



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 09, 2013

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 10:05 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

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

Creation Date
12/7/2012

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Chief Edward Mello

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

JAMESTOWN ==> R.I. 138

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |



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JOHNSTON ==>> GREENVILLE AVE.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 12/3/2012 | <i>Disposition</i> Continued | <i>Item Number</i> 41245 |
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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:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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JOHNSTON ==>> U.S. 6 EXPRESSWAY U.S. 6

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

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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NEWPORT ==> MEMORIAL BLVD. R.I. 138

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| 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> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

PROVIDENCE ==> U.S. 6

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| 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> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Chief Edward Mello | Unanimous |

Old Business



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

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 10/23/2012 | <i>Disposition</i> Continued | <i>Item Number</i> 41238 |
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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:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

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

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> HIGH SERVICE AVE.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 11/20/2012 | <i>Disposition</i> Action Taken | <i>Item Number</i> 41241 |
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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: Approved to remove no parking restrictions from Matteo Drive to Sylvia Avenue on both sides of High Service Avenue. Approved installation of No Parking Signs 20 feet either side of the Emergency Entrance to Fatima Hospital.

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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PROVIDENCE ==> NORTH MAIN ST. U.S. 1

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 11/20/2012 | Approved | 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: Geometry of intersection causes right turn to act like a through movement. Vehicles must fully enter intersection before completing turning maneuver.

Action Taken:

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

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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12/7/2012 | Approved | 41246 |

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: Approved traffic signal with pedestrian accommodations, contingent in the FGX driveway being changed to prohibit left turns with an island. If employees make illegal left turns, RIDOT will contact FGX to make further geometric changes to the island. Also, signal will be put on flash before full operation until proved warranted.

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



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WARWICK ==> INTERSTATE 95

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 11/26/2012 | Denied | 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: Does not meet recommended guidelines for supplemental guide signing on the Interstate.

Action Taken:

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

New Business

CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD. R.I. 122

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12/24/2012 | Study | 41248 |

Request from Representative Ackerman to study pedestrian activity in front of Cumberland High School located at 2602 Mendon Rd and provide appropriate measures where needed to enhance pedestrian safety. There is an existing pedestrian crossing bridge as well as two mid-block crossings adjacent to the school property.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 1/2/2013 | Study | 41250 |

Request from the Town of Narragansett to study the feasibility and traffic impacts of making the section of Ocean Road from Beach Street to South Pier Road a one-way northbound. Southbound traffic would be diverted to Boon Street and redirected to Ocean Road at South Pier Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WEST GREENWICH ==> INTERSTATE 95

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1/2/2013 | Study | 41249 |

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to review the geometry of the off-ramps from I-95 North and South for Exit 5A onto Victory Hwy (Route 102) southbound, and Exit 5B onto Victory Hwy (Route 102) northbound and determine appropriate advisory speed limits.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

**Mr. Bernie Frezza (Acting Chairperson)
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson