



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008

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In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Lt. Eric Croce  
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

#### BRISTOL ==> FERRY RD

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

*Disposition*  
**Denied**

*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. John DiTomasso**

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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## CRANSTON ==> NEW LONDON AV HWY 33

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/3/2008	No Action	40506

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:* STC will respond back to the City of Cranston advising them to add this issue to the TIP.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

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## CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/7/2008	Action Taken	40513

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

*Comments:* DOT recommended to have work completed under the TIP.

*Action Taken:* Approved crosswalk.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

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## EXETER ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Denied	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:* Approved to install a sign indicating "Vehicles Use Turn Signal".

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

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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>Denied</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:* Study showed warrants for a pedestrian traffic signal were not met and the STC also determined that it was wiser to continue using a crossing guard for the elementary children crossing Mineral Spring Ave.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>11/8/2007</b>	<b>Action Taken</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:* Denied crosswalk across Elmwood Avenue on the north side of the intersection at Thurston Street.  
Approved crosswalk across Elmwood Avenue on the south side of the intersection at Carlisle Street.

<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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### WEST WARWICK ==> PROVIDENCE ST HWY 33

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2007	Approved	40504

Request from the West Warwick Police for the installation of a crosswalk on Providence St. in the area of Prospect Hill / Market St.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### New Business

### EAST PROVIDENCE ==> HENDERSON BRIDGE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2008	Study	40514

Prohibit bicyclists from using the travel lanes during all construction phases where a minimum of 16 feet of pavement width is not maintained.

Require bicyclists to dismount and use the sidewalk area during the phases of construction in which a minimum of 16 feet of pavement width is not maintained and the only means of providing bicyclists access across the bridge is the sidewalk.

*Comments:* DOT will continue to review the area for possible improvements such as curb cuts and signals to accommodate bicyclists during the construction phases.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### FOSTER ==> DANIELSON PK US 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2008	Study	40515

Request from Congressman James R. Langevin on behalf of Ms. Marion Law to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 94 and U.S. Rt. 6.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### JOHNSTON ==> ATWOOD AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2008	Approved	40516

Request from the Town of Johnston to approve the installation of a traffic signal on Atwood Avenue 450' south of Cherry Hill Road. The developer Churchill & Banks will be responsible for designing and installing the signal as part of a PAP and has agreed to give emergency control to the Johnston Fire Department Headquarters, which is in proximity to the proposed signal.

*Comments:* Also noted that the existing signal at Atwood Ave. at Shaws Market. will be designed to be over ridden.

*Action Taken:* Approval was based on the developer paying for design and installation.

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

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### LINCOLN ==> FRONT ST HWY 123

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2008	Study	40517

Request from Representative William J. McManus to install a traffic signal on Front St. at Franklin St.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### OTHER =

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>2/6/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40521</b>
Approval of the State Traffic Commission's July 2006 to June 2007 Annual Report as typed.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<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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### SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/31/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40518</b>
Request from Senator Leo R. Blais on behalf of his constituents for the installation of a flashing signal in the Village of North Scituate for the purpose of slowing traffic down for those motorists who disregard the posted speed limit in the area.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<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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### WARWICK ==> POST RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/31/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40519</b>
Request from RIDOT to approve changing the School Speed Limit Zone of 20 MPH to 25 MPH and include adding time plaques of 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM – 3:30PM on Post Road 500' on either side of the Trudeau Center Pedestrian Signal.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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## STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>2/6/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40520</b>
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Requests from the following Cities and Towns to use state highways as designated in their letters and informational data forwarded to the STC:

BRISTOL - Bristol's 4ht of July Parade on July 4, 2008 beginning 10:30 AM.  
 EAST PROVIDENCE - PROVIDENCE - PAWTUCKET - CRANSTON - A  
 Marathon Race on May 4, 2008 for raising funds for the Trooper Doyle fund.  
 RICHMOND - Memorial Day Parades on May 25, 2008 beginning at 1:00 PM for  
 the Gordon Greene American Legion Post 27 and May 26, 2008 beginning at 9:00  
 AM for the Downey Weaver American Legion Post.  
 SOUTH KINGSTOWN - The Thundermist Health Center of South County to hold  
 their Annual 5K Road Race on May 24, 2008, the filming of the movie "The  
 Clique" using Route 138 Moorsefield Road on February 20, 2008 between the  
 approximate hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Intermittent stopping of traffic has  
 been proposed in their letter to the STC and the URI's Physical Therapy  
 Department to hold their annual Spring Into Motion 5K Road Race and 3 Mile  
 Walk on April 12, 2008 beginning at 10:00 AM.  
 WARWICK - Gaspee Days Celebrations on Memeorial Day weekend May 24, 25  
 and 26, 2008 and the Annual Parade June 14, 2008.  
 WEST WARWICK - The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Annual Parade on March  
 16, 2008.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:37AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

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

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson