



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012

In attendance were:

**Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chief Edward Mello

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Cpl. Mike Casey

**Mr. Bernie Frezza (Acting Chairperson) 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.

Consent Agenda

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/21/2012	Continued	41213
Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen requesting no parking signs along Middle Highway between Lincoln Avenue and 7 Oaks Drive.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

BRISTOL ==> OLD FERRY RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/5/2012	Continued	41235
Request from RIDOT on behalf of private citizen to review parking on the entire stretch of Old Ferry road to establish appropriate parking limits and to restrict parking where necessary.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> PAWTUCKET AVE. R.I. 1A / 103 / 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/31/2011	Continued	41065

Request from City of East Providence to install a crosswalk in the vicinity of 2928 Pawtucket Avenue. Upon initial review of the proposed crosswalk, it was decided by the RIDOT to study the feasibility of a road diet on Pawtucket Avenue from Wampanoag Trail to Veterans Memorial Parkway, as well as the possibility of consolidating existing crosswalks within that stretch of road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> TAUNTON AVE. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/4/2011	Continued	41049

Request from City of East Providence to convert Taunton Avenue from four lanes to three lanes between Hall Street and Seekonk Massachusetts Boundary.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

JAMESTOWN ==> R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/25/2012	Continued	41180

Request from RIDOT to study the speed limit along Route 138 between the Jamestown Bridge and the Newport Pell Bridge.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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JOHNSTON ==> U.S. 6 EXPRESSWAY U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Continued	41201

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to raise the speed limit from 50 MPH to 55 MPH along US 6 (Expressway) between I-295 and the Providence City Line.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

NEWPORT ==> MEMORIAL BLVD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Continued	41206

Request from the Newport City Council to modify the pedestrian phasing at the intersection with Bellevue Avenue from concurrent to exclusive pedestrian phasing.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2012	Continued	41222

Request from Chief Thomas Mulligan of the North Kingstown Police to install a traffic control signal or a flashing signal at the intersection with Hamilton Allenton Road/Salisbury Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/30/2012	Continued	41192

Request from Town of North Kingstown to study the feasibility of installing a road diet on Post Road between Maxwell Drive and West Main Street (Route 1A).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> EDDIE DOWLING HWY. R.I. 146

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/3/2012	Continued	41231

Request from the North Smithfield Police requesting the following items involving the intersection of Route 146 and Sayles Hill Road: 1. reduce the speed limit on Route 146 South in the vicinity of the Greenville Road on-ramp to 45 MPH and in the vicinity of the weight station and the Route 146/146A split to 35 MPH, 2. a LED warning sign for the Route 146 South approach to the traffic signal, 3. reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH on Route 146 in both directions between the Lincoln Town Line and the Route 146/146A split, 4. install flashing 35 MPH signs at the intersection, 5. install a pedestrian bridge across Route 146, 6. prohibit right turns on red on both Sayles Hill Road approaches, 7. install automated red light violation cameras at the intersection and 8. add more overhead street lights.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> NORTH MAIN ST. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/3/2012	Continued	41230

Request from the North Smithfield Police requesting the following items involving the intersection of North Main Street and Victory Highway: 1. prohibit right turn on red on all approaches of the intersection, 2. install automated red light violation cameras at the intersection and 3. add left turn phases for both approaches of Victory Highway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==> U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Continued	41200

Request from the RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to raise the speed limit from 50 MPH to 55 MPH along US 6 between the Johnston Town Line and RI 10.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/26/2012	Continued	41114

Request from South Kingstown Police to perform a pedestrian road safety assessment along Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/6/2012	Continued	41218

Request from Chief Vespia of the South Kingstown Police to physically prohibit left turns and through movements from the CVS driveway on Main Street, as well as Cherry Lane, located just west of the intersection with Kingstown Road and Old Tower Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> BEACH ST. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Continued	41203

Request from Westerly Police Department on behalf of the Captains Drive neighborhood to install a crosswalk on Beach Street (R.I. 1A) at Captains Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

Old Business

BRISTOL ==> FERRY RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/3/2012	Approved	41233

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the Herreshoff Museum to install recreational/cultural interest guide signs for the Herreshoff Museum on the west side of Ferry Road facing existing traffic from Griswold Avenue.

Comments: Guide signs meet MUTCD requirements.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/26/2012	Action Taken	41188

Request from the Town of Bristol to study the feasibility of installing a crosswalk across Hope Street (Rt. 114) near the RIPTA bus shelter/Fales Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Denied Crosswalk. Will contact RIPTA to recommend moving the bus stop and bus shelter.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AVE. R.I. 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/3/2012	Approved	41232

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the Herreshoff Museum to install recreation/cultural interest guide signs for the Herreshoff Museum in both directions on Metacom Avenue at the intersection with Griswold Avenue.

Comments: Guide signs meet MUTCD requirements.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/24/2012	Action Taken	41106

Request from Mayor Allan Fung for an evaluation of the two-way left turn lane on Plainfield Pike from Blue Jay Drive to 600 feet west of Capitol Street with respect to on street parking.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved from Capitol Street to 1603 Plainfield Pike.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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JOHNSTON ==> ATWOOD AVE. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/7/2011	Denied	41045

Request from Representative Stephen Ucci for a left turn phase from Atwood Avenue into the middle school and a left turn phase exiting the middle school. Upon initial review of the proposed left turn lanes, it was decided by the RIDOT to study the feasibility of a road diet from the Shaw's Plaza signal to Greenville Avenue.

Comments: Left turn phase can only be done in one direction. Cherry Hill Road has heavier left turn throughout the day. Johnston Police does not want left turn phases in either direction due to concerns with backups on Cherry Hill Road. Volumes and proximity of signals from Hartford Avenue to Cherry Hill Road not conducive to a road diet.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

PAWTUCKET ==> NEWPORT AVE. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Denied	41199

Request from the City of Pawtucket to convert the current parallel parking to diagonal parking on Newport Avenue (R.I. 1A) and Armistice Boulevard (R.I. 15). The limits along Newport Avenue are on the southbound direction between 20 feet north of Whittier Road and Armistice Boulevard. The limits along Armistice Boulevard are on the westbound direction between Newport Avenue and Littlefield Street.

Comments: Diagonal parking will not fit on Newport Avenue without taking right lane. Armistice Blvd cannot be converted to diagonal parking without affecting westbound approach at signal with Newport Avenue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2012	Denied	41119

Request from Senator Christopher Ottiano to install a pedestrian signal at the existing midblock crossing on East Main Road in front of the Town Hall.

*Comments:*RIPTA has diverted their stops from East Main Road to Anthony House twice a day. Crosswalk will remain as is.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

SCITUATE ==> ROCKLAND RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Action Taken	41204

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to convert the intersection of Rockland Road and Trim Town Road from a 2 way stop to a 4 way stop. There is existing stop control on Trim Town Road on both approaches to the intersection.

Comments: 4-way stop did not meet warrants.

Action Taken: Will move stop bar closer to intersection on Trimtown Road northbound approach and trim shrubs if on state property. Also provide dotted extension line for edge line on southern eastbound approach. Install curve/intersection warning signs on both approaches on Rockland Road.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MOORESFIELD RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/6/2012	Denied	41217

Request from Chief Vespia of the South Kingstown Police for the installation of a left turn lane on Moorsefield Road (Route 138) westbound into the The Farmer's Daughter located at 716 Moorsefield Road.

Comments: The roadway is 32 feet wide , therefore, cannot fit a left turn lane.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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WEST GREENWICH ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/28/2012	Continued	41183

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen to study the feasibility of a traffic signal at the end of the I-95 northbound exit 7 off-ramp at New London Turnpike.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

WEST WARWICK ==> PROVIDENCE ST. R.I. 33 / R.I. 115

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/27/2012	Approved	41226

Request from Representative Patricia Morgan to install a left turn lane and phase on Wakefield Street at the signalized intersection with Providence Street.

Comments: Will stripe left turn lane. Phasing on Wakefield Street and River Street reviewed, but not needed at this time.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/3/2012	Action Taken	41090

Request from Senator Dennis Algiere to conduct a traffic/safety study on Watch Hill Road between Avondale Road to Foster's Cove Road. This request is due to a recent pedestrian fatality on this road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Reduce travel lanes from Shore Road to Ninigret Avenue from 12 feet to 11 feet lanes. Shoulder widths will vary.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Mike Casey	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/27/2012	Action Taken	41116

Request from RIDOT on behalf of Avondale Homeowners Association for safety improvements on Watch Hill Road at the intersection with Avondale Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Install additional street name sign on east side of the road to increase conspicuity of Avondale Road for southbound motorists.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/26/2012	Action Taken	41189

Request from Senator Dennis Algieri to reduce the speed limit on Watch Hill Road from the southern end of Avondale Road to Ninigret Avenue. The current speed limit is posted at 35 MPH.

Comments:

Action Taken: Maintain 35 MPH. Reduce to 25 MPH just north of Ridge Road.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/1/2011	Continued	40941

Request from Senator Dennis Algieri to implement capacity and safety improvements to the intersection of Winnapaug Road and Airport Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

New Business



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BURRILLVILLE ==> EAST AVE. R.I. 107

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/23/2012	Study	41238

Request from Burrillville Town Council for a 4 way stop control or a traffic signal at the intersection of East Avenue (Route 107) and Main Street (Route 98/107). The current configuration is atypical with a yield control on East Avenue, stop control on Main Street northbound and the A.T. Levy School driveway, and a free movement on Main Street southbound.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Mike Casey	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/11/2012	Approved	41237

Request from RIDOT to install a stop sign for Plainfield Pike (Route 14) west onto Flat River Road (Route 117) south at the junction where the two roadways converge. This movement conflicts with traffic coming from Plainfield Pike east onto Flat River Road, as well as traffic approaching the "Y" intersection to go either left or right towards Plainfield Pike. There is currently no stop control at this location and therefore right of way must be assigned.

Comments: Install intersection Y warning signs on Flat River Road approach with distance plaque approximately 850 feet before intersection. Install a stop control for Route 14 west onto Flat River south at the Y junction.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous



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MIDDLETOWN ==> AQUIDNECK AVE. R.I. 138A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/1/2012	Approved	41239

Request from Middletown Police for a yield sign for the free right turn movement from Aquidneck Avenue (Route 138A) north at the signalized intersection with Valley Road (Route 214). There is currently no right of way assigned at the point where left turns from Valley Rd south merge with the right turn from Aquidneck Ave north.

Comments: Install right turn yield sign on Aquidneck Avenue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Cpl. Mike Casey	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AVE. R.I. 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/11/2012	Study	41236

Request from Councilor Brady to install a pedestrian signal and/or improve pavement markings and signs at the existing mid-block crossing on Mineral Spring Avenue at Pensaukee Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Mike Casey	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

SMITHFIELD ==> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY. R.I. 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/9/2012	Study	41240

Request from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission to study the feasibility of reducing the existing 50 mph speed limit speed limit to 40 mph from 0.2 miles west of Douglas Pike (Rt. 7) to Farnum Pike (Rt. 5/104).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Mike Casey	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jill Nascimento (Acting
Secretary

Approved: _____

**Mr. Bernie Frezza (Acting Chairperson)
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson