



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 09, 2013

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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 10:07 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. Bernie Frezza

*Motion 2nd*  
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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## NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>1/2/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41250</b>
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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> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

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

Please Note: Waiting on feedback from Town Council.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/27/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41310</b>
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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.

Please Note: Waiting on City to submit study.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/5/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41312</b>
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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> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/9/2013	Continued	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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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	Continued	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. Bernie Frezza	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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### PROVIDENCE ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/22/2013	Continued	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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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### 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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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### 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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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### Old Business

#### 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	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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### 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	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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	Action Taken	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:* Denied crosswalk. Does not meet guidelines.

*Action Taken:* Install pedestrian warning signs on both approaches to Riverview Healthcare Facility.

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

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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	Denied	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:* Denied crosswalk. Does not meet guidelines.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/21/2013	Action Taken	41305

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:* Approved to remove u-turn sign.

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Action Taken	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:* Approved striping right turn lanes in both directions of Route 102.

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

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### WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/21/2013	Action Taken	41307

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:* Approved to lower speed limit to 35 MPH from Airport Road to Shore Road for a one year trial basis. Speeds will be re-evaluated one year from installation of new signs. The 35 MPH speed limit from Watch Hill Road to Airport Road will remain as is.

<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

#### BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/25/2013	Approved	41322

Request from RIDOT to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing traffic signal on Hope Street at the intersection with Donna Court/Bristol County Medical Center.

*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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### EAST PROVIDENCE ==> PAWTUCKET AVE. R.I. 1A / 103 / 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Approved	41315

Request from the City of East Providence to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing traffic signal located at the intersection with Pleasant Street.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Study	41318

Request from RIDOT to rescind the previous decision (Item # 1866) from the August 22, 1990 meeting to prohibit U-turns at the I-295 Northbound ramps. U-turns will now be allowed at this location.

*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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### NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/20/2013	Study	41319

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen to study the existing crosswalk near Wellesley Street adjacent to 1515 Smith Street for potential improvements to enhance pedestrian safety at this crossing.

*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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### RICHMOND ==> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/23/2013	Approved	41320

Request from RIDOT to rescind the previous decision from the April 2008 meeting (Item No. 40531) to eliminate the existing left turn phase and lane on Route 138 westbound at the signal with Rite Aid/Stop and Shop and replace with a shared through/left lane and a permissive only left turn as part of a Physical Alteration Permit (PAP). This PAP was never built. Therefore the protected left turn phase and exclusive left turn lane that exists today will remain at this location.

*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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### WARWICK ==> FORGE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Study	41316

Request from the City of Warwick on behalf of a citizen to perform a safety study on Old Forge Road from Post Road to Ives Road and recommend any improvements for traffic calming and/or to enhance pedestrian safety. Also review the posted speed limit of 40 mph to determine if this is appropriate. This study should be performed in conjunction with the proposed safety study on Ives Road from Old Forge Road to Post Road

*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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### WARWICK ==> IVES RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Study	41317

Request from the City of Warwick on behalf of a citizen to perform a safety study on Ives Road from Old Forge Road to the end and recommend any improvements for traffic calming and/or to enhance pedestrian safety. Also review the posted speed limit of 40 mph to determine if this is appropriate. This study should be performed in conjunction with the proposed safety study on Old Forge Road from Post Road to Ives Road.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/12/2013	Study	41314

Request from West Warwick Police Department to restrict parking on the north side of Legris Avenue from Main Street to New London Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### WEST WARWICK ==> PROVIDENCE ST. R.I. 33 / R.I. 115

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/24/2013	Approved	41321

Request from Representative Morgan for the installation of a 20 mph school zone speed limit and flashers from 7:45 AM – 4:15 PM between Elk Street and Oakland Drive for the St. Joseph's Catholic School located at 854 Providence Street.

*Comments:* Approved 20 MPH school zone. Also approved flashers with the stipulation that the Town installs and maintains the flashers.

*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, November 13, 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

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson