



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 09, 2011

In attendance were:

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Cpl. Ann Assumpico

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Chief Thomas P. Tighe declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 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

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd

Mr. John DiTomasso

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	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

CRANSTON ==> SCITUATE AV HWY 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Continued	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	Mr. John DiTomasso	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>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==> S FERRY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/1/2010	Continued	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>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AV HWY 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Continued	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	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

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>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> HWY 138

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

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous

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:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
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:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous



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WARWICK ==>> POST RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/3/2010	Continued	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	Mr. John DiTomasso	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>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==>> WESTERLY BRADFORD RD HWY 91

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/4/2010	Approved	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: Speed data supports this change.

Action Taken: Approved 35 MPH speed limit between Pound Road and 0.3 miles west of Dunn's Corner Road.

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



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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2010	Action Taken	40915
RIDOT request on behalf of Save the Bay to initiate a Roadside Watershed Signage Program.		
<i>Comments:</i> Narragansett Bay Watershed Signs to be installed under the existing River Signs.		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2010	No Action	40898
Request from Senator Lou Raptakis to review the Business Logo Sign Fee for Existing Approved Signs.		
<i>Comments:</i> Program is being forwarded to the Governor's Office to be implemented through the State Legislation.		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

New Business

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/24/2011	Study	40932
Request from Town of Barrington to consider geometric improvements to the South Lake Drive approach to Middle Highway.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous



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FOSTER ==> MOOSUP VALLEY RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/7/2011	Study	40930

RIDOT request on behalf of a citizen to establish and post a speed limit on Mossup Valley Road. It is currently prima facie.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/14/2010	Study	40920

RIDOT request on behalf of Libreria Habacuc Christian Bookstore to install a crosswalk at 761 Hartford Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JOHNSTON ==> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Study	40927

Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci to install a center turn lane on Plainfield Pike in the vicinity of Nardolillo 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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JOHNSTON ==>> PLAINFIELD ST. R.I. 14

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Study	40921

Request from Town of Johnston to investigate traffic calming measures on Plainfield Street in the vicinity of St. Brigit's Church.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2011	Study	40933

Request from Mayor Polisenia to study the feasibility of changing Putnam Pike from 4 lanes to 3 lanes in the vicinity of Scenery Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

LITTLE COMPTON ==>> COMMONS

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Approved	40926

Request from Senator Louis DiPalma to install a crosswalk between the United Congregational Church and their Sunday School Building.

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 SMITHFIELD ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Approved	40923

Request from RIDOT to examine the need for an exclusive pedestrian phase at the North Main Street traffic signal.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Approved	40924

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing crosswalks in front of the Portsmouth United Methodist Church and the St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Comments: The restriping of East Main Road to 3 lanes increases the safety of these crosswalks.

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> NORTH MAIN ST U.S.1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/7/2011	Study	40931

RIDOT request on behalf of a citizen to determine if the right red arrow from Olney Street onto North Main Street is appropriate for this intersection.

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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SCITUATE ==> TUNK HILL RD HWY 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/4/2011	Study	40936

Request from Scituate Police to evaluate the signing and other possible safety measures on Tunk Hill Road between Matteson Road and the Gainor Dam.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD HWY 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/4/2011	Study	40928

Request from South Kingstown Police to conduct a traffic engineering study of Kingstown Road between School Street and Kersey Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

TIVERTON ==> BULGARMARSH RD HWY 177

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/4/2011	Study	40929

Request from RIDOT for a No Left Turn into a one-way/entrance-only driveway at the junction of Bulgarmarsh Road (Rte. 177) and Crandall Road (Rte. 81).

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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WARWICK ==>> POST RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Approved	40922

Request from Warwick Police to prohibit left turns from Post Road northbound onto Route 37 westbound.

Comments: Northbound access to Route 37 is provided by an on-ramp before this intersection.

Action Taken:

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

WEST GREENWICH ==>> ROUTE 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2011	Study	40934

Request from Representative Lisa Tomasso to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 3 and Mishnock Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WEST GREENWICH ==>> ROUTE 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2011	Study	40935

Request from Representative Lisa Tomasso to add a left turn lane and/or reduce the speed limit on Route 3 in the vicinity of Greenwich West.

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 ==> POST RD US 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2010	Approved	40925

Request from RIDOT to modify the Langworthy Road approach to Post Road from a left/through and right turn only to a left turn only and a through/right lane.

Comments: This coincides with left turn phasing to be installed in a RIDOT project.

Action Taken:

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

WESTERLY ==> SHORE RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/4/2011	Study	40937

Request from Senator Dennis Algieri to conduct a study to determine if a 4-way stop is appropriate at the intersection of Shore Road and Ocean View Highway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, March 09, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Chief Thomas P. Tighe
Chairperson