

# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 09, 2008

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Lt. Eric Croce

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 ==> FERRY RD

*Creation Date*  
**12/4/2007**

*Disposition*  
**Continued**

*Item Number*  
**40496**

Request from RIPTA for a crosswalk on Ferry Road at its intersection with Metacom Ave. in the vicinity of the Roger Williams University's driveway.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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#### EXETER ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102

*Creation Date*  
**12/4/2007**

*Disposition*  
**Continued**

*Item Number*  
**40498**

Request from Senator Kevin A. Breene to review the intersection of Rt. 102 southbound from Rt. 3 southbound for the possible change of the existing Yield sign to a Stop condition.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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**GLOCESTER ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>12/4/2007</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>40499</b>

Request from the Town of Gloucester for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 44 and Rt. 102.

*Comments:* The STC found there were low accidents and low stop delay for the side street. RIDOT will reconfigure and tighten up the intersection.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**NARRAGANSETT ==>> OCEAN RD**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>12/4/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40500</b>

Request from the Narragansett Police for two crosswalks:

On Ocean Road 50' north of the Towers.  
At the intersection of Ocean Road / South Pier Road north of the "wishing well".

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**PROVIDENCE ==>> ELMWOOD AV US 1**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>11/8/2007</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>40477</b>

Crosswalk across Elmwood Avenue on the north side of the intersection at Thurston Street.  
Crosswalk across Elmwood Avenue on the south side of the intersection at Carlisle Street.

RIDOT is consolidating crosswalks; currently there are 9 on the south section, between Park Avenue and McKinley Street, and 4 on the north section between McKinley and Roger Williams Park entrance. They are providing fully actuated pedestrian phases at all the signals and signage at crosswalks. Also the city has been included during the whole design process and they concur with the proposed number of crosswalks.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>12/4/2007</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>40503</b>

Request from the Town of Warren for No Parking on Main Street's west side from Miller St. to Baker St.

*Comments:* Secretary Mr. Robert Rocchio made a recommendation to approve the request to eliminate parking. However, the STC came to the decision that allowing vehicles to use the shoulder to pass may cause conflicts with pedestrians using the crosswalk and voted to deny the request.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**New Business**

**CRANSTON ==> NEW LONDON AV HWY 2**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/3/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40511</b>

Request from RIDOT to determine if the northbound right lane should be designated as a right turn only lane south of Howard Avenue and a buses only lane north of Howard Ave.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**CRANSTON ==> NEW LONDON AV HWY 33**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/3/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40506</b>

Request from the City of Cranston for RIDOT to conduct a traffic calming study on New London Avenue, from Warfield Ave. to the Cranston / West Warwick City Line.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/7/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40513</b>

Request from Representative Kenneth A. Vaudreuil for the installation of a crosswalk at Davenport's Restaurant, 1070 Mendon Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**EAST PROVIDENCE ==> TEN MILE RIVER BRIDGES**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/3/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40507</b>

Request from RIDOT to approve the posted gross weight limit of 7 TONS for bridge numbers 047801 - Ten Mile River - North and 047901 - Ten Mile River - South on the North Broadway route. The old posting axles were Two Axles 19 Tons, Three Axles 26 Tons, and Five Axles 40 Tons.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**NEWPORT ==> J T CONNELL HWY**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/3/2008</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>40508</b>

Request from the City of Newport for the approval of the submitted Physical Alteration Permit (PAP) to RIDOT for the installation of a traffic signal on J.T. Connell Highway and John H. Chafee Boulevard.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved based on the stipulation that Girard Avenue Extension will be a one way in from J.T. Connell Highway.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/3/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40509</b>

Request from Representative Arthur J. Corvese for the installation of a pedestrian activated traffic signal at the crosswalk of Terry Street and Mineral Spring Ave. in the vicinity of Whelan Elementary School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/3/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40510</b>

Request from the Town of Warren to RIDOT to paint the existing crosswalk on Child St. in front of the Post Office with glass beads. The existing crosswalk does not appear in the STC records as being approved.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Existing crosswalk was approved based on the steady flow of pedestrians using the crosswalk to access the parking lot across the street from the Post Office.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**Special Event**

**BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST HWY 114**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/4/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40512</b>

Request from the Bristol Police and the Town of Bristol to close Hope Street (Rt. 114) between State Street and Court Street and detour traffic beginning on the tentative date of February 26, 2008 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00PM for the making of the movie "Hachiko".

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:51AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

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

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson