



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009

In attendance were:

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Lt. Eric Croce

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2009	Continued	40640

Request from the Cumberland Police to reduce the number of travel lanes from 4 to 2 on Mendon Road from Ann & Hope Way to Broad Street. This is the only portion of Mendon Road that is 4 lanes.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

EAST GREENWICH ==> HWY 4

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2009	Action Taken	40642

Request from RIDOT to study the need for a permanent traffic signal for left turning traffic at the end of the off-ramp from Rt. 4 south onto Rt. 2.

Comments: Traffic signal not warranted

Action Taken: 6 month trial basis with stop sign on the ramp. Will re-evaluate after 6 months.

<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 ==> 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:

Action Taken:

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

NEWPORT ==> HWY 138A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/7/2009	Continued	40632

Request from the City of Newport for an exclusive left turn phase for Bellevue Avenue northbound at Memorial Boulevard.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PAWTUCKET ==> SMITHFIELD AV HWY 126

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/8/2009	Continued	40634

Request from the City of Pawtucket for the installation of a crosswalk at the Smithfield Avenue Fire Station.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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PAWTUCKET ==> SMITHFIELD AV HWY 126

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/8/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40633
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Request from the City of Pawtucket for the installation of a fire pre-empt signal for the Smithfield Avenue Fire Station.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/23/2008	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40585
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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:

Action Taken:

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

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

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomasso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==>> CENTERVILLE RD HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/8/2009	Denied	40637

Request from the City of Warwick for the installation of a traffic signal on Centerville Road at the entrance to the Scott School.

Comments: Traffic signal doesn't meet warrants

Action Taken:

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

New Business

BURRILLVILLE ==>> CHAPEL ST RT 107

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2009	Approved	40651

Request from the Burrillville School Department to improve the safety of the school crossing on Chapel Street at Foster Street.

Comments: Approve school signs and Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon. Town and RIDOT to examine funding with Safe Routes to School.

Action Taken:

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

BURRILLVILLE ==>> SHERMAN FARM RD HWY 98

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2009	Approved	40643

Request from RIDOT to approve a posted weight limit on Shippee Bridge from 3 tons to 10 tons

Comments:

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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CRANSTON ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/23/2009	Study	40650

Request from City of Cranston to perform a safety and operational study at the intersection of Elmwood Avenue and Park Avenue

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

EAST GREENWICH ==> MAIN ST US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2009	Denied	40645

Request from Town of East Greenwich for permission to install "stop for pedestrians" signs in the nine crosswalks on Main Street between Division Street and First Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JAMESTOWN ==> NARRAGANSETT AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2009	Approved	40652

Request from the Town of Jamestown to install crosswalks on Narragansett Avenue at Green Lane and at Clinton Avenue.

Comments: Both crosswalks at intersections are placed in the Business District. This is a two lane road with low speeds, which is conducive to striping crosswalks.

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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NARRAGANSETT ==>> BEACH ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2009	Denied	40646

Request from Town of Narragansett to install a crosswalk on Beach Street at the entrance to Pier Village.

Comments: Traffic signals are 500 feet away in either direction. Pedestrians should be encouraged to cross at the traffic signals.

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2009	Study	40647

Request from Portsmouth Police to add the Basin Street approach to the traffic signal at East Main Road and Park Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/5/2009	Study	40655

Request from Senator John Tassoni, Jr requesting the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Putnam Pike and The Village at Waterman Lake.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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WARWICK ==>> WARWICK AV HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2009	Approved	40653

Request from RIDOT to add pedestrian buttons and pedestrian heads to the traffic signal at Warwick Avenue and Vine Avenue in Warwick.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WEST WARWICK ==>> LEGION WY

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2009	Study	40648

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing crosswalk at the Police Station.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WEST WARWICK ==>> PROVIDENCE ST HWY 33

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/4/2009	Approved	40654

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing crosswalk at Bridge Street.

Comments: No action needed. Previously approved.

Action Taken:

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

Special Event



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STATEWIDE

Creation Date
1/22/2009

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
40649

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

Bristol - Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

Lincoln - Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2009

Narragansett - Annual Super 5K Road Race on Sunday, February 1, 2009.

Narragansett - Annual MS Walk on Sunday, April 19, 2009.

North Providence - Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2009.

Providence - Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 21, 2009.

West Warwick - Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15, 2009.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Lt. Eric Croce

Voting Results
Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:43AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson