



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012

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In attendance were:

\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Mr. John DiTomasso

Cpl. Mike Casey

Mr. John DiTomasso 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.

### Consent Agenda

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

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

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>
<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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#### JAMESTOWN ==>> R.I. 138

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

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>
<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### 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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2012	Approved	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/11/2012	Continued	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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### 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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### 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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### 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	Chief Edward Mello	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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### 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

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### Old Business



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**BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.**

*Creation Date*

**8/21/2012**

*Disposition*

**Approved**

*Item Number*

**41213**

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen requesting no parking signs along Middle Highway between Lincoln Avenue and 7 Oaks Drive.

*Comments:* Prohibit parking on south side on Middle Highway and between Lincoln Avenue and 50 feet south of Lincoln Avenue on the north side. Parking will be allowed on the north side of Middle Highway.

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*

**\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*

**Cpl. Mike Casey**

*Voting Results*

**Unanimous**

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### BRISTOL ==> OLD FERRY RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>10/5/2012</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41235</b>
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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.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* The existing parking restrictions are as follows:

- . Parking Allowed on either side of the RWU one-way exit, to a point approximately 170 feet to the south and to a point approximately 225 feet to the north (20 feet south of Utility Pole #52-1).
- . No Parking from 20 feet south of Utility Pole #52-1 to a point approximately 660 feet to the north.

The new parking restrictions that will replace the above are as follows:

- . 3 hour parking from approximately 100 feet south of the RWU one-way exit (@ Utility Pole #55-84) to 170 feet south of the RWU one-way exit
- . 3 hour parking from approximately 165 feet north of the RWU one-way exit to approximately 240 feet north of the RWU one-way exit (@ Utility Pole #52-1)
- . 3 hour parking approximately 270 feet north of the RWU one-way exit (@ 30 feet north of Utility Pole #52-1) to approximately 375 feet north of the RWU one-way exit.
- . 3 hour parking approximately 665 feet north of the RWU one-way exit to 715 feet north of the RWU one-way exit.
- . 3 hours parking 765 feet north of the RWU one-way exit to 885 feet north of the RWU one-way exit.
- . No Parking at all other locations on Old Ferry Road between the cul-de-sac and Ferry Road (RI 114).

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

*Motion 2nd*  
**Cpl. Mike Casey**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>10/23/2012</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41238</b>
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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> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**EAST PROVIDENCE ==> PAWTUCKET AVE. R.I. 1A / 103 / 114**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>10/31/2011</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41065</b>
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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:* Approved the crosswalk at 2928 Pawtucket Avenue and the one at Merritt Road.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Cpl. Mike Casey</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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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	Action Taken	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:* Denied right turn on red on all approaches of the intersection, approved left turn phase in the eastbound direction, westbound direction will remain as is. Installing automated red light violation cameras is a State Law, therefore it does not fall under the STC. Municipalities may install these cameras, provided they comply with the State Law.

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/9/2012	Denied	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:* Will maintain the 50 MPH speed limit. Study showed 50 MPH is appropriate.

*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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### WEST GREENWICH ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/28/2012	Action Taken	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:* Deny traffic signal in the northbound direction, signal does not meet warrants, approved to relocate stop bar and will put in extension dotted lines along New London Avenue.

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

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### 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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### New Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/7/2012	Study	41247

Request from RIDOT on behalf of Roger Williams University to perform a safety study at the Ferry Road (Rt. 114) and Metacom Avenue (Rt. 136) split, in the vicinity of the RWU main entrance. The existing configuration may lead to driver confusion and signing and striping improvements are being investigated. Also review safety and operations at the north campus entrance to Roger Williams University on Metacom Avenue (Route 136).

*Comments:*

*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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### CUMBERLAND ==>> PINE SWAMP RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/27/2012	Approved	41244

Request from the Cumberland Police Department to stripe a right turn lane on Pine Swamp Road eastbound prior to the channelized right turn at the intersection with Diamond Hill Road.

*Comments:* This will provide better delineation on the approach to the intersection.

*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 PROVIDENCE ==>> HIGH SERVICE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/20/2012	Study	41241

Request from the North Providence Town Council to review the parking restrictions on High Service Avenue in front of Stephen Olney Park. Specifically, the Council is questioning the need/purpose for the existing No Parking signs located adjacent to the park.

*Comments:*

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/20/2012	Study	41242

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen for a No Right Turn on Red restriction on North Main Street southbound at the signalized intersection with Doyle Avenue/Randall Street.

*Comments:*

*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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### JOHNSTON ==> GREENVILLE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>12/3/2012</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>41245</b>

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen to review the speed limit on Greenville Ave from the Smithfield Town Line to the Providence City Line. The current posted speed limit is inconsistent along the corridor and is as follows:

#### Eastbound

- 30 mph from the Smithfield Town Line to just east of Harrilla Lane
- 40 mph from just east of Harrilla Lane to the I-295 overpass
- 35 mph from the I-295 overpass to Atwood Avenue
- 25 mph from Atwood Avenue to the Providence City Line

#### Westbound

- 25 mph from the Providence City Line to Cherry Hill Road
- 30 mph from Cherry Hill Road to Roger Road
- 25 mph from Roger Road to Janet Drive
- 35 mph from Janet Drive to the Smithfield Town Line.

#### *Comments:*

#### *Action Taken:*

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>12/7/2012</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>41246</b>

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a Physical Alteration Permit Applicant to install a traffic signal at the intersection of George Washington Highway and Rocky Hill Road in Smithfield.

#### *Comments:*

#### *Action Taken:*

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

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### WARWICK ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/26/2012	Study	41243

Request from City of Warwick on behalf of the Ocean State Theatre to install signs on I-95 prior to Exit 13 (Airport Connector) for the Ocean State Theatre located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard. Signs should also be considered on the Airport Connector prior to the exit for Jefferson Blvd.

*Comments:*

*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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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, January 09, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE  
Secretary

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

Mr. John DiTomasso  
Chairperson

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson