



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Chief Edward Mello

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

BARRINGTON ==> NEW MEADOW RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/6/2013	Continued	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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

BARRINGTON ==> SOWAMS RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/6/2013	Continued	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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Continued	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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	Continued	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	Continued	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

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

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

<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	Continued	41299

Request from Chief Vespia on behalf of a private citizen to conduct a safety study on all of the turnarounds located on Route 1 from Mooresfield Road to the Charlestown Town Line to determine if any additional safety measures can be implemented and/or if any of the turnarounds should be closed.

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. Bernie Frezza	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Continued	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	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/6/2013	Continued	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:

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



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JAMESTOWN ==>> BEAVERTAIL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/15/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Tabled	<i>Item Number</i> 41279
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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: The Town indicated that there may be some improvements to the beach parking in this area, which may affect locating where people cross the road. Therefore, tabled until we hear back from the Town.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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MIDDLETOWN ==>> WEST MAIN RD. R.I. 114 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/19/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41261
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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: Denied crosswalk. Prefer to have people cross at the pedestrian signal located 350' south of the study location. RIDOT will request that RIPTA relocate their bus stop to the signal location.

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/25/2013	Approved	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: Approved the roundabout. Also consider the installation of a left turn lane in front of the High School during the design process.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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	Denied	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: Pedestrians should use the traffic signal at 3rd Street to cross North Main Street, which is located only 125' from the study location.

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

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2013	Approved	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: Approved existing crosswalk on Smith Street at Sharon Street and approved additional pedestrian warning signs on Smith Street at Sharon Street. Also approved new crosswalk on Smith Street at Jastram Street and install appropriate warning signs.

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Approved	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: Approved to re-stripe to provide exclusive left turn lanes onto the Route 24 North and South on-ramps.

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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WARWICK ==>> FORGE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/22/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41294
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Request from City of Warwick to install a crosswalk on Old Forge Road at the intersection with Forge Road/Ives Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Denied crosswalk; does not meet warrants. Approved to install advance pedestrian crossing signs at both intersections. Also, add a new item to the agenda to perform a Road Safety Audit in this area.

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

BURRILLVILLE ==>> SHERMAN FARM RD. R.I. 98

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/3/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41311
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of a resident to install curve warning signs with a 30 mph advisory speed plaque prior to the curve located near 935 Sherman Farm Road.

Comments: Approved curve warning signs with advisory speed sign of 30 MPH.

Action Taken:

<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 ==>> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/21/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41305
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Request from RIDOT to review the existing no u-turn sign on Plainfield Pike westbound at the intersection with Simmonsville Avenue to determine if this restriction should remain in place or be removed. The u-turn restriction is currently not approved by the STC.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> PROVIDENCE PK. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/21/2013	Approved	41306

Request from RIDOT to install a temporary traffic signal on Route 5 to assign right-of-way for the one-way alternating traffic pattern currently in place on the Slatersville Stone Arch Bridge located just south of the intersection with Main Street. This configuration will remain in place until the bridge can be replaced in a RIDOT construction contract.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/27/2013	Study	41310

Request from the City of Pawtucket to install a stop sign for right turns from the I-95 Northbound off-ramp onto Broadway. Broadway is currently a one-way southbound therefore this movement currently operates as a free right turn onto Broadway northbound with no conflicts. The City will be converting Broadway to a two way roadway which will require the right turns from the ramp to stop before entering Broadway northbound.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/5/2013	Study	41312

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to reduce the number of travel lanes on Bristol Ferry Road from Turnpike Avenue to Boyds Lane.

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 ==> WEST MAIN RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/27/2013	Study	41309

Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on West Main Road from the Middletown Town Line to Bristol Ferry Road and recommend an appropriate speed limit for this entire stretch of roadway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> WEST MAIN RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/9/2013	Study	41313

Request from Senator Ottiano to install a left turn phase on West Main Road northbound at the intersection with King Charles Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/22/2013	Study	41308

Request from RIDOT to determine if a traffic signal is warranted at the I-95 Northbound and Southbound off-ramps to Branch 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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WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/21/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41307
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Request from Senator Algieri and Representative Azzinaro on behalf of constituents to reduce the speed limit on Winnapaug Road from Watch Hill Road to Shore Road in Westerly. The STC approved speed limit from Watch Hill Road to Airport Road is 35 mph, and the approved limit from Airport Road to Shore Road is 40 mph. Residents in the area would like the speed limit reduced to 30 mph.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, October 09, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson