



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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In attendance were:

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 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

#### LINCOLN ==>>> FRONT ST HWY 123

*Creation Date*  
4/4/2008

*Disposition*  
Approved

*Item Number*  
40530

Request from the Lincoln Police Department to approve a fire pre-empt signal on Front Street for the Lonsdale Fire Department's fire house entrance.

*Comments:* Town must bear all cost associated with the installation and maintenance of the signal.

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
Mr. Bernie Frezza

*Motion 2nd*  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

#### PORTSMOUTH ==>>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

*Creation Date*  
4/4/2008

*Disposition*  
Approved

*Item Number*  
40532

Request from the Town of Portsmouth to reconfigure East Main Road roadway from 4 lanes to 3 lanes.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Reconfigure East Main Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes from Turnpike Avenue to Boyds Lane.

*Motion Made*  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

*Motion 2nd*  
Mr. Bernie Frezza

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous



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## SMITHFIELD ==>> SANDERSON RD HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>4/4/2008</b>	<b>No Action</b>	<b>40533</b>

Request from the Town of Smithfield to approve the installation of a "State Property - No Trespassing - No Parking sign along the state's right - of - way on the easterly side of Sanderson Road.

*Comments:* The request is not due to a safety issue, therefore it will be handled by RIDOT/Property Management Section

*Action Taken:* Not an STC issue.

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

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## New Business

### BARRINGTON ==>> MASSASOIT AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40537</b>

Request from RIDOT for Bridge # 18201 Central Massasoit Ave. for a new posting All Vehicles gross weight 15 TONS.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/12/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40562</b>

Request from the City of Cranston to install a crosswalk on New London Avenue, in the vicinity of the bike path.

*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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## CRANSTON ==> RESERVOIR AV HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/5/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40538</b>
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Request from RIDOT for Bridge # 002301 Pocasset River Bridge, Reservoir Ave. to change the existing weight limit postings to new postings Truck / Axle - (TONS) as follows:  
 Two - from 19 to 15 TONS  
 Three - from 24 to 20 TONS  
 Five - from 35 to 30 TONS.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WARREN AV

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/5/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40542</b>
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Request from the City of East Providence for the installation of a flashing signal at the intersection of South Blossom St. and Walgreen's driveway opening.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WARREN AV

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/5/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40541</b>
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Request from the City of East Providence to extend the existing No Parking on Warren Avenue's north side from Pawtucket Avenue westerly through the lane drop area to westerly to South Rose St.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WARREN AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40539</b>

Request from the City of East Providence for the installation of a Do Not Block Intersection sign on the south side of Warren Avenue west of its intersection with South Blossom St.

*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 ==> WARREN AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40540</b>

Request from the City of East Providence for the installation of a crosswalk on Warren Avenue west of its intersection with South Rose St.

*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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### JAMESTOWN ==> CANONICUS AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/20/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40565</b>

Request from the Town of Jamestown to review the placement of the existing crosswalk located at the recreation center.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<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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### JAMESTOWN ==> HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/12/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40561</b>

Request from RIDOT to install a "COMPRESSION BRAKES PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES" on Route 138 eastbound, in advance of the Newport Bridge.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<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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### JAMESTOWN ==> NARRAGANSETT AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40543</b>

Request from the Town of Jamestown for the following:  
Relocate the crosswalk located at Narragansett and Conanicus Avenue to a point east of its present location.

*Comments:* Existing location has limited sight distance due to a building and a tree.

*Action Taken:*

<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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### JAMESTOWN ==> WALCOTT AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40544</b>

Request from the Town of Jamestown to prohibit parking on the east side of Walcott Avenue and rescind the no parking on Walcott Avenue from Brook Street south to High Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approve request and restripe roadway to accompany the parking changes.

<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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### NARRAGANSETT ==> NARRAGANSETT AV US 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/5/2008	Study	40545

Request from the Town of Narragansett to allow Permitted Parking Only on Narragansett Avenue for both sides of the roadway, during summer months.

*Comments:*

*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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### NEWPORT ==> HWY 138A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/5/2008	Approved	40546

Request from the City of Newport to approve the installation of pedestrian warning signs at the existing crosswalk on Memorial Boulevard, at its intersection with Gibbs Avenue and Cliff Avenue.

*Comments:* Existing crosswalk was not found in the STC records.

*Action Taken:* Approved the crosswalk as a school crossing and has requested the RIDOT to install the appropriate signing.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

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### PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/8/2008	Continued	40556

Request from RIDOT for Bridge # 550 to prohibit units with three or more axels from crossing the bridge.

*Comments:*

*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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### PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

*Creation Date*  
5/5/2008

*Disposition*  
Study

*Item Number*  
40547

Request from the Town of Portsmouth to approve a 25 MPH speed limit on East Main Road from the Police Station to Sprague Street

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
Mr. Bernie Frezza

*Motion 2nd*  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### PORTSMOUTH ==> SPRAGUE ST

*Creation Date*  
5/9/2008

*Disposition*  
Study

*Item Number*  
40559

Request from the Town of Portsmouth to install a yellow crosswalk on Sprague Street at Education Lane.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
Mr. Bernie Frezza

*Motion 2nd*  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### PORTSMOUTH ==> SPRAGUE ST

*Creation Date*  
5/9/2008

*Disposition*  
Study

*Item Number*  
40560

Request from the Town of Portsmouth to establish a 25 MPH school zone on Sprague Street in the area of Portsmouth High School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
Mr. Bernie Frezza

*Motion 2nd*  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40549</b>

Request from the Town of Scituate for the following:  
Additional pedestrian warning signs at the Trinity Church.  
Posting of Fire Crossing warning signs in advance of the Fire Station.

*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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### SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40550</b>

Request from the Scituate Traffic Safety Commission that the four lane section of Danielson Pike west of the horseshoe damn to the intersection of Rockland Road be changed to a two lane roadway with breakdown lanes on both sides.

*Comments:* Traffic volumes are low and the four lanes are reduced to two lanes on each end of this section of Danielson Pike.

*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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### SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40548</b>

Request from the Town of Scituate to extend the 30 MPH speed limit to a point west of the Trinity Church.

*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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### SMITHFIELD ==>> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/6/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40551</b>

Request from the Smithfield Police to study the intersection of George Washington Highway (Rt. 116) and Harris Road for the installation of a traffic signal.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### TIVERTON ==>> HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/8/2008</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>40557</b>

Request from RIDOT for the Sakonnet River Bridge to prohibit units with three or more axels from crossing the bridge.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### WARREN ==>> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/6/2008</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>40552</b>

Request from Sen. Walter Felag, Jr. and Rep. Jan Malik to study and approve the extension of a left turn only lane with the installation of a solid white line differentiating the travel lanes along Market Street (Rt. 136) northbound, from Parella's Restaurant to Kickemuit intersection, in the Town of Warren

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved reducing Metacom Avenue to one through lane north of Child Street.

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

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### WEST WARWICK ==> LEGION WY

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/6/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40554</b>

Request from the West Warwick Police for the following:  
Installation of a Left Turn Only lane from Legion Way to Main St.  
Installation of a Right Turn Only lane from Legion Way to Providence St.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### WEST WARWICK ==> MAIN ST HWY 115

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/6/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40553</b>

Request from the West Warwick Police for the installation of a Left Turn Only lane  
from Main St. to Providence St.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### Special Event



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## STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/6/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40555</b>
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Request from the following cities and towns to use highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

CUMBERLAND, CRANSTON, EAST PROVIDENCE, LINCOLN, PROVIDENCE, SMITHFIELD - National Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150 Bike Tour on June 21 & 22, 2008.

GLOCESTER - Annual 4th. of July Road Race on July 4, 2008 beginning at 9:00 AM.

- Ancient and Horrible Parade on July 4, 2008 beginning at 4:00 PM.

JAMESTOWN - Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 beginning at 6:00 AM.

JOHNSTON - 5K Road Race on August 10, 2008.

NARRAGANSETT - The Bobby Doyle 5-Mile Summer Classic on August 16, 2008.

- Annual American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure on June 1, 2008

NORTH KINGSTOWN - Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 beginning at 10:00 AM.

NORTH PROVIDENCE - Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 beginning at 1:00 PM.

NORTH SMITHFIELD - Holy Ghost Society Annual Feast Procession on August 3, 2008 beginning at 8:30 AM.

WEST WARWICK - St. Anthony's Church Parade on June 8, 2008.

WESTERLY - Westerly-Pawcatuck Veteran's Board Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008 beginning at 8:30 AM.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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Mr. John DiTomasso chaired the meeting in place of Ms. Janice Loiselle. The minutes of the April 9, 2008 and the minutes of the special meeting held on April 23, 2008 were accepted and unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

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

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson