

STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 13, 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 10:06 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

COVENTRY ==> HARKNEY HILL RD

Creation Date

11/1/2006

Disposition

Approved

Item Number

40303

Request from the Town of Coventry for a traffic study on Harkney Hill Road in the vicinity of Camp Westwood Campground and the YMCA Camp for proper signing and speed in the area.

Comments:

Action Taken: The STC reviewed the area and found the posted speed limit to be appropriate. The STC approved to install additional chevrons and attach advisory speed plaques to the existing warning signs for both directions.

Work Order Number:

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> BULLOCKS POINT AV

Creation Date

10/12/2006

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

40283

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:

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GLOCESTER ==> SNAKE HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/19/2006	Approved	40274

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

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved 35 MPH speed limit from Rt. 116 to Rt. 102. West of Rt. 102 will remain a posted speed limit of 40 MPH.

Work Order Number:

JOHNSTON ==> SIMMONSVILLE AV

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

Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci to re-evaluate the existing posted speed limit of 25 MPH to 30 MPH on Simmonsville Avenue.

Comments: Speed study indicated 25 MPH zone was too low.

Action Taken: Approved a 30 MPH posted speed limit.

Work Order Number:

MIDDLETOWN ==> GREENE LN

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2006	Denied	40304

Request from the Middletown Police to lower the existing posted speed limit of 40 MPH to 35 MPH on Green Lane.

Comments: Speed study indicated the posted speed limit was appropriate.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

NARRAGANSETT ==> SUCCOTASH RD

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

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 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

Comments: RIDOT will continue to review this issue by meeting with the Towns of South Kingstown, Narragansett, and DEM.

Action Taken:

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PORTSMOUTH ==>> PARK AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/12/2006	Denied	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: It was determined a safety issue did not exist to warrant a need to prohibit parking. It was also established the existing No Parking restrictions in front of the west end of the sea wall were not previously STC approved.

Action Taken: Denied to 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.
Approved to 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.

Work Order Number:

PROVIDENCE ==>> HARTFORD AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/16/2006	No Action	40309

Request from Providence Public Works to install a crosswalk in front of the Post Office, 100 Hartford Avenue .

Comments:

Action Taken: It was determined during the meeting that this section of Hartford Avenue is not a state maintained road and does not fall under the jurisdiction of the STC.

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RICHMOND ==> MAIN ST HWY 138

Creation Date

11/1/2006

Disposition

Denied

Item Number

40308

Request from the Town of Richmond for the following:

A pedestrian crosswalk on Main St. (Rt. 138), in the vicinity of the Richmond Shopping Plaza and Chariho Shopping Plaza.

A traffic speed study to lower the speed limit on Main St. (Rt. 138), in the vicinity of the Richmond Shopping Plaza and Chariho Shopping Plaza between the hours of 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Comments: Pedestrian counts were too low to warrant a marked crosswalk for both plazas.
Speed study indicated the posted speed was appropriate.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WARREN ==> CHILD ST HWY 103

Creation Date

10/12/2006

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

40291

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

Comments:

Action Taken:

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WARREN ==> MAIN ST HWY 114

Creation Date

10/12/2006

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

40290

Request from the Town of Warren for approval of the following 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:

WARWICK ==> POST RD US 1

Creation Date

11/1/2006

Disposition

Denied

Item Number

40305

Request from Senator John C. Revens for a traffic signal study at 2426 Post Road (U.S. Rt. 1) and Greenwood Terrace Complex, Fisher Avenue.

Comments: Exiting traffic counts onto Post Rd. were too low to warrant a traffic signal

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WEST WARWICK ==> COWESETT AV HWY 3

Creation Date

11/1/2006

Disposition

Approved

Item Number

40307

Request from the West Warwick Police for a crosswalk and pedestrian push buttons for the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Cowesett Ave. (Rt. 3), Tina Drive and Cochran St.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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WEST WARWICK ==> COWESETT AV HWY 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2006	Approved	40306

Request from the West Warwick Police for a No Turn On Red sign at the intersection of Main St. and Cowesett Ave. (Rt. 3).

Comments:

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WEST WARWICK ==> E GREENWICH AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Approved	40320

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing No Right Turn On Red sign on East Greenwich Avenue at its intersection with Cowesett Avenue/Tiogue Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WEST WARWICK ==> LEGRIS AV HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/16/2006	Denied	40310

Request from the West Warwick Police to review the area of 239 Legris Avenue for the possible need to install a warning sign in advance of the driveway of the West View Health Center.

Comments: Review indicated site distance was not restricted to warrant a warning sign.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WEST WARWICK ==> LEGRIS AV HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/16/2006	Denied	40311

Request from the West Warwick Police to review the area of Legris Avenue and Centerville Road for the possible need to install a traffic signal.

Comments: Traffic counts were too low to warrant a traffic signal.

Action Taken:

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WESTERLY ==> GRANITE ST US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/12/2006	Denied	40295

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

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

Comments: Inadequate road width to provide 3 lanes.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WESTERLY ==> POST RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/12/2006	Denied	40296

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

Add a right turn lane on Post Road at Argyle Drive.

Comments: Existing shoulder width inadequate to provide a right turn lane.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WESTERLY ==> POST RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/12/2006	Denied	40297

Request from Senator Dennis L. Algieri for the following:

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

Comments: Warrants were not met for a traffic signal.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

New Business

CRANSTON ==> PONTIAC AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Approved	40313

Request from RIDOT to install a temporary Yield sign on the Rt. 37 westbound ramp for right turning traffic onto Pontiac Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WILLETT AV HWY 103

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Study	40314

Request from the City of Providence to re-install the crosswalk on Willet Avenue at Harris Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WILLETT AV HWY 103

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/7/2006	Denied	40312

Request from Senator Michael J. Damiani for the following:

Replace the existing Yield sign with a Stop sign on Willett Avenue (Rt. 103) southbound at its merge with Cresent View Avenue in the City of East Providence, Riverside.

Comments: Existing additional lane at the intersection does not necessitate a stop condition.

Action Taken: Denied a Stop condition in place of the Yield.
Approved the installation of a warning sign depicting lanes seperation.

Work Order Number:

MIDDLETOWN ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Approved	40315

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing No Left Turn sign for the driveway opening exiting the plaza from East Main Road (Rt.138), west side, prior to the intersection of Valley Road (Rt. 214).

Comments:

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Study	40316

Request from Representative Raymond E. Gallison to install a traffic signal at the intersection of East Main Rd. (Rt. 138) and Sprague Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Approved	40317

Request from the Town of Smithfield to approve No Parking Anytime for both sides of Putnam Pike, (U.S. Rt. 44), from the Johnston Town Line to the Gloucester Town Line except for the south side of U.S. Rt. 44 in the vicinity of Winfield's Funeral Home, (approximately from Smith Street to Church Street).

Comments: Review indicated restricted shoulder width from Johnston Town Line to Gloucester Town Line.

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

WEST WARWICK ==> MAIN ST HWY 115

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Study	40318

Request from the Town of West Warwick to add a left turn arrow signal phase to the existing traffic signal for southbound Main Street, (Rt. 115) at Wakefield Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

Special Event

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2006	Approved	40319

The following events are requested to be held using state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

JAMESTOWN - Request from the Director of Development for the National MS Society to hold its 20th Anniversary MS Bike Tour on June 24, 2007 by accessing the Jamestown Bridge. The STC is waiting for the R.I. State Police to forward a letter of concurrence on this issue.

SOUTH KINGSTOWN & NARRAGANSETT - The 20th Annual Narrow River 10K Run & 5K Walk on May 19, 2007 starting at 10:00AM.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved Jamestown's 20th Anniversary MS Bike Tour on June 24, 2007 pending the R.I. State Police concurrence.
SOUTH KINGSTOWN & NARRAGANSETT - The 20th Annual Narrow River 10K Run & 5K Walk on May 19, 2007 was approved as requested.

Work Order Number:

Addendum

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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> POST RD US 1

Creation Date

1/3/2007

Disposition

Approved

Item Number

40322

In the vicinity of Frenchtown Road for Post Road (U.S. Rt. 1) northbound traffic turnaround to (U.S. Rt. 1) southbound, request from the North Kingstown Police to replace existing Stop sign to a Yield condition.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Work Order Number:

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson