



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010

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In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Cpl. Ann Assumpico

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 ==> ATWOOD AV HWY 5

*Creation Date*

**11/5/2009**

*Disposition*

**Continued**

*Item Number*

**40776**

Request from Senator Beatrice Lanzi requesting a traffic signal at the Intersection of Atwood Avenue and Walnut Grove Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*

**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*

**Mr. John DiTomasso**

*Voting Results*

**Unanimous**

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### EAST GREENWICH ==> HWY 4

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2009	No Action	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.

Results of the six month evaluation as to whether the removal of the traffic signal on South County Trail at the Route 4 southbound off-ramp, currently on flash, should be removed.

*Comments:* 6 months study showed no accidents at intersection. Traffic signal will be removed per STC ruling.

*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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### LITTLE COMPTON ==> PECKHAM RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/8/2009	Approved	40771

Request from Little Compton Police to lower the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on Peckham Road between the Long Highway intersection and end after the "S" turn, west of Willow Avenue.

*Comments:* Additional warning signs at the "S" curve and Willow Avenue will be installed.

*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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### LITTLE COMPTON ==> PECKHAM RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	No Action	40759

Request from Town of Little Compton to review the 40 mph speed limit on Peckham Road.

*Comments:* Issue addressed under Item #40771.

*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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### NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> TOWER HILL RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/23/2009	Continued	40781

Request from Town of North Kingstown Planning Director for a marked crosswalk approximately 120' north of the intersection of Tower Hill Road and Oak Hill Road to connect Razez Motorcycle Center to their parking lot across the street.

*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 ==> W MAIN RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/2/2009	Continued	40787

Request from RIDOT to study the feasibility of installing left turn lanes on West Main Road at Union Street, Raytheon, King Charles, and Corey and Hedly.

*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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### PROVIDENCE ==> NARRAGANSETT BLVD. U.S. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/23/2009	Denied	40782

Request from City of Providence to determine if a pedestrian traffic signal should be installed at the intersection of Narragansett Boulevard and Ohio Avenue.

*Comments:* Signal denied because it does not meet warrants. Approved to install crosswalk with signage and striping improvements.

*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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### PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/21/2009	Continued	40757

Request from Providence City Council for the installation of pedestrian crossing signals and fluorescent crosswalks within the immediate vicinity of 243 and 244 Smith Street.

*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 ==> MAIN AV HWY 113

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/1/2009	Continued	40736

Request from RIDOT for crosswalk studies on Main Avenue at Greenfield Avenue and Main Avenue at Earl Street.

*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>
11/17/2009	Approved	40778

Request from Senator McCaffrey for a traffic study at the intersection of Warwick Avenue and Squantum Drive to determine the feasibility of having a left turn arrow heading north on Warwick 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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### WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Action Taken	40758

Request from Senator Algieri and Representative Azzinaro to review the 40mph speed limit between Shore Road to Watch Hill Road.

*Comments:* Shore Road to Airport Road to remain at 40 MPH. Between Airport Road to Watch Hill Road was approved to change from 40 MPH to 35 MPH.

*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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### New Business

### CRANSTON ==> OAKLAWN AV HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/5/2010	Approved	40796

Request from City of Cranston for a school crosswalk in front of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Regional School on Oaklawn Avenue at Garden Hills Drive.

*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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### MIDDLETOWN ==> W MAIN RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/17/2009	Study	40791

Request from RIDOT to perform a traffic study at the intersection of West Main Road and Beacon Street.

*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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### MIDDLETOWN ==> W MAIN RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/29/2009	Study	40794

Request from RIDOT to determine if the pedestrian traffic signal on West Main Road at the Linden School, which is closed, should be removed.

*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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### NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> TOWER HILL RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/28/2009	Approved	40793

Request from North Kingstown Police requesting a 20 MPH school zone on Tower Hill Road at the Montessori School, 1239 Tower Hill Road. The speed limit is currently 30 MPH.

*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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**PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST US 44**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>1/4/2010</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40795</b>
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Request from Marco Schiappa, Associate Director, Division of Facilities Management, Department of Administration to consider converting 23 existing parking spaces on Smith Street in the vicinity of the State House to reserved spaces for official State House business.

- Comments:*
1. Marco Schiappa and the Capitol Police requested that 23 parking spaces on Smith Street be converted from public parking to dedicated permit parking for State House business.
  2. It was stated that the Fire Marshall is prohibiting parking along the northern horseshoe driveway and the lower parking lot driveway, due to emergency access concerns.
  3. DOA, Capitol Police and State Police stated that the 23 parking spaces on Smith Street were mainly requested to enhance security around the State House and the Capitol Police will enforce appropriate use of the spaces.
  4. The City stated that the State does not have the authority to remove the meters, that the meters are under the City's jurisdiction. The City also stated that they would lose approximately \$33,000.00 per year in revenue if the meters are removed.
  5. The STC discussed the parking revenue could be offset by the addition of meters on Park Street, which is a local road.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Cpl. Ann Assumpico</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>12/28/2009</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40792</b>
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Request from South Kingstown Police to rescind the No Parking on the west side of Succotash Road between the Potters Pond Bridge and northern driveway for the Oyster Bar and Restaurant.

*Comments:* There is adequate room to park without being in the travel lane.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## STATEWIDE ==> STC GENERAL BUSINESS

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/6/2010</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40797</b>

Pursuant to State Law 31-13-1B, the STC will adopt the 2009 MUTCD and all subsequent addenda as its manual of regulations and specifications.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. John DiTomasso**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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## Special Event

### STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/11/2010</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40799</b>

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

Bristol - 4th of July Parade on July 5, 2010.

Narragansett - 6th Annual Super 5K Road Race on February 7, 2010

Narragansett - 2010 Narrow River Road Race on May 15, 2010

Narragansett - American Diabetes Association Annual Tour de Cure on June 6, 2010

*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, February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 12:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

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

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson