



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

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In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

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 10:10 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

#### JAMESTOWN ==> CANONICUS AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/20/2008</b>	<b>Approved</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:* Approved relocation of the crosswalk to the north corner of East Ferry Wharf and Canonicus Avenue.

<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>

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

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

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

*Comments:* East Main Road is a high speed road with little pedestrian traffic.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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<b>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>40547</b>

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>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. John DiTomasso</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>5/5/2008</b>	<b>Continued</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>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

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

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>
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## SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> HIGH ST

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/13/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40595</b>
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Request from the Town to study the placement of the existing crosswalk at 501 High Street.

*Comments:* This item was originally placed on the agenda under Kingstown Road, Item # 40572.

*Action Taken:* Approved existing crosswalk.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD HWY 108

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>6/5/2008</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40572</b>
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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:* The work will be completed as part of RIDOT's 1R Improvements to Railroad Street & Crosswalk Repair contract.

*Action Taken:* The STC approved the request and recommendations of the Town for the following crosswalks:  
At 1250 Kingstown Road, the South County Bike Path (north of Sweet Fern Road), Railroad Street connecting with the Bike Path, Kingstown Road at Dam Street, Kingstown Road at North Road, and Kingstown Road at Kersey Road.

Recinded the crosswalk on Kingstown Road at Sweet Fern Road.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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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>Denied</b>	<b>40554</b>

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

*Comments:* The existing phasing for the signal is optimum for the intersection.

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

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

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

*Comments:* The existing phasing for the signal is optimum for the intersection.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### New Business

#### BURRILLVILLE ==> EAST AV HWY 107

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>6/30/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40579</b>

Request from the Burrillville Town Council to replace the existing yield sign on East Ave. at Harrisville Main St. with a four-way stop or a traffic signal.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### CRANSTON ==> OAKLAWN AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>7/3/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40583</b>

Request from the City of Cranston to establish a school zone on Oaklawn Ave. for the Immaculate Conception Catholic Regional 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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### JOHNSTON ==> CHERRY HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>7/1/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40582</b>

Request from RIDOT, as part of a physical alteration permit for Walgreens, to prohibit left turns out of the Walgreens access Road, located east of Atwood Ave., onto Cherry Hill Road.

*Comments:* Geometry will be for a right in / right out access.

*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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### NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> PROVIDENCE PK HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>6/23/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40578</b>

Request from the Town of North Smithfield to approve "No Parking on Providence Pike (R.I. 5) opposite the High School football field and basketball courts from house numbers 1183 to 2102.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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<b>7/3/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40584</b>

Request from Senator Charles Levesque for the installation of crosswalks on Park Ave.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### RICHMOND ==> SHERMAN AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>7/1/2008</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40581</b>

Request form the Town of Richmond for the installation of crosswalks on Sherman Ave. at the Kenyon Industries manufacturing plant.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### Special Event



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### STATEWIDE

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<b>6/30/2008</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40580</b>

Request from the following cities and towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

Little Compton - Artisan Show on Saturday, August 2, 2008.

Smithfield - Annual Striding for Smithfield 5K on Sunday, September 28, 2008.

South Kingstown - Fire apparatus display on Saturday, September 27, 2008 and the Annual Firefighters Parade on Sunday, September 28, 2008.

Statewide - Ironman 70.3 Race, Sunday, July 13, 2008

West Warwick - The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society Parades on August 31, 2008 and September 1, 2008.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

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

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson