



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010

In attendance were:

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso 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 ==>> DIAMOND HILL RD HWY 114

Creation Date
4/30/2010

Disposition
Denied

Item Number
40828

Request from Cumberland Police to study the intersection of Diamond Hill Road and Industrial Drive to determine if a traffic signal is appropriate.

Comments: Traffic signal would cause additional congestion to Diamond Hill Road. A traffic signal is going to be installed on the off-ramp of Route 295, which should allow easier egress from Industrial Drive.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous



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GLOCESTER ==> PUTNAM PK. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/25/2010	Continued	40846

Request from Representative Scott M. Pollard to evaluate whether the traffic signal at Putnam Pike and Money Hill Road operates more efficiently and safely on flash or in full operation mode.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6, U.S. 6A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/25/2010	Continued	40845

Request from Johnston Police for the installation of a flashing light or pavement markings/warning signs or other safety devices at 1126 Hartford Avenue, Tri-Town Community Action Agency.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PAWTUCKET ==> BROADWAY US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/4/2010	Continued	40853

Request from Pawtucket Police to install a stop sign at the end of Exit 29 on I-95 northbound, merging onto Broadway heading north.

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 ==>> RT. 24 / RT. 138

Creation Date
5/26/2010

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
40850

Request from Town of Portsmouth to modify the blue attractions sign on the Route 24 Southbound exit to Boyd's Lane to include PORTSMOUTH WATERFRONT as a destination.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

PORTSMOUTH ==>> RT. 24 / RT. 138

Creation Date
5/26/2010

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
40848

Request from Town of Portsmouth to add PORTSMOUTH BUSINESS DISTRICT signs on Route 24 Southbound in advance of the Boyd's Lane exit.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

PORTSMOUTH ==>> E MAIN RD HWY 138

Creation Date
5/26/2010

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
40849

Request from Town of Portsmouth to add an additional PORTSMOUTH BUSINESS DISTRICT sign on East Main Road prior to Turnpike Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
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

PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/21/2009	No Action	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: Will eliminate 2 crosswalks and have 1 crosswalk at the entrance of St. Patrick School.

Action Taken: Denied pedestrian crossing signals. Approved coloring the middle of the crosswalk.

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

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> POST RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/2/2010	Denied	40851

Request from South Kingstown Police to install a traffic signal or flashing intersection beacon at the intersection of Post Road and Ministerial Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Will install larger stop signs and new stop ahead signs, crossing signs, stop ahead pavement markings and trim trees.

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

New Business

BARRINGTON ==> NAYATT RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Study	40866

Request from Representative Joy Hearn and Senator David Bates to perform a comprehensive safety study on Nyatt Road to determine short term and long term improvements relative to schoolchildren/pedestrian safety, as well as, motorists safety.

Comments: Approved to put in street crossing signs.

Action Taken:

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

BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/7/2010	Study	40869

Request from Bristol Police to maintain the crosswalk at Wardwell Street with flashing pedestrian lights in the RIDOT Resurfacing project.

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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CHARLESTOWN ==> POST RD U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/7/2010	Continued	40867

Request from Charlestown Police to reduce the speed limit on U.S. Route 1 from 50 MPH to 40 MPH between the Westerly Town Line and Tamanco Drive in Charlestown.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

COVENTRY ==> WASHINGTON ST HWY 33

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Study	40855

RIDOT request, on behalf of the Knotty Oak Village Tenant Association, to install a traffic signal on Washington Street at Contentment Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WARREN AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Approved	40861

Request from RIDOT for a two way left turn lane on Warren Avenue between the I-195 off ramp and Bightridge Street.

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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JAMESTOWN ==> NORTH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/7/2010	Approved	40868

RIDOT request, on behalf of the Jamestown Historical Society, to install two Historic District Signs on North Main Road, reading "Entering Windmill Hill Historic District".

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PAWTUCKET ==> ARMISTICE BLVD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Study	40865

Request from City of Pawtucket to install two crosswalks on Armistice Boulevard at (1) Slater Memorial Park Entrance and at (2) the bike path.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AV US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Study	40856

Request from Providence Police to install a school zone on Elmwood Avenue with flashing lights and reduce the speed on Elmwood Avenue between Princeton Avenue and Whitmarsh 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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SMITHFIELD ==> PLEASANT VIEW AV HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Approved	40862

Request from RIDOT to determine if both crosswalks on Pleasant View Avenue in the vicinity of Smithfield High School are appropriate.

Comments: Both crosswalks have crossing guards.

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> PLEASANT VIEW AV HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Approved	40863

Request from RIDOT to approve the crosswalk in front of the Gallagher Middle School.

Comments: Crosswalk has a crossing guard.

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> PLEASANT VIEW AV HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Approved	40864

Request from RIDOT to approve the 35 MPH posted speed limit on Pleasant View Avenue between Farnum Pike and Putnam Pike.

Comments: 85 percentile speed is 37 to 38 mph.

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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WARREN ==>> MAIN ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/12/2010	Approved	40871

Request from Warren Town Council to paint the middle of the existing crosswalks on Main Street.

Comments: Municipalities will be responsible to paint and maintain crosswalks.

Action Taken:

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

WARREN ==>> SCHOOL HOUSE RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Denied	40859

Request from Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr. and Representative Jan Malik to install a 3-way stop at the intersection of Schoolhouse Road and Long Street.

Comments: Doesn't meet multi stop criteria.

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==>> BALD HILL RD HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Study	40857

Request from RIDOT to examine the operation of the traffic signal at Quaker Lane.

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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WOONSOCKET ==> DIAMOND HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Study	40858

Request from Representative Lisa Baldelli-Hunt to add a right turn lane at the intersection of Diamond Hill Road and Social Street for the Social Street northbound approach.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/1/2010	Approved	40860

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

Narragansett - 1st Annual Coastweeks 5K Road Race on September 19, 2010.

Narragansett - Annual Blessing of the Fleet Road Race on July 23, 2010.

South Kingstown - Fall Festival of St. Francis of Assisi Church 5K Road Race on October 2, 2010.

Warren - Annual Holy Ghost Feast Procession on August 7 and 8, 2010.

West Warwick - Holy Ghost Society Annual Parade on September 5 and 6, 2010.

Statewide - Braking the Cycle on September 24, 2010.

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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STATEWIDE

Creation Date
7/9/2010

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
40870

Vote to approve the draft Rules and Regulations for the RI State Traffic Commission.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson