



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle
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 10:07 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

BARRINGTON ==> SOWAMS RD

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/3/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40623
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Request from the Barrington School department to install "No Parking, Stopping or Standing" signs in front of 349 Sowans Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Lt. Eric Croce	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/3/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40615
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Request from the Town of Bristol to study the safety of the existing crosswalk located in front of the Benjamin Church Manor located at 1014 Hope Street.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved additional signing.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Lt. Eric Croce	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CHARLESTOWN ==> POST RD U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/30/2008	Approved	40608

Request from R.I.D.O.T. for the installation of "No U-Turn" signs on Route 1, in both directions, at the following jug handles:
Wildflower Road, East Beach Road, West Beach Road, Ross Hill Road & Warren Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

CRANSTON ==> ATWOOD AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/15/2008	Denied	40616

Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Atwood Ave. (R.I. 5) and Walnut Grove Avenue.

Comments: Traffic volumes do not meet traffic signal warrants.

Action Taken:

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

CRANSTON ==> RESERVOIR AV HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/29/2008	Denied	40591

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

Comments: Mr. Rocchio recommended approval of the restriction on a trial basis.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Lt. Eric Croce	Mr. John DiTomasso	Majority



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CUMBERLAND ==> MANVILLE HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/1/2008	Approved	40614

Request from Senator Roger A. Picard for left and right turn lanes from Manville Hill Road onto Mendon Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

NARRAGANSETT ==> POINT JUDITH ROAD HWY 108

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/21/2008	Continued	40618

Request from Senator James C. Sheehan for a left turn phase on Point Judith Road at the intersection of Knowles Way.

This request will be continued until June, 2009 and will be re-studied during the summer season.

Comments: This request will be continued until June, 2009 and will be re-studied during the summer season.

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/23/2008	Continued	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.

This request will be continued until the June, 2009 Meeting.

Comments: Continued until the June, 2009 Meeting.

Action Taken:

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



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PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

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

Request from the Town of Portsmouth to approve a 25 MPH speed limit on East Main Road from Boyds Lane to Turnpike Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved a 30 MPH speed Limit with a 25 MPH School Zone for the Bradley School.

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

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.

This request will be continued until the June, 2009 Meeting.

Comments: This request will be continued until the June, 2009 Meeting.

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

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

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

Comments: Study showed increased difficulty making the weave from the I-295 south off-ramp to the left turn lane for Thurber Boulevard.

Action Taken: Approved a northbound jug-handle at Thurber Boulevard.

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



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SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/28/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40621
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Request from the the Town of Smithfield to prohibit parking on both sides of Douglas Pike from 500' south to 500' north of Limerock Road.

Comments: Approved "No Parking Anytime" from 500' south of Limerock Road to Harris Road.

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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WARWICK ==> W SHORE RD HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/21/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40619
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Request from Mayor Scott Avedisian to study parking and traffic issues on West Shore Road, in Conimicut Village section of Warwick.

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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WOONSOCKET ==> MENDON RD

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/21/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 40620
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Request from Senator Roger A. Picard to install a left turn signal on Mendon Road at Elder Ballou Meeting House Road.

Comments: The amount of left turning traffic does not justify a left turn phase.

Action Taken: Approved the installation of a left turn lane.

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



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CUMBERLAND ==> NATE WHIPPLE HW HWY 120

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/24/2008	Study	40624

Request from the Cumberland Police to increase the speed limit on Nate Whipple Highway on the section from Mendon Road to 400' east of Follett Street from 30 MPH to 40 MPH.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

LINCOLN ==> FRONT ST HWY 123

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/4/2008	Action Taken	40630

Request from the Town of Lincoln to widen the existing crosswalk and install pedestrian signs in the roadway for the crosswalk located on Front Street in front of the U.S. Post Office.

Comments: Mr. Rocchio recommended approval of the in road signs subject to the Town assuming all costs for installation, maintenance & liability.

Action Taken: Approved 24" striping and Signing on the sidewalk. Denied the use of in roadway pedestrian signs.

Motion Made
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Voting Results
Unanimous

LINCOLN ==> WILBUR RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/24/2008	Approved	40625

Request from R.I.D.O.T. to approve a posted weight limit of 18 Tons on the Wilbur Road Bridge. The bridge currently has no posting.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Voting Results
Unanimous



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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/1/2008	Approved	40629

Request from R.I.D.O.T. to approve a crosswalk on Elmwood Avenue (U.S. 1) at Thurston Street.

Comments: R.I.D.O.T. will be installing a median at this location as part of a 1R Project.

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> HWY. 10

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/1/2008	Approved	40628

Request from R.I.D.O.T. to rescind the existing yield and approve a stop condition at the end of the Rt. 10 southbound off-ramp onto Elmwood Avenue southbound.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

TIVERTON ==> HWY 24

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/24/2008	Approved	40626

Request from R.I.D.O.T. to approve the installation of a yield sign on the on -ramp to Rt. 24 southbound from Main Road southbound.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

Special Event



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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/24/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40627
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Requests from the following cities and towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

Warwick - Annual Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival on May 23, 24 & 25, 2009.
Annual Gaspee Days Parade on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

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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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson