

STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST HWY 114

Creation Date

3/6/2007

Disposition

Approved

Item Number

40358

Request from the Town of Bristol with Bristol Police concurrence to remove the No Right Turn On Red restriction on Chestnut Street at its intersection with Hope Street (Rt. 114).

Comments:

Action Taken:

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

Creation Date

3/6/2007

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

40355

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Tupelo St.

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Michael Dr.

Comments:

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BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2007	Continued	40356

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a Right Turn Only lane onto Gooding Ave.
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Annawamscutt Dr.
Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Annawamscutt Dr.
Annawamscutt Dr. (westbound) - a dedicated right turn lane onto Metacom Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2007	Continued	40357

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane into the CVS / Cumberland Farms Shopping Plaza.
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Bay View Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2007	Continued	40349

Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Fatima Dr.
Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Fatima Dr.

Comments:

Action Taken:

COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2007	Denied	40350

Request from Senator Leo R. Blais for the installation of a flashing caution light at the intersection of Victory Highway (Rt. 102), Maple Valley Road and Waterman Hill.

Comments: Criteria for a caution light were not met.

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CRANSTON ==> SCITUATE AV HWY 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Approved	40331

Request from the City of Cranston to eliminate the existing permitted passing zone in the westbound direction on Scituate Avenue in the vicinity of Castleton Drive, Wildflower Drive, and Newbury Village Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken: No Passing from Castleton Parkway to 100' west of Castleton Dr. Eastbound - passing from 780' west of Castleton Dt. To 100' west of Castleton Dr.
No Passing from Pole # 154 to 780' west of Castleton Dr. Eastbound - Passing from 150' west of Pole # 157 to 154.

CUMBERLAND ==> BROAD ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/6/2007	Denied	40343

Request from the Cumberland Police to install a crosswalk and a pedestrian signal in front of the Cumberland Town Hall on Broad Street at the intersection of Lusitana Avenue.

Comments: In accordance to MUTCD warrants were not met for a pedestrian signal.

Action Taken: Approved the existing crosswalk leading to the Town Hall.

CUMBERLAND ==> NATE WHIPPLE HW HWY 120

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Approved	40332

Request from RIDOT to approve crosswalks as follows:

At 400 Nate Whipple Highway for the Cumberland Middle School.

At 660 Nate Whipple Highway in the vicinity of the end of the concrete sidewalk.

Comments:

Action Taken:

EAST GREENWICH ==> NEW LONDON TURNPIKE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Approved	40333

Request from RIDOT for the installation of a traffic signal in East / West Greenwich on New London Turnpike at its intersection with the I-95 southbound off ramp.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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EXETER ==> S COUNTY TL HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Approved	40334

Request from Exeter Fire Chief Woody Davis for the installation of an emergency pre-empt flashing signal on Rt. 2 for Fire Station No. 4.

Comments:

Action Taken:

GLOCESTER ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Denied	40335

Request from Representative Edwin R. Pacheco for the installation of a crosswalk in the Village of Chepachet on U.S. Rt. 44 / Rt. 102 at Douglas Hook Road.

Comments: Proposed location for a marked crosswalk was not conducive due to a curve in the roadway.

Action Taken: A crosswalk approved approximately 100' west of the proposed location in the vicinity of the Town Hall.

JOHNSTON ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2007	Denied	40351

Request from Senators James E. Doyle, Christopher B. Maselli, Frank A. Ciccone, John J. Tassoni, and Daniel P. Connors for the installation of a traffic signal on U.S. Rt. 44 at Scenery Lane.

Comments: Study determined warrants were not met for the installation of a traffic signal.

Action Taken:

LINCOLN ==> FRONT ST HWY 123

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/7/2007	Denied	40360

Request from Senator Joseph A. Montalbano for the installation of a left turn signal and left turn lane on Front Street (Rt. 123) northbound at its intersection with River Rd. (Rt. 126).

Comments: Request was denied due to limited roadway width for a left turn lane. Widening of the roadway would have impacted houses and private property.

Action Taken: Approved re-timing of the traffic signal.

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MIDDLETOWN ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Continued	40336

Request from Representative Amy G. Rice for the installation of a traffic signal on East Main Road at Mitchells Lane will be continued until July 11,2007 meeting. At that time this intersection will be studied to determine if warrants will be met.

Comments:

Action Taken:

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2007	Denied	40352

Request from Representative Gregory J. Schadone for the installation of No Parking signs at 1862 Smith St. (U.S. Rt. 44).

Comments: Review indicated no safety issues and ample shoulder widths for parking at this location and along Smith St.

Action Taken:

PAWTUCKET ==> ARMISTICE BLVD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/4/2007	Denied	40325

Request from the City of Pawtucket for a study to approve a left turn advance signal for Armistice Blvd. at Newport Avenue.

Comments: Existing phasing has leading / lag on Newport Ave. Additional phase on Armistice Blvd. would increase delay to whole intersection.

Action Taken: Approved re-timing of the traffic signal.

PAWTUCKET ==> COTTAGE ST RAMP EXIT 29

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/6/2007	Approved	40346

Request from the City of Pawtucket to install a traffic signal on Cottage Street at the intersection with I-95 northbound Cottage Street off ramp.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approval subject to the City of Pawtucket paying for the design and installation of the traffic signal. Signal will be maintained by RIDOT.

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PORTSMOUTH ==>> RT. 24 / RT. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/7/2007	Approved	40361

Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of signs temporarily restricting all trucks from using the left lane on the Sakonnet Bridge for both directions. Signs to be installed will indicate BRIDGE - TRUCKS USE RIGHT LANE ONLY.

Comments:

Action Taken:

PORTSMOUTH ==>> TURNPIKE AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Action Taken	40337

Request from Senator Charles Levesque and Representatives Amy Rice, John J. Loughlin, II, Joseph N. Amaral and Raymond Gallison to review the area of Turnpike Avenue and the entrance to the Portsmouth High School in regards to increase signing, crosswalk striping, caution lights and signals.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to reduce Turnpike Ave from two lanes in each direction to one lane.
Approved reducing the School Zone from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in the vicinity of the Portsmouth High School and marked crosswalk at the driveway opening.

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Continued	40338

Request from Representative Donald J. Lally, Jr. for the installation of a traffic signal on Rt. 138 at its intersection with Stony Fort Road and Broad Rock Road.

Comments: The STC is waiting for the recommendation of the Town of South Kingstown.

Action Taken:

WARREN ==>> CHILD ST HWY 103

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2007	Action Taken	40341

Request from the Town of Warren to conduct a study for Child Street at Long Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved the installation of Curve warning signs and Chevrons on the northwest corner of Long Lane facing westbound Child St. traffic.

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WARREN ==> SCHOOL HOUSE RD

Creation Date

2/5/2007

Disposition

Action Taken

Item Number

40340

Request from the Town of Warren to conduct a study for Schoolhouse Road at Long Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved geometric modifications to conventional T - intersection.

WEST GREENWICH ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD HWY 3

Creation Date

3/5/2007

Disposition

Approved

Item Number

40353

Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of a Yield sign for the left lane on ramp onto I-95 northbound.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved also the installation of a Yield sign for the left lane on ramp onto I-95 southbound.

WEST WARWICK ==> QUAKER LN

Creation Date

3/5/2007

Disposition

Approved

Item Number

40354

Request from the Town of West Warwick to approve No Parking on the west side of Quaker Lane from Rt. 117 to Rt. 2.

Comments:

Action Taken:

New Business

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> HENDERSON BRIDGE

Creation Date

4/5/2007

Disposition

Study

Item Number

40372

Request from East Providence Public Works to review the off ramp for signing and / or configuration to Massasoit Ave. from the Henderson Bridge northbound.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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HOPKINTON ==> BRIDGE ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/3/2007	Study	40369

Request from RIDOT to approve changes to the posted weight limit of two state brigdes as follows:

Br. No. 004301 - New Posting Axles Two - 13T Three - 24T Five - 19T.
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Comments:

Action Taken:

JOHNSTON ==> PLAINFIELD PK HWY 14

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/4/2007	Study	40370

Request from Senator Christopher B. Maselli Senate Resolution 2007-S0152 for a traffic signal at the intersection of Plainfield Pike (rt. 14) and Simmonville Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

LINCOLN ==> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Study	40362

Request from RIDOT for the following speed limits:

Rt. 116 SB - from Rt. 146 to Rt. 123 Albion Rd. - 30 MPH.
Rt. 116 NB - from 3/10 of mile west of Rt. 123 Albion Rd. to Rt. 146 - 30 MPH.

Comments:

Action Taken:

NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Study	40367

Request from Representative David A. Caprio for No Campers' signs to restrict parking on Ocean Rd. along the sea wall.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> WATERMAN AV HWY 104

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Study	40363

Request from Representative Gregory J. Schadone for No Parking Anytime signs for 7 - 11 Waterman Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken:

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Approved	40364

Request from RIDOT for a traffic signal at the intersection of Victory Highway (Rt. 102) and Homcrest Ave.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approval subject to Stop & Shop paying for design and installation of the traffic signal. RIDOT will maintain the traffic signal.

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Approved	40365

Request from South Kingstown Police to rescind the existing 15 Minute Parking and approve 1 Hour Parking in front of 1205 and 1207 Kingstown Rd.

Comments:

Action Taken:

WARREN ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Approved	40366

Request from RIDOT to approve the left lane on Metacom Ave. (rt. 136) from Child St. (Rt. 103) to Kickemuit Rd. as a Left Turn Only lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Special Event

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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2007	Approved	40368

Request from the following Towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC:

Glocester - Border to Border for Megan and Friends 5/ 6/ 2007 beginning at 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Lincoln - Annual Lincoln Memorial Day parade and close streets on 5/28/2007.
Richmond - Gordon Greene American Legion Post 27 parade on 5/27/2007.
Richmond - Downey Weaver American Legion Post parade on 5/28/2007.
South Kingstown - Chairs for Charity 6/24/2007.
South Kingstown - Summer Puppet Workshop parade 8/19/2007.
South Kingstown - Fall october Festival 10/27/2007.
Warren - Memorial Day Parade 5/28/2007 and the Fireman's Memorial Day Parade 6/10/2007.
West Warwick - St. Anthony's Church Parade 6/10/2007.
Westerly - Shoreline Biathlon 9/16/2007 and a Clam Digger Road Race on 4/22/2007.

Comments:

Action Taken:

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, May 09, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:17AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson