safety improvements at the Belltown Area Roadway 06/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Caroline Simmons 07/17/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | Approved 5-0-0 |
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Mr. Bittenwieser reviewed this item and there was discussion.

This project has come out of the Barrett Park Master Plan. The Land Use Bureau and the Transportation Bureau came together with Belltown residents to create a larger vision for the Barrett Park Master Plan.

Several roadway safety improvement projects were proposed that include Belltown Road, Upland Road, and Burdick Street.

This contract is for the formal design. BOR has already approved the \$1.8 million grant from State construction funds for this project. This design contract will be funded through City funds.

An RFP was issued and two responses were received. BETA Group undertook the master plan process for the Barrett Park project so they are very familiar with the area.

A motion to approve Item #2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Adams, Gilbride, Grunberger, and Strain in favor).

3. T31.048 REVIEW; of Ticket Payment Process and Timeline After **Report Made**
Parking Violations Are Issued
07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Adams

Vice Chair Adams explained why he put this item on the Agenda and there was discussion.

Some constituents approached him about a 10 day timeline to pay tickets.

Frank Petise confirmed that in 2019 the ordinance was updated and changed to a timeline of 15 days to pay a ticket or appeal. After 15 days of not being paid it is doubled, and after 30 days of not being paid it is tripled. It does not go further than tripling.

Doubling and tripling can only go up to a maximum of \$250.00 per citation, per State statute.

The timeline starts as soon as the ticket is issued. If it is not paid within 15 days a letter is sent, and then another after 30 days.

Vice Chair Adams stated this can be difficult for seniors depending on what time of the month they receive their Social Security checks. No other City fines have this type of process. Perhaps in the future the BOR can work on this to make it more reasonable to constituents.

Chair Watkins explained that if this is an item that people wish to take up via resolution or ordinance, it would be best to do this in the 32nd Board to give it time to be worked on.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

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