



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza

Sgt. Ann Assumpico

Chief Edward Mello

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.

### 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. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/23/2012	Continued	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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/24/2012	Continued	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>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### 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.

Comment: On hold per request of Planning Department until approval from the City Council is obtained.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/2/2013</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>41250</b>

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.

Comment: Traffic counts will be conducted in Summer 2013.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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

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

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>
<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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

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

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>
<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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.

Comment: Traffic counts will be conducted in Summer 2013.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Col. Steven G. O'Donnell	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### Old Business



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

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

Request from RIDOT to raise the speed limit along Route 138 between the Jamestown Bridge and the Newport Pell Bridge from 40 MPH to 50 MPH.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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### JOHNSTON ==> GREENVILLE AVE.

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

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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	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	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	Action Taken	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:* Denied signal. Approved sign and stripe improvements and will restripe crosswalk to continental style and install advanced pedestrian signs.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Sgt. Ann Assumpico	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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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### WEST GREENWICH ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/2/2013	Continued	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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### New Business

#### CHARLESTOWN ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/28/2013	Study	41252

Request from Senator Algieri on behalf of the Castle Rock Condominiums for a right turn lane on Post Road (US 1) South at the intersection with Castlerock Drive.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### COVENTRY ==> FLAT RIVER RD. R.I. 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/17/2013	Approved	41251

Request from RIDOT to provide geometric modifications at the intersection of Flat River Road (Route 117) and Town Farm Road to better facilitate right turning movements for truck traffic.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### HOPKINTON ==> ARCADIA RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/6/2013	Study	41256

Request from RIDOT on behalf of RIDEM to install a crosswalk on Arcadia Road at the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association to connect the public parking area located at 203 Arcadia Road to a path across the street that leads down to Wood River.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### LINCOLN ==> LONSDALE AVE. R.I. 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/1/2013	Study	41254

Request from Senator Pearson and Representative O'Grady to allow parking on Lonsdale Avenue in front of Christ Church located at 1643 Lonsdale Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### NARRAGANSETT ==> BRIDGETOWN RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>2/5/2013</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>41255</b>

Request from the Town of Narragansett to reduce the speed limit on Bridgetown Road in Narragansett between the South Kingstown Town Line and Boston Neck Road (RI 1A) from 35 mph to 25 mph. The STC recently approved increasing the speed limit from 25 mph to 35 mph at their April 11, 2012 monthly meeting.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### PROVIDENCE ==> BROAD ST. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>2/7/2013</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>41258</b>

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing crosswalks as indicated in the list below:

1. Broad Street 40 feet north of Somerset Street – Approve 1 crosswalk
2. Broad Street at Fricker Street – Approve 2 crosswalks
3. Broad Street at Wickham Street – Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>2/7/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41257</b>
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Request from RIDOT to either approve or remove the existing crosswalks as indicated in the list below:

1. Elmwood Avenue at Cadillac Drive - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
2. Elmwood Avenue at Longfellow Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (north side)
3. Elmwood Avenue at Lenox Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
4. Elmwood Avenue at Atlantic Avenue - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
5. Elmwood Avenue at Congress Avenue - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
6. Elmwood Avenue at Carter Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (north side)
7. Elmwood Avenue at Burnett Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
8. Elmwood Avenue at Mawney Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (north side)
9. Elmwood Avenue at Hanover Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (north side)
10. Elmwood Avenue at Cromwell Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
11. Elmwood Avenue at Wilson Street - Approve 1 crosswalk (north side)
12. Elmwood Avenue at Princeton Avenue - Approve 1 crosswalk (south side)
13. Elmwood Avenue at Hempstead Street - Remove
14. Elmwood Avenue at Woodman Street - Remove
15. Elmwood Avenue at Dartmouth Avenue - Remove
16. Elmwood Avenue at Arch Street - Remove

*Comments:* Approved existing crosswalks - Item #'s 1-12. Approved the removal of crosswalks - Item #'s 13-16.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### WARREN ==> MARKET ST. R.I. 136

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>1/31/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41253</b>
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Request from RIDOT to rescind the previous Item # 7562 from June 21, 2000 to establish a 35 mph school zone on Market Street (Route 136) in the vicinity of Our Lady of Fatima High School located at 360 Market Street. The school is no longer in operation and therefore the school zone is no longer needed.

*Comments:* Rescinding school zone.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Sgt. Ann Assumpico</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE  
Secretary

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

Mr. John DiTomasso  
Chairperson

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson