



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 08, 2009

In attendance were:

Lt. Eric Croce

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:12 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

Creation Date
1/23/2009

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
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: Approve the addition of a left turn lane eastbound

Motion Made
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd
Lt. Eric Croce

Voting Results
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	Lt. Eric Croce	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



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PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2009	Approved	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	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==> ORMS STREET - SIGNALS ONLY

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

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

Comments: Approved 3 lane configuration: left only, left through and right only

Action Taken:

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

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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WEST WARWICK ==> LEGION WY

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

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

Comments: Crosswalk at traffic signal with pedestrian buttons and pedestrian heads is in close proximity of the police station. The safest place to cross is at the traffic signal, therefore, it was approved to remove the existing crosswalk.

Action Taken:

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

New Business

LINCOLN ==> LONSDALE AV HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Study	40665

Request from Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith requesting a study of the traffic flow on Lonsdale Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

LINCOLN ==> LONSDALE AV HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40669

Request from RIDOT to re-stripe from 4 lanes to 3 lanes from Mendon Road to Front Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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LITTLE COMPTON ==> COLEBROOK RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40673

Request from RIDOT for no passing zones on Colebrook Road from Long Highway to Main Street except for: Eastbound - 30' east of pole #20 to 10' west of pole #31 and Westbound - 5' west of pole #27 to 20' west of pole #42.

The existing no passing zone is from the entire stretch of Colebrook Road to Long Highway to Main Street except for Eastbound - 80 ft. west of pole #23 to pole #33, 60 ft. east of pole #39 to 59 ft. west of pole #46 and Westbound - 27 ft. west of pole #26 to pole #37, 59 ft. west of pole #46 to pole #50.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AV HWY 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Study	40672

Request from the Town of North Providence requesting the need for a right turn on red for Mineral Spring eastbound at Smithfield Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous



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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40666
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Request from RIDOT for the approval of existing signals at the following intersections: Elmwood Ave, Rte 10 SB off-ramp and McKinley St., Elmwood Ave and Rte 10 NB on and off ramps, Elmwood Ave and Roger Williams Park Entrance, Elmwood Ave, Rte I-95 SB off-ramp and Roger Williams Ave, Elmwood Ave and Sackett St, Elmwood Ave and Adelaide Ave, Elmwood Ave, Reservoir Ave and Lexington Ave, Elmwood Ave and Ontario St, Elmwood Ave and Potters Ave, Elmwood Ave and Greenwich St, Elmwood Ave, Bellevue Ave and Plenty Street and Elmwood Ave, West Friendship St and Westfield Street. The signal at Elmwood Ave and Daboll Street exists, but will be replaced by a HAWK signal.

Comments: All traffic signals meet warrants.

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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PROVIDENCE ==> NORTH MAIN ST U.S.1

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40667
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Request from the City of Providence to investigate the need to allow Smithfield Avenue to egress onto North Main Street at the traffic signal.

Comments: Approved modifying the North Main Street traffic signal for Smithfield Avenue to be a two way, subject to the City's commitment to perform work on the City Street.

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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PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 40664
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Request from the City of Providence to approve the following parking restriction signs along Smith Street:

- North side from Common Street to pole #19 - No Parking, Bus Stop
- North side from pole #19 to Winsor Street - No Parking Anytime
- South side from pole #18 to pole #22 - No Parking Anytime

Comments:

Action Taken: South side from pole #20 to pole #22 - No Parking Anytime, Bus Stop, north side approved as submitted.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40678
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Request from RIDOT to approve existing stop signs at the following intersections with Putnam Pike (Route 44). Vernon Street, Battey Drive, Vaughn Street, Palmer Street, Arthur Street, Cole Street, Mapleville Road/Cascale Brook Road and West Greenville Road - approach to Putnam Pike westbound.

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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SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40663
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Request from RIDOT to approve a school zone speed limit of 25 mph for the St. Philip School between 7:45am to 8:45am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The roadway speed limit is 35 mph.

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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SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40676

Request from RIDOT to approve a school zone speed limit of 20 mph with a flasher for the William Winsor Elementary School. Also, the 20 mph speed limit shall be approved for the hours of 7:30am to 8:30am and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. The roadway speed limit is 25 mph.

Comments: Subject to Town maintaining the Flasher

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40675

Request from RIDOT to approve a mid-block crosswalk at the St. Philip School.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Gary S. Sasse	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> NON STATE HIGHWAY

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40671

Request from RIDOT to approve a posted weight limit on Church Street Bridge to 15 tons.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> OLD USQUEPAUGH RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40670

Request from RIDOT to approve a posted weight limit on the Usquepaugh Bridge to 15 tons.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

Special Event

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/30/2009	Approved	40668

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

Glocester - Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2009.

Narragansett - Bobby Doyle 5-Mile Summer Classis on Saturday, August 15, 2009.

Narragansett - Narragansett Little League Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

Narragansett - Narrow River Preservation Association 22nd Annual Narrow River Run and Walk on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

South Kingstown - Downtown Merchants Association Annual Block Parties on Saturday, June 27, 2009 and Sunday, August 9, 2009.

Portsmouth - St. Anthony's Church Procession on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson