



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Edward Mello

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

NARRAGANSETT ==> OCEAN RD.

Creation Date
1/2/2013

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Voting Results
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).

Please Note: Waiting on feedback from Town Council.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

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

Please Note: Waiting on City to submit 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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PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/5/2013	Approved	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: Approved reduction from 4 lanes to 3 lanes with one lane in each direction and a center turn lane.

Action Taken:

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

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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/15/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41280
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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> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> COMMODORE PERRY HWY. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/25/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41299
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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> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==> FORGE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/18/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41316
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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> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==> IVES RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/18/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41317
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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> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Old Business

BARRINGTON ==> NEW MEADOW RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/6/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41302
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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: Warning signs with flashers was denied because there is enough sight distance at this location. Also low volume two lane road with operating speeds of 24 MPH at crossing.

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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BARRINGTON ==> SOWAMS RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/6/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41303
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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: Sight distance is limited northbound due to proximity to intersection with County Road.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Approved	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: Geometry at the intersection meets criteria to allow U-Turns at this location.

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/20/2013	Action Taken	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: Will maintain crosswalk and will install advance pedestrian warning sign eastbound on the approach to the crosswalk.

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> SPRAGUE ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Action Taken	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: Will install advance pedestrian warning signs along Sprague Street near Education Lane to alert motorists of the potential for pedestrian activity.

<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	Approved	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

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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	Continued	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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

New Business

BURRILLVILLE ==> BRONCO HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/7/2013	Study	41331

Request from Burrillville Police Department to reduce the speed limit from 50 mph to 35 mph on Broncos Highway from 1000 feet north to 1000 feet south of the intersection with East Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

BURRILLVILLE ==> BRONCO HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/7/2013	Study	41330

Request from Burrillville Police Department to establish a 35 mph school zone from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM from 300 feet north to 300 feet south of the signalized driveway for the Burrillville Middle School located at 2220 Broncos Highway.

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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EAST GREENWICH ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/18/2013	Approved	41325

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the New England Institute of Technology to install supplemental guide signs on I-95 South prior to Exit 8 and on I-95 North prior to Exit 8A to inform motorists that the Institute can be reached from these exits. Signs are also requested at the end of Exit 8 from I-95 South and on South County Trail south at the intersection with Division Road to guide motorists to the Institute from the off-ramp.

Comments: The old signs on I-95 northbound and southbound before Exit 13 will also be taken down.

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==> R.I. 4

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/18/2013	Approved	41327

Request from RIDOT on behalf of New England Institute of Technology to install supplemental guide signs on Route 4 Northbound prior to Exit 8B to inform motorists that the Institute can be reached from this exit.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

FOSTER ==> FOSTER CENTER RD. R.I. 94

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/6/2013	Approved	41329

Request from RIDOT to install a curve warning sign with a 20 mph advisory speed on Foster Center Road on the approach to the intersection with Plainfield Pike.

Comments: Approved curve warning sign with 20 MPH advisory speed.

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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JOHNSTON ==> ATWOOD AVE. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/25/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41328
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Request from Mayor Polisenia to install a crosswalk in front of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish located at 1804 Atwood Avenue.

Comments: Crosswalk was denied due to lack of pedestrian activity. Will install advance pedestrian warning signs to both approaches.

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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JOHNSTON ==> CHERRY HILL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/18/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41324
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Request from the Johnston Police Department to install a crosswalk on Cherry Hill Road in front of Cherry Hill Manor located at 2 Cherry Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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LINCOLN ==> JOHN ST. R.I. 123

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/18/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41326
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Request from Councilman John Flynn to install a crosswalk on John Street between the Christ Episcopal Church located at 1643 Lonsdale Avenue and the parking lot for the church located directly across the street.

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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WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD. R.I. 1A

Creation Date
10/18/2013

Disposition
Study

Item Number
41323

Request from Senator Algieri to perform a safety study on Watch Hill Road between Winnapaug Rd/Airport Rd and Shore Rd to determine if any signing and striping improvements can be implemented to enhance safety on this stretch of roadway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Voting Results
Unanimous

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson