



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

In attendance were:

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Ms. Janis Loiselle 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

CRANSTON ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

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

CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2009	Approved	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: Approval for 3 lanes; 1 lane in each direction and a center turn lane.

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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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	Denied	40634

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

Comments: A Crossing Guard is the best traffic control for elementary schools. Pedestrian signal at the Fire Station doesn't meet warrants.

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>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/8/2009	Approved	40633

Request from the City of Pawtucket for the installation of a fire pre-empt signal for the Smithfield Avenue Fire Station.

Comments: Subject for the City of Pawtucket paying for the design, construction and maintenance of a fire pre-empt signal.

Action Taken:

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

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

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



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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 DiTomaso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/5/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 40655
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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: Doesn't meet traffic signal warrants.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomaso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WEST WARWICK ==>> LEGION WY

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/21/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 40648
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Request from RIDOT to approve the existing crosswalk at the Police Station.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomaso	<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> 3/4/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40662
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Request from RIDOT for two midblock crosswalks for Nate Whipple Highway. The first is located approximately 2000' east of Diamond Hill Road (near Birchwood Drive), and the second is a school crossing located at the intersection of Nate Whipple Highway @ Arnold Mills Road/Sneech Pond Road.

Comments: Both crosswalks are where the sidewalks end. Both crosswalks have site distances exceeding requirements. Crosswalks will direct pedestrians to the other side of the street where the sidewalks continue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomaso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CUMBERLAND ==> SNEECH POND RD

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/4/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40659
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Request from RIDOT to approve closure of the Arnold Mills Bridge No. 301.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomaso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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GLOCESTER ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/16/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40657
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Request from RIDOT to approve passing zones of Route 44 from 10 ft. east of pole #138 to 10 ft. east of pole #131, 35 ft. east of pole #192 to 95 ft. east of pole #188, 105 ft. east of pole #160 to 150 ft. east of pole #154 and 220 ft. east of pole #134 to 190 ft. east of pole #128.

Comments: The passing zones meet AASHTO requirements.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. John DiTomaso	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PROVIDENCE ==> ORMS STREET - SIGNALS ONLY

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2009	Study	40658

Request from RIDOT to study the lane configuration on the I-95 NB off-ramp onto Orms Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous

RICHMOND ==> ALDRIDGE ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2009	Approved	40660

Request from RIDOT to approve closure of the Wyoming North Bridge No. 43.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous

RICHMOND ==> I-95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2009	Approved	40661

Request from RIDOT to remove the yield sign at I-95 NB Exit 3 on-ramp from Route 138 East.

Comments: There is an adequate acceleration lane, therefore the yield sign is not needed.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous

Special Event



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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/16/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40656
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Requests from the following cities and towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

Barrington - Barrington Firefighters Local 1774 5K Road Race on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Barrington - PTO of Nayatt School Annual 5K Road Race, Saturday, May 28, 2009.

Barrington - CVS Charity Classic - June 21, 22, and 23, 2009.

Barrington - United Veterans Council Annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2009.

Middletown - Aquidneck Island National Police Parade, Sunday, May 2, 2009.

Narragansett - Annual Blessing of the Fleet Road Race on Friday, July 24, 2009.

Narragansett - Annual 5K Foot Pursuit, Sunday, April 26, 2009.

North Providence - Walk-a-thon, Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Richmond - Gordon Greene American Legion Post 27 Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Richmond - Downey Weaver American Legion Post Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2009.

South Kingstown - Annual Walk for Shelter on Friday, April 10, 2009.

South Kingstown - Annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2009.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, April 08, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson