



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:13 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

CUMBERLAND ==> WRENTHAM RD. R.I. 121

Creation Date
6/6/2013

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41285

Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit on Wrentham Road from Diamond Hill Road to the Massachusetts State Line. The current posted limit does not match the existing STC records. Also consider establishing a school zone speed limit on Wrentham Road from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the Mercymount Country Day School located at 35 Wrentham Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Voting Results
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	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous



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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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous



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

Creation Date
5/15/2013

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41280

Request from RIDOT to review the three crosswalks and parking on the west side of West Greenville Road between the North Scituate Congregational Church and Silk Lane. The northern crosswalk adjacent to the Church currently has parking stalls directly up to the crossing. Consider consolidating the crosswalks and providing more parking stalls.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Voting Results

Unanimous

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

Creation Date
9/6/2012

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Voting Results

Unanimous

Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/25/2013	Action Taken	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: Denied signal because it does not meet warrants. Approved to replace existing fire station signs with oversized signs with distance plaque and flashers to be activated by a pushbutton within the station. Flashers are contingent upon Town signing a C&M Agreement.

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

JAMESTOWN ==> BEAVERTAIL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/15/2013	Continued	41279

Request from RIDOT to review the three crosswalks on Beavertail Road adjacent to the resident parking area for Mackerel Cove Beach. Signing and striping improvements should be considered as well as the possibility of consolidating the crosswalks.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/18/2013	Action Taken	41287

Request from the Town of Narragansett for a crosswalk to be installed on Boston Neck Road at the following intersections:

Boston Neck Road at Old Pine Road
Boston Neck Road at Mettatuxet Road

Comments:

Action Taken: Denied the crosswalk at Boston Neck Road at Old Pine Road and approved the crosswalk at Boston Neck Road at Mettatuxet Road.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/18/2013	Approved	41286

Request from the Town of Narragansett for a crosswalk to be installed on Ocean Road at the following intersections:

Ocean Rd at DeSano Drive
Ocean Rd at Sakonnet Boulevard

Comments: Approved crosswalks contingent upon the feasibility of the design for ADA.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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SMITHFIELD ==> LIMEROCK RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/27/2013	Action Taken	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: Install more speed limit signs; replace old speed limit signs with new signs and add combination curve warning intersection ahead sign with Street name plaque in the westbound direction prior to Karen Ann Drive.

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

WESTERLY ==> BEACH ST. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/20/2012	Denied	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: Does not meet warrants.

Action Taken:

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

WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/1/2011	Action Taken	40941

Request from Senator Dennis Algieri to implement capacity and safety improvements to the intersection of Winnapaug Road and Airport Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Will tighten up intersection and narrow Winnapaug Road northbound lane to provide more stacking room for Airport Road left turns.

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



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New Business

BARRINGTON ==> NEW MEADOW RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/6/2013	Study	41302

Request from Senator David Bates on behalf of a constituent to install warning signs with flashers on New Meadow Road prior to the East Bay Bike Path crossing.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

BARRINGTON ==> SOWAMS RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/6/2013	Study	41303

Request from Senator David Bates on behalf of a constituent to install warning signs with flashers on Sowams Road prior to the East Bay Bike Path crossing.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

COVENTRY ==> MAIN ST. (HARRIS) R.I. 115

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Study	41298

Request from Chief Bryan Volpe to install a crosswalk across Main Street in front of the Riverview Healthcare Facility located at 546 Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Study	41296

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the Blackstone Valley Baptist Church to install a crosswalk with flashers on Pine Swamp Road in front of the Church located at 40 Pine Swamp Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/8/2013	Approved	41304

Request from RIDOT to rescind the previous decision to approve an eastbound left turn lane and phase at the intersection with Smithfield Road (Item No. 41079). The eastbound approach should be reverted back to the original configuration with two multipurpose lanes on the eastbound approach, and no exclusive left turn phase.

Comments: Left turn phase was causing significant backup on the eastbound approach to the signal.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102 / R.I. 146A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Study	41297

Request from Representative Newberry on behalf of a citizen to review the lane configuration on both approaches to the signal at Main Street/Mt. Pleasant Rd to determine if lanes should be designated as exclusive turn lanes. There are currently two multipurpose lanes on both approaches to the signal which merge into one lane directly after the signal.

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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PORTSMOUTH ==> SPRAGUE ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Study	41295

Request from Senator Ottiano on behalf of a citizen to study pedestrian safety and accessibility along Sprague Street from West Main Road to East Main Road and recommend any improvements to enhance the safety of pedestrians traveling along this stretch.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/29/2013	Study	41301

Request from RIDOT to study pedestrian safety at the crosswalk between 2 Capitol Hill and the State House to determine if any additional pedestrian safety countermeasures are needed.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> COMMODORE PERRY HWY. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Study	41299

Request from Chief Vespia on behalf of a private citizen to perform a safety study at the Route 1 turnarounds located adjacent to Post Road (Scenic Route 1A) and Clark Farms driveway located at 2984 Commodore Oliver Perry Hwy. Also investigate the feasibility of closing these turnarounds as part of the study.

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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TIVERTON ==> MAIN RD. R.I. 77 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Study	41300

Request from Town Administrator James Goncalo to re-stripe the Main Road Bridge over Route 24 to provide exclusive left turn lanes onto the Route 24 North and South on-ramps.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==> FORGE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/22/2013	Study	41294

Request from City of Warwick to install a crosswalk on Old Forge Road at the intersection with Forge Road/Ives Road.

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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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson