



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. John DiTomasso

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:07 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

#### EAST PROVIDENCE ==>> VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY. (RIDEM) R.I. 103

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>2/2/2010</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40805</b>
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Request from Representative Roberto DaSilva for a crosswalk, or other pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Veteran's Memorial Drive and First Street/Theophilo Braga Way.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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#### GLOCESTER ==>> PUTNAM PK. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>1/28/2010</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40800</b>
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Request from Town of Glocester to restripe Putnam Pike between the Chepachet River Bridge to Chestnut Hill Road to provide parallel parking on one side of the road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### LITTLE COMPTON ==>> PECKHAM RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/28/2010	Approved	40801

Request from RIDOT for proposed and existing stop/yield signs to be replaced or installed on Peckham Road: Existing stop sign on Peckham Road at the intersection with West Main Road and on the eastbound approach to East Main Road; Proposed yield sign on Peckham Road for right turns onto East Main Road, proposed stop sign on East Main Road for left turns onto Peckham Road, and proposed stop sign on Long Highway for left turns onto Peckham Road.

*Comments:* To be included in the RIDOT Resurfacing Project.

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

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

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

*Comments:* Traffic signal does not meet warrants. Site distance is very good and speeds are low. Road network allows people to take a left at Coddington Highway.

*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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### 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>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	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>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	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>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	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>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### WARWICK ==> WARWICK AV HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/28/2010	Denied	40803

Request from RIDOT to study the need for No Right Turn on Red signs at the intersection of Warwick Avenue at Pilgrim Parkway/Narragansett Parkway.

*Comments:* Site distance is good. No existing conflicts with pedestrians.

*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 ==> WATCH HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/28/2010	Approved	40802

Request from Senator Algieri to conduct a safety study at the intersection of Watch Hill Road and Avondale Road.

*Comments:* To be restriped to provide a larger shoulder on the southbound approach to Avondale Road. This will increase site distance.

*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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### New Business

#### CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2010	Approved	40811

Request from Senate Majority Leader Daniel P. Connors for an audible crosswalk device in front of One Mendon Road.

*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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### EAST GREENWICH ==> FRENCHTOWN RD. HWY 402

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>3/3/2010</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40808</b>

Request from RIDOT to prohibit u-turns at the median openings on Frenchtown Road between Routes 2 and 4.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### EAST GREENWICH ==> SOUTH COUNTY TL. HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>3/3/2010</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40807</b>

Request from RIDOT to prohibit left turns in and out of the northern driveway of the proposed CVS at Fairgrounds Way.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### NARRAGANSETT ==> POINT JUDITH ROAD HWY 108

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>3/3/2010</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40809</b>

Request from RIDOT to add pedestrian pushbuttons, pedestrian heads and crosswalks at the intersection of Point Judith Road and Woodruff Avenue/South Pier Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

*Creation Date*  
**3/3/2010**

*Disposition*  
**Approved**

*Item Number*  
**40810**

Request from RIDOT for no parking on the west side of Elmwood Avenue between Spooner Street and Sawyer Street and no parking on both sides of Elmwood Avenue between Sawyer Street and McKinley Street/Route 10 southbound off ramp. Also, removal of the stop control on Lexington Avenue at Elmwood Avenue.

*Comments:* To be included in the Elmwood Avenue 1R Project.

*Action Taken:*

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

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7

*Creation Date*  
**3/4/2010**

*Disposition*  
**Study**

*Item Number*  
**40812**

Request from State Representative Brian C. Newberry to install a traffic light at the intersection of Providence Pike and Douglas Pike.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### Special Event



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## STATEWIDE

*Creation Date*  
**2/17/2010**

*Disposition*  
**Approved**

*Item Number*  
**40806**

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

Barrington - Barrington RI Firefighters Memorial Day 5k Road Race on May 30, 2010.

Barrington - United Veterans Council Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2010.

Middletown - Aquidneck Island National Police Parade on May 2, 2010.

North Providence - Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2010.

Richmond - Gordon Greene American Legion Post 27 Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2010.

Richmond - Downey Weaver American Legion Post Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2010.

South Kingstown - Domestic Violence Resource Center Road Race on March 13, 2010.

South Kingstown - Welcome House of South County 5K Walk for Shelter on April 2, 2010.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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Motion to approve Minutes of the January 13, 2010 STC Meeting was made by Bernie Frezza and seconded by John DiTomasso. Chief Tighe abstained because he did not attend the January meeting.

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:23am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

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

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson