



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Edward Mello

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

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

Creation Date
10/23/2012

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

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

Motion 2nd
Chief Edward Mello

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/28/2013	Continued	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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	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.

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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

HOPKINTON ==> ARCADIA RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/6/2013	Continued	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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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JOHNSTON ==>> GREENVILLE AVE.

<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:

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/5/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41255
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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> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD.

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

Comment: Traffic counts will be conducted in Summer 2013.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

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

Request from Chief Vespa 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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	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. Bernie Frezza	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.

Comment: Traffic counts will be conducted in Summer 2013.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/7/2012	Action Taken	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: At the northern driveway, install a left turn lane southbound. At the southern driveway near the intersection with Ferry Road, install the following improvements: 1. Advance route signs for Routes 114 and 136 in the northbound direction, 2. Oversized stop sign and stop bar for northbound left onto Ferry Road, 3. Stop ahead pavement markings in left lane northbound, 4. Added lane sign on Ferry Road south before Metacom Avenue, 5. Add dotted extension line for free movement from Metacom Avenue south onto Ferry Road, 6. Replace merge sign with added lane sign and 35 MPH advisory speed plaque on Metacom Avenue southbound prior to Ferry Road.

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

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/24/2012	Action Taken	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: Install advance pedestrian signs, replace crosswalks with continental markings and install 25 MPH school speed zone from 6:30am to 3:00pm from 200' south of Knollcrest Drive to Beamis Avenue.

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

Motion 2nd
Chief Edward Mello

Voting Results
Unanimous



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JAMESTOWN ==> R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/25/2012	Approved	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: Approved 50 MPH speed limit between Jamestown Bridge and 1000 feet north of toll plaza, both directions. Maintained 40 MPH between 1000 feet north and the toll plaza, both directions.

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

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

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/1/2013	Approved	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: Allow parking 20 feet north of intersection with John Street/Front Street to 310 feet north of the intersection.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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	Denied	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: Denied exclusive pedestrian phasing. Approved to install yield to pedestrian signs for right turns on all approaches.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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>
Chief Edward Mello	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous



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

Creation Date
10/3/2012

Disposition
Action Taken

Item Number
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: #1 was denied, #2 was approved, #3 was denied, #4 was denied, #5 no action-not an STC issue, # 6 prohibit no right turn on red eastbound, deny westbound approach, #7 no action-not an STC issue, #8 no action-not an STC issue. Approved the following short term improvements: 1. Install turning vehicles yield to pedestrian signs on westbound approach from Sayles Hill Road, 2. Install Chevron signs at u-turns in both directions near Route 146A, 3. Install added lane signs on Route 146 southbound before merge with Route 146A, 4. Update red/yellow clearance times at intersection with Sayles Hill Road, 5. Upgrade crosswalk at Sayles Hill Road to continental markings, 6. Upgrade reduced speed ahead signs on Route 146 southbound prior to merge with Route 146A, 7. Upgrade signal ahead warning signs on Route 146 southbound to oversized, 8. Install lane drop pavement markings on Route 146 southbound near merge with Route 146A, 9. Curve signs with 45 MPH advisory speed plaque on Route 146 northbound at split with Route 146A, 10. "Expect Backup" signs in both directions on Route 146, 11. Install traffic turning and entering signs on Route 146 northbound near I-295 Frontage Road with supplemental distance plaque and 12 Install no right turn on red sign on Route 146 northbound at Old Great Road.

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

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous



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PROVIDENCE ==> U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Approved	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: Approved 55 MPH between Johnston Town Line and the existing 35 MPH sign at Plainfield Street underpass.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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>
Chief Edward Mello	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

New Business

COVENTRY ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/27/2013	Study	41264

Request from the Town of Coventry to install a center turn lane on Nooseneck Hill Road between Reservoir Road and Harkney Hill Road.

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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COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/25/2013	Study	41262

Request from Fire Chief Quattrini to install a fire station signal in front of the Western Coventry Fire Department located at 1110 Victory Highway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JAMESTOWN ==> BEAVERTAIL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/18/2013	Study	41259

Request from Chief Mello to determine if parking can be safely accommodated through signing and/or striping improvements on the south side of Beavertail Road from Fort Getty Road to approximately 425 feet north of Fort Getty Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JAMESTOWN ==> HAMILTON AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/18/2013	Study	41260

Request from Chief Mello to review Hamilton Avenue from Southwest Avenue to Walcott Avenue to determine appropriate parking limits on the north side of the roadway.

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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MIDDLETOWN ==> WEST MAIN RD. R.I. 114 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/19/2013	Study	41261

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to install a midblock crosswalk on West Main Road at the existing RIPTA bus stop located adjacent to 208 West Main Road just south of Rosedale Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

NARRAGANSETT ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/26/2013	Approved	41263

Request from RIDOT to install two (2) temporary crosswalks on Boston Neck Road with one (1) crossing at the intersection of Starr Drive and the other crossing at Old Boston Neck Road. These crossings are necessary to facilitate pedestrian activity during construction on the Governor Sprague Bridge since pedestrian paths will only be maintained on one (1) side of the bridge.

Comments:

Action Taken: Temporary crosswalks will be taken out when construction is complete.

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

NEWPORT ==> AMERICA'S CUP AVE. R.I. 138A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/27/2013	Approved	41265

Request from Representative Martin to install a no right turn on red sign on Farewell Street northbound at the intersection with America's Cup 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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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> TOWER HILL RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2013	Denied	41266

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the RI National Guard to install signs on Tower Hill Road (US Route 1) in both directions for the RI National Guard recruiting office located at the Stedman Government Center at 4800 Tower Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/5/2013	Denied	41267

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the RI National Guard to install signs on I-95 in both directions directing motorists to Exit 10 for the RI National Guard recruiting office located at 1016 Centerville Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson