



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 08, 2013

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Sgt. Ann Assumpico

Chief Edward Mello

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

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

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

Creation Date
2/25/2013

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

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

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>
10/4/2011	Tabled	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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/19/2013	Continued	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 ==> 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



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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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> PROVIDENCE PK. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/25/2013	Continued	41268

Request from the Town Administrator and Town Council to study the feasibility of replacing the existing traffic signal with a roundabout at the intersection of Providence Pike (Route 5) and Greenville Road (Route 104).

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/5/2013	Continued	41275

Request from William Bombard, P.E., Acting Public Works Director and City Engineer, on behalf of Home and Hospice Care of RI to install a midblock crosswalk at 1085 North Main Street to accommodate employees of Home and Hospice Care of RI who park in a lot across the street from the facility.

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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PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2013	Continued	41274

Request from William Bombard, P.E., Acting Public Works Director and City Engineer, on behalf of a citizen to approve the existing crosswalk on Smith Street at Sharon Street and to install additional signing and/or striping improvements to increase the conspicuity of the crosswalk. Also consider the installation of a crosswalk on Smith Street at Jastram Street as part of this study.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/27/2013	Continued	41270

Request from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission to install a left turn phase on Douglas Pike (Route 7) northbound at Whipple Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SMITHFIELD ==> LIMEROCK RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/27/2013	Continued	41269

Request from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission to perform a study on Limerock Road from Karen Ann Drive to Orchard Meadows Drive to determine potential signing and/or striping improvements to enhance safety within the study limits.

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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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/6/2012	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41218
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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> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WESTERLY ==> BEACH ST. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/20/2012	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41203
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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> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/28/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41252
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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: Recommend trimming trees and installing intersection ahead sign with street name plaque.

<i>Motion Made</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Sgt. Ann Assumpico	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JAMESTOWN ==>> BEAVERTAIL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/18/2013	Denied	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: Not enough shoulder for parking. Recommend to install curve warning signs with 30 MPH advisory speed plaque and vehicles entering warning sign to inform motorists of vehicles exiting the beach parking lot.

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

JAMESTOWN ==>> HAMILTON AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/18/2013	Action Taken	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: Approved one (1) 8 foot shoulder on the north side and one (1) 4 foot shoulder on the south side and two (2) 11 foot travel lanes.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Sgtr. Ann Assumpico	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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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SMITHFIELD ==>> PLEASANT VIEW AVE. R.I. 5 / R.I. 116

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/27/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41271
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Request from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission to rescind the previous decision (Item No 41056) to change the restriction from No Right Turn on Red at the intersection with Putnam Pike from all day to Monday through Friday from 7-9 AM and 3-6 PM.

Comments: Request was approved due to traffic concerns with vehicles exiting Greenville Avenue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Sgt. Ann Assumpico	<i>Motion 2nd</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> MAIN ST.

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

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

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to install no parking signs at crosswalks and side streets in accordance with State Law, upgrade all pedestrian signs, re-stripe crosswalks to continental markings, update no parking signs and parking stall pavement markings to make sure they coincide, update curve warning signs on Main Street at River Street and include 20 MPH advisory speed plaque, install stop bar at pedestrian signal at the bike path, rescind parking restriction between curb cuts at Northup's Gulf Station (Item #: 6830 from 10/22/92 Meeting), approve crosswalk approximately 140' south of High Street.

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

WEST GREENWICH ==>> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/2/2013	Action Taken	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: Approved to install 30 MPH advisory speed signs and yield ahead signs on all ramps.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Sgt. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

New Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/15/2013	Approved	41276

Request from the City Manager to install audible pedestrian equipment to the existing pedestrian facilities at the intersection with Bellevue Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SCITUATE ==> WEST GREENVILLE RD. R.I. 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/3/2013	Approved	41277

Request from Scituate Police Chief to eliminate the southernmost parking space on the west side of West Greenville Road just north of the intersection with Silk Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Sgt. Ann Assumpico	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

WEST WARWICK ==> LEGRIS AVE. R.I. 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/6/2013	Study	41278

Request from West Warwick Safety Committee to install a No Right Turn on Red sign on Legris Avenue at the intersection with Main Street (Route 33).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Sgt. Ann Assumpico	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson