



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 08, 2010

In attendance were:

Cpl. Ann Assumpico

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:09 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

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

Creation Date
11/1/2010

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
40896

Request from Representative Raymond E. Gallison, Jr to install crosswalks and an exclusive pedestrian phase at the intersection of Metacom Avenue and Bay View Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Cpl. Ann Assumpico

Motion 2nd
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Voting Results
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.

Continue to July 2011 Meeting.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

LINCOLN ==> FRONT ST HWY 123

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2010	Continued	40901

Request from Senator O'Neil to reduce the speed limit on Front Street from 30 MPH to 25 MPH.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2010	Continued	40895

Request from Representative Rice and Senator Levesque to make short term improvements such as signs, flashers and re-timing the existing traffic signals on East Main Road to provide gaps for in through traffic. Also, the reduction in travel lanes from 4 to 3.

To make long term improvements such as installation of a traffic signal, which should be studied during June, to coincide with programs at the athletic fields across from Oakland Farm.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

WARWICK ==> AIRPORT CONNECTOR

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/5/2010	Approved	40905

RIDOT request on behalf of a citizen to install a No Right on Red sign at the bottom of Airport Connector Eastbound onto Post Road South.

Comments: Bridge and railings restrict the site distance.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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WARWICK ==>> FORGE RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/8/2010	Continued	40879

Request from City of Warwick to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Potowomut Road and Old Forge Road.

Continue to July 2011 Meeting

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>> NARRAGANSETT PW

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2010	Continued	40899

Request from Warwick Police to provide a left turn lane on Narragansett Parkway at the intersection of Warwick Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>> WARWICK AV HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2010	Continued	40900

Request from Warwick Police to provide a left turn lane on Namquid Drive and Partition Street at their 4-way intersection of Warwick Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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WESTERLY ==>> WESTERLY BRADFORD RD HWY 91

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/4/2010	Continued	40903

Request from Westerly Police to reduce the speed limit on Route 91 from 45 MPH to 35 MPH between Westerly Bradford Road through Newton's Marsh.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2010	Continued	40898

Request from Senator Lou Raptakis to review the Business Logo Sign Fee for Existing Approved Signs.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

New Business

CRANSTON ==>> SCITUATE AV HWY 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Study	40913

Request from City of Cranston for safety and capacity improvements to the intersection of Scituate Avenue and Phenix Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==> S FERRY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/1/2010	Study	40917

Request from Town of Narragansett for a left turn light on South Ferry Road, turning south onto Boston Neck Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> DAVISVILLE RD HWY 403

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Approved	40916

RIDOT request on behalf of the Quonset Development Corporation to install a raised median island on the approach to the new roundabout at the intersection of Route 403 and Davisville Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> DAVISVILLE RD HWY 403

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Denied	40914

RIDOT request on behalf of a citizen to ban the use of Jake Brakes over the entire length of Route 403 from Route 4 to Quonset/Davisville.

Comments: Request should not be handled on a road to road basis. Legislation should be enacted to allow or prohibit statewide.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AV HWY 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Study	40907

Request from North Providence Police to maintain the NO RIGHT TURN ON RED for the Mineral Spring Westbound approach to Douglas Avenue. Also, request to designate the right lane on the Westbound approach to a right turn only lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Denied	40909

RIDOT request on behalf of a resident to install a No Right Turn on Red on Bristol Ferry Road at West Main Road.

Comments: Right turn on red after stop sign, yield to pedestrian signs when turning signs and pedestrian pavement markings will be installed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

SMITHFIELD ==> SMITH AV

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/3/2010	Approved	40918

Request from Smithfield Police to modify the no right turn on red on the Smith Avenue approach to Putnam Pike.

Comments: Time reduced from 7am-7pm to 7-9am and 3-6pm.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Study	40908

RIDOT request on behalf of a citizen to install flashing lights or other pedestrian safety items for the crosswalks on Route 138 in the vicinity of URI's Graduate Village.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

WARWICK ==> AIRPORT CONNECTOR

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	No Action	40910

Request from RIDOT to prohibit Right Turn on Red from Airport Connector onto Jefferson Boulevard.

Comments: Right turn is not controlled by the traffic signal.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

WARWICK ==> POST RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/3/2010	Study	40919

Request from Representative Joseph McNamara to perform a traffic study of the intersection of Post Road and Fairfax Drive to provide a left turn phase for Post Road Southbound.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Denied	40911

Request from RIDOT to allow Right Turns on Red from Post Road onto Airport Road.

Comments: Right turn is allowed under 2 of the 3 phases of the traffic signal. The only phase where Post Road northbound has a red light is when Post Road southbound has 2 left turn lanes turning into Airport Road's 2 acceptance lanes. Right turns on red would be in conflict.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>> POST RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Approved	40912

Request from RIDOT to prohibit Right Turn on Red from Cranberry Apartments onto Post Road.

Comments: Site distance is restricted by vegetation next to Cranberry Apartments.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Continued	40915

RIDOT request on behalf of Save the Bay to initiate a Roadside Watershed Signage Program.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson