



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008

In attendance were:

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Lt. Eric Croce

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:18 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

CRANSTON ==> NEW LONDON AV HWY 33

Creation Date

5/12/2008

Disposition

Denied

Item Number

40562

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

Comments: Mainline speeds are over 40 MPH. A crosswalk is not appropriate alone. Highway improvements would need to be made to supplement the safety of the crosswalk.

Action Taken: Bike crossing warning signs will be installed by DOT.

Motion Made

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd

Lt. Eric Croce

Voting Results

Unanimous



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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WARREN AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/5/2008	Denied	40542

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: A flasher is not appropriate for this area nor for the accident pattern.

Action Taken:

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

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WARREN AV

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

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: Approved crosswalk on Warren Ave. on the east side of South Blossom St.. Also the installation of pedestrian warning signs for the crosswalk.

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

JAMESTOWN ==> CANONICUS AV

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

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>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==> NARRAGANSETT AV US 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/5/2008	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 40545
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Request from the Town of Narragansett to allow Permitted Parking Only on Narragansett Avenue for both sides of the roadway, during summer months.

Comments: Request was withdrawn by the Town of Narragansett.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/8/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40556
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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> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/5/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40547
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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:

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/9/2008	Denied	40559

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

Comments: Do to the lack of sidewalks, this site does not meet ADA requirements.

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> SPRAGUE ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/9/2008	Denied	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: The School's entrance is on Education Lane, not Sprague Street.

Action Taken:

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

SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

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

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: Approved warning signs for these locations. Also approved existing crosswalks, and installation of appropriate signing, in front of the Town Hall and Post Office.

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



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SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

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

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>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

SMITHFIELD ==> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116

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

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: Intersection does not meet warrants.

Action Taken:

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

TIVERTON ==> HWY 138

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

Request from RIDOT for the Sakonnet River Bridge 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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WEST WARWICK ==> LEGION WY

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/6/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40554
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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:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Lt. Eric Croce	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WEST WARWICK ==> MAIN ST HWY 115

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/6/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40553
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Request from the West Warwick Police for the installation of a Left Turn Only lane from Main St. to Providence St.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/5/2008	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 40569
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Request from the Town to approve the installation of 3 signs indicating the noise ordinance in the town. The areas are Rt.114 entering Bristol from Warren and from the Mt. Hope Bridge, and on Rt. 136 entering Bristol from Warren.

Comments: Remove from Agenda. Such signs are not under the jurisdiction of the STC. Therefore, this request will be forwarded to the RIDOT.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Lt. Eric Croce	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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BURRILLVILLE ==> EAST AV HWY 107

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2008	Approved	40574

Request from RIDOT to lower the posted weight limit on the Harrisville Mill Bridge No. 306 from 15 tons to 10 tons. The request is in reponse to the latest bridge inspection.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

CRANSTON ==> PONTIAC AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/30/2008	Approved	40567

Request from RIDOT to reduce the existing bridge posting of 19, 22 & 32 tons per 2, 3 & 5 axles repectively to a flat 10 tons for the Pontiac Avenue Bridge #201.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd
Lt. Eric Croce

Voting Results
Unanimous

PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2008	Study	40570

Request from Representative Amy Rice for the installation of a crosswalk with appropriate signing on East Main Road at Oakland Farm.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd
Lt. Eric Croce

Voting Results
Unanimous



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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2008	Approved	40571

Request from the city to install a crosswalk at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Whitmarsh Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/30/2008	Study	40568

Request from Senator John J. Tassoni, Jr. to study the traffic weave on Douglas Pike between I-295 and Thurbur Boulevard, for possible improvements.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/20/2008	Denied	40566

Request from Senator John Tassoni, Jr. to approve the installation of a traffic signal at the the intersection of Putnam Pike (U.S. 44) and West Greenville Road.

Comments: Did not meet traffic signal warrants.

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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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD HWY 108

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/5/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 40572
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Request from the Town to study the placement of the existing crosswalks on Kingstown Road in the vicinity of the Peace Dale Rotary.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Lt. Eric Croce	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WEST WARWICK ==> ROBERTS ST

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/5/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40573
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Request from Representative Timothy Williamson to study the safety issues at the existing crosswalk on Robert Street at the West Warwick Manor Senior Housing Complex.

Comments: Two existing crosswalks will be combined.

Action Taken: Approved the crosswalk with appropriate warning signs and wheel chair ramps.

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

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/5/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40575
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Request from the following cities and towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

SMITHFIELD - The Annual Portuguese - American Clup Feast Parade on Sunday, July 27, 2008.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Mr. John DiTomasso chaired the meeting in place of Ms. Janice Loiselle. The minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting were accepted and unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, July 09, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson