

# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Lt. Eric C. LaRiviere

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, upon a motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously accepted by the State Traffic Commission. It was voted to continue to follow the procedures and policy of the State Traffic Commission as previously established.

### Old Business

#### CRANSTON ==> PIPPIN ORCHARD RD

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

9/11/2006

40270

Request from the City of Cranston to conduct a traffic signal study at the intersection of Pippin Orchard Road and Scituate Avenue.

*Comments:* On behalf of the City of Cranston. City Council Members Aram G. Garabedian, Maria A. Bucci, and John E. Ianni Jr. spoken in favor of the STC's decision.

*Action Taken:* Funds from the City of Cranston will expedite the design and installation of the traffic signal and will be maintained by RIDOT.

*Work Order Number:*

#### GLOCESTER ==> SNAKE HILL RD

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

9/19/2006

40274

Request from Gloucester Police for a speed study on Snake Hill Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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**LITTLE COMPTON ==> MEETINGHOUSE LN**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>11/2/2005</b>		<b>40189</b>

Request from the Little Compton Police to review the area in and around The Commons for restricted parking, handicap parking, and the present parking and existing crosswalk's location in the vicinity of the Wilbur McMahon School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> DOUGLAS AV HWY 7**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/11/2006</b>		<b>40271</b>

Request from Representative Arthur J Corvese for a pedestrian crosswalk on Douglas Ave. (Rt. 7) at Marigold Circle.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AV HWY 15**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/11/2006</b>		<b>40272</b>

Request from Representative Arthur J Corvese for a left turn signal on Mineral Spring Ave. ( Rt. 15) westbound at the first entrance into the North Providence High School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**PAWTUCKET ==> NEWPORT AV US 1A**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/7/2006</b>		<b>40265</b>

Request from the City of Pawtucket for the installation of a exclusive pedestrian phase at the intersection of Armistice Blvd. and Daggett Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved exclusive pedestrian phase and No Right Turn On Red for Armistice Blvd.

*Work Order Number:*

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**RICHMOND ==> SWITCH RD**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/11/2006</b>		<b>40273</b>

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for a speed study on Switch Road from New Switch Road south.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Current posted speed limit of 40 MPH show that it was within the 85th percentile taken from the speed study.

*Work Order Number:*

**WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD HWY 1A**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/7/2006</b>		<b>40267</b>

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri to review the area of Watch Hill Road in the vicinity of Avondale Road's south end intersection for possible limited site distance for traffic entering onto Watch Hill Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved adding 25 MPH advisory speed plaques to the existing warning signs in each direction. RIDOT will conduct a survey to determine the portions of bushes, which may be within the State's right-of-way for trimming and improving sight distance.

*Work Order Number:*

**New Business**

**BARRINGTON ==> COUNTY RD HWY 103**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40276</b>

Request from the Town of Barrington to relocate the existing crosswalk on County Road (Rt. 114) at Mathewson Road to approximately 350' north, in the vicinity of the new bus stop and bike path park.

*Comments:* Mr. Paul Blasbalk of 11 Mathewson Road spoke in favor of relocating the crosswalk to the location requested by the Town of Barrington.

*Action Taken:* In addition to approving the relocation of the crosswalk the STC approved the installation of pedestrian warning signs at the crosswalk for both directions.

*Work Order Number:*

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**BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40277</b>

Request from Representative Raymond E. Gallison for a right turn lane for Annawamscutt Drive at the intersection of Rt. 136 in the Town of Bristol.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**BURRILLVILLE ==> ROUND TOP RD HWY 96**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40278</b>

Request from RIDOT to approve the new axle posting of 5 TONS for Round Top Bridge.

*Comments:* A letter to RIDOT Bridge Section will inform them to contact the Town of Burrillville to clarify the Fire Departments request to have emergency vehicles exempt from the weight restriction.

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**CRANSTON ==> PONTIAC AV**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40280</b>

Request from RIDOT to remove the existing stop sign controlling the right turns from Rt. 37 westbound off ramp onto Pontiac Ave. and adding this movement to the existing left turn signal phrase.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Also approved for RIDOT to take traffic counts of the adjacent intersections to obtain coordinations times.

*Work Order Number:*

**CUMBERLAND ==> BROAD ST**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40282</b>

Request from RIDOT for a crosswalk at the intersection of Meeting Street.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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**CUMBERLAND ==> JOHN ST HWY 123**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40281</b>

Request from RIDOT for a midblock crosswalk with flashing beacons and No Parking for 100' in advance of the crosswalk for both directions on John Street.

Request from RIDOT for a midblock crosswalk with flashing beacons and No Parking for 100' in advance of the crosswalk for both directions on Chambers Street.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**EAST PROVIDENCE ==> BULLOCKS POINT AV**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40283</b>

Request from Senator Michael J. Damiani to remove all parking restriction times on the east and west side of Bullocks Point Avenue from Lincoln Avenue southerly to the intersection of Shore Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AV US 6**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40284</b>

Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci to install signs that would require trucks to use the right travel lane only on Hartford Avenue (U.S. Rt. 6).

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**JOHNSTON ==> SIMMONSVILLE AV**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40285</b>

Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci to re-evaluate the existing posted speed limit of 25 MPH on Simonsville Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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**PORTSMOUTH ==>> PARK AV**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40287**

Request for the following from the Town of Portsmouth for parking modifications on Park Ave:

Amend the parking signs in front of the west end of the sea wall to read No Parking 11:00 PM to 11:00 AM.

Remove the two existing No Parking Loading Zone signs in front of Hamilton Printing and at 543 & 549 and replace with Snow Route - Tow Zone signs..

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**PORTSMOUTH ==>> W MAIN RD HWY 114**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40286**

Request from Representative Raymond E. Gallison for a pedestrian signal phase added to the existing traffic signal on West Main Road in the vicinity of Raytheon Company's entrance.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**PROVIDENCE ==>> RANDALL ST**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40288**

Request from RIDOT for the following:

Remove the existing crosswalk and relocate it approximately 50' north to the existing island at North Main St. and Randall St.

Eliminate the right turn signal phase for North Main St. southbound and include pedestrian heads and pushbuttons.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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**SCITUATE ==> ELMDALE RD**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40289</b>

Request from the Scituate police Department for a speed study for the prima facia portion of Elmdale Road..

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved a speed limit posting of 30 MPH for the State's portion of Elmdale Road.

*Work Order Number:*

**WARREN ==> CHILD ST HWY 103**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40291</b>

Request from the Town of Warren for a pedestrian crossing signal on Child St. in front of the Kickemuit Middle School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**WARREN ==> MAIN ST HWY 114**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40290</b>

Request from theTown of Warren for approval of the folowing crosswalks on Main St:

Market Street's north corner  
Child Street's south corner  
Joyce Street's south corner  
Croade Street's north corner  
Greene Street's south corner  
Wheaton Street's north corner  
Luther Street's south corner 100' south of Luther Street (St. Mary of the Bay Church)  
Franklin Street's south corner  
Campbell Street's south corner  
In front of Mary Quirk School  
Beach Street and Rt. 114 north side  
Locust Terrace and Rt. 114 north side  
Hanely Farm Road and Rt. 114 north side

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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**WARWICK ==> POST RD US 1**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40292**

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing Stop sign, Keep Right sign (R4-7) and Keep Right sign (R4-7a) on Donald Avenue at the intersection of Post Rd.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**WEST GREENWICH ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD HWY 3**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40293**

Request from Senator Kevin A. Breene and Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis for No Parking signs on Route 3 in front of the Dunkin Donuts, in the vicinity of Valerie Drive.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**WESTERLY ==> AIRPORT RD**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40294**

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

Add a left turn lane on Tom Harvey Rd. at Airport Rd.

Add a right turn lane on Airport Rd. at Winnapaug Rd.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**WESTERLY ==> BRADFORD RD HWY 91**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40298**

Request from Representative Brian P. Kennedy to approve a crosswalk at the intersection of Bradford Rd. and Church St.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*



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**WESTERLY ==>> GRANITE ST US 1**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40295**

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

Add a left turn lane on Granite St. at Grove Ave.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**WESTERLY ==>> POST RD US 1**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40296**

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

Add a right turn lane on Post R. at Argyle Dr.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**WESTERLY ==>> POST RD US 1**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/12/2006**

**40297**

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

Conduct a study for a traffic signal on Post Rd. at Argyle Dr.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**Special Event**

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<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/12/2006</b>		<b>40299</b>

Request from city and towns for the following parades and events to use state highways as designated in their letter to the STC:

Johnston - Johnston High School's Home Coming on 10/21/2006 beginning 10:00.  
North Kingstown - Veterans Day Parade on 11/11/2006 beginning at 10:00 AM.  
South Kingstown - YMCA of South County's "The Pumpkin Run" on 10/14/2006.  
South Kingstown - Challenge America Foundation's Road Race on 12/16/2006.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**Addendum**

**NARRAGANSETT ==>> SUCCOTASH RD**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/17/2006</b>		<b>40301</b>

Request from the Town of Narragansett to amend the existing permitted parking signs on the west side of Succotash Road in the Village of Jerusalem, in the vicinity of Jim's and Skip's Dock and the State Pier Side, to read 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

**PROVIDENCE ==>> SMITH ST US 44**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>10/24/2006</b>		<b>40302</b>

Request from Providence Planning and Development for the City of Providence to install flashing lights for each direction on Smith St. in front of the St. Patrick's School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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**SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTON RD HWY 138**

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**10/13/2006**

**40300**

Request from RIDOT to approve No Parking Anytime with Tow Zone plaques on the following roads and in and around the Kingston Station:

Auto Drop-Off Area  
Bus Drop-Off Area  
East and West Ramps  
Railroad Avenue

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Work Order Number:*

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, November 08, 2006 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:22AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson