



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008

In attendance were:

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Lt. Eric Croce

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:17 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

BURRILLVILLE ==> EAST AV HWY 107

Creation Date

6/30/2008

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

40579

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:

Motion Made

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd

Lt. Eric Croce

Voting Results

Unanimous



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CRANSTON ==>> OAKLAWN AV HWY 5

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/3/2008	Approved	40583

Request from the City of Cranston to establish a school zone on Oaklawn Ave. for the Immaculate Conception Catholic Regional School.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved 25 MPH School Zone 300 north & south of the drive to the school. School Zone speed limit is in affect 1/2 hr. before to 1/2 hour after the start of school and 1/2 hr. before to 1 hr. after the close of school.

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==>> PROVIDENCE PK HWY 5

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
6/23/2008	Continued	40578

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:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

PORTSMOUTH ==>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
5/5/2008	Continued	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: Speed study will be completed after the highway is restriped.

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Lt. Eric Croce	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous



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RICHMOND ==> SHERMAN AV

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/1/2008	Approved	40581

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

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved the crosswalk at the south entrance to Kenyon Industries.

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
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: Speed study will be completed after the highway is restriped.

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
5/30/2008	Continued	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: This area will be studied after the Fidelity expansion is completed.

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

New Business



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CRANSTON ==> OAKLAWN AV HWY 5

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/23/2008	Denied	40586

Request from Senator Hanna M. Gallo to install a left turn advance for Oaklawn Avenue (R.I. 5) southbound at New London Avenue (R.I. 2).

Comments: Installing a left turn advance would reduce the level of service at this intersection, causing greater traffic congestion.

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

CRANSTON ==> RESERVOIR AV HWY 2

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/29/2008	Study	40591

Request from RIDOT to prohibit left turns onto Reservoir Ave from Pleasant St., Carlton St. & Sprague Ave. form 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on weekdays.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

GLOCESTER ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/29/2008	Study	40592

Request from the Glocester Police to reduce the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH on Putnam Pike (U.S. 44) from the RIDOT Maintenance Facility to Highland Lake Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous



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LITTLE COMPTON ==> HWY 77

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
8/5/2008	Study	40593

Request from RIDOT to study the speed limits on R.I. Rt. 77, in the Towns of Little Compton & Tiverton.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

NARRAGANSETT ==> BOSTON NECK RD HWY 1A

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
8/7/2008	Approved	40594

Request from RIDOT to prohibit parking on Boston Neck Road from a point 15' north of pole #60-2 to a point 50' south of pole #60-2.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD HWY 114

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/23/2008	Study	40585

Request from Representative Raymond E. Gallison, Jr to approve "No Parking on both sides of northern portion Bristol Ferry Road next to the Mt. Hope Bridge.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD HWY 108

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/23/2008	Denied	40587

Request from the South Kingstown Police for an exclusive pedestrian phase for the bike path signal located on Kingstown Road (R.I. 108) at Macarthur Boulevard.

Comments: Pedestrian traffic is light as well as vehicle traffic on Macarthur Boulevard being light.

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Lt. Eric Croce	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD HWY 138

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/24/2008	Approved	40589

Request from the South Kingstown police for Right Turn Only lanes on Rt. 138 eastbound & westbound at the intersection of Rt. 2.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved a right turn only lane for the westbound approach, and a left turn only lane for the eastbound approach.

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

WARWICK ==> WARWICK AV HWY 117A

Creation Date	Disposition	Item Number
7/23/2008	Study	40588

Request from the Warwick Police for a left turn advance for Warwick Avenue northbound onto Lake Shore Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

Special Event



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STATEWIDE

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7/24/2008	Approved	40590

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

Barrington - Bayside Family YMCA Annual Triathlon on Saturday, August 16, 2008.

Narragansett - The Annual Maureen J. & Robert E. Sweeney Memorial "Get To The Point" Road Race on Saturday, October 25, 2008.

South Kingstown - The Peace Dale Arts Initiative "Peace Fair" on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

South Kingstown - The Saint Francis of Assisi 5K Road race on Saturday, October 4, 2008.

West Warwick - The Pawtuxet Valley Parade of Lights on August 31, 2008.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made	Motion 2nd	Voting Results
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson