



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009

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In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Lt. Eric Croce

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 ==> DEXTER ST HWY 123**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>5/7/2009</b>	<b>Tabled</b>	<b>40700</b>

Request from Cumberland Police to restripe Dexter Street to prohibit parking on the north side and allow parking on the south side.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Awaiting Town decision to which side they want for parking.

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

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#### **LINCOLN ==> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>6/29/2009</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>40719</b>

Request from RIDOT to modify the traffic signal at George Washington Highway and Old River Road such that northbound and southbound Old River Road have separate green phases.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### LINCOLN ==>> LOUISQUISSET PIKE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/29/2009	Denied	40720

Request from RIPTA for crosswalks at the State Police Barracks and the Office Park/Shopping Center on Louisquisset Pike to connect to the tunnel to Lincoln Woods State Park.

*Comments:* Does not meet ADA compliance.

*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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### LINCOLN ==>> OLD RIVER RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/5/2009	Denied	40686

Request from Representative Menard for a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Old River Road and Manville Memorial Park.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Wider crosswalks and improved pedestrian cross markings in both directions.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### NARRAGANSETT ==>> OCEAN RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/20/2009	Approved	40705

Request from RIDOT to determine if a crosswalk is appropriate at the intersection of Knowlesway and Route 1A.

*Comments:* Speeds are low and median island provides refuge crossing.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### NARRAGANSETT ===> POINT JUDITH ROAD HWY 108

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/21/2008	Approved	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 re-studied during the summer season.

*Comments:* Left turn advance for southbound.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### PORTSMOUTH ===> BRISTOL FERRY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/26/2009	Denied	40718

Request from RIDOT to determine if the existing crosswalk at the Senior Center should remain.

*Comments:* Crosswalk crosses 4 lane high speed lanes. Does not meet pedestrian safety.

*Action Taken:* Deny crosswalk.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### 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.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### PROVIDENCE ==> ALLENS AV US 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/25/2009	Denied	40714

Request from RIDOT to re-consider the need for a permanent traffic signal at the intersection of Allens Avenue and Terminal Road due to additional information received from Waterson Terminal Services.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### 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 Danielson Pike is restriped.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### TIVERTON ==> MAIN RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/29/2009	Continued	40721

Request from Town of Tiverton to determine where parking can be allowed on Main Road (from Souza Road to State Avenue).

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### WEST WARWICK ==> MAIN ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/25/2009	Denied	40716

Request from West Warwick Police Department for a crosswalk on Main Street at Youngs Avenue.

*Comments:* Bob Rocchio recommended approval of crosswalk.

*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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### WEST WARWICK ==> MAIN ST

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/25/2009	Denied	40717

Request from West Warwick Police Department to prohibit parking in the vicinity of 920 Main Street.

*Comments:* Parking meets acceptable criteria.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### WESTERLY ==> POST RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/5/2009	Tabled	40687

Request from RIDOT to conduct a speed study to determine the appropriate speed limit for Post Road between Bellaire Street and Robin Hollow Lane.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### New Business



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## CHARLESTOWN ==>> OLD POST RD

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>7/14/2009</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Study</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40725</b>
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Request from Charlestown Fire District for an emergency traffic device at the new fire station on Old Post Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## LINCOLN ==>> ALBION RD

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>7/14/2009</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Study</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40724</b>
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Request from Town of Lincoln for the installation of a flashing light at the crosswalk at 1 Albion Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## NORTH SMITHFIELD ==>> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>7/14/2009</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Study</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40727</b>
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Request from Town of North Smithfield for the installation of a "Traffic Entering Ahead" warning sign with flashing lights on Route 102 northbound in advance of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, 1054 Victory Highway.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/14/2009	Study	40726

Request from Senator Levesque requesting a study of the traffic light at West Main Road turning onto King Charles Drive.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### RICHMOND ==> BISCUIT CITY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/14/2009	Approved	40723

Request from RIDOT to remove posting on the Biscuit City Road Bridge.

*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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### WESTERLY ==> CHURCH ST HWY 216

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/31/2009	Study	40729

Request from Senator Algieri for the installation of a crosswalk on Church Street at Laudone Street.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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### Special Event



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## STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>7/30/2009</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40728</b>

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 August 15, 2009.

Narragansett: Bobby Doyle 5-Mile Summer Classic on August 15, 2009.

South Kingstown: Annual St. Francis of Assisi Church 5K Road Race on October 3, 2009.

West Warwick: Annual Thomas P. Medeiros/Brian St. Germain Memorial 5K Road Race on September 7, 2009.

West Warwick: Annual Pawtuxet Valley Parade of Lights on September 6, 2009.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, September 09, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson