



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013

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In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

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

#### **NORTH KINGSTOWN ==>> POST RD. U.S. 1**

*Creation Date*

**7/30/2012**

*Disposition*

**Continued**

*Item Number*

**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:*

*Motion Made*

**Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE**

*Motion 2nd*

**\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Voting Results*

**Unanimous**

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### 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	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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. 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. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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>
Col. Steven G. O'Donnell	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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**WARWICK ==>> FORGE RD.**

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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/18/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41317</b>
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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> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>10/18/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41323</b>
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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:*

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>11/7/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41331</b>
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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:* Approved to reduce speed limit to 40 MPH from 1400 feet east of East Avenue to 1000 feet west of East Avenue and install oversize speed limit signs and install reduce speed ahead signs.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### BURRILLVILLE ==> BRONCO HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>11/7/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41330</b>
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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> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### CUMBERLAND ==> WRENTHAM RD. R.I. 121

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/6/2013	Approved	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:* Approved a 35 MPH speed limit on Wrentham Road from Diamond Hill Road to the Massachusetts State line and approved a 25 MPH school zone speed limit for the Mercymount Country Day School located at 35 Wrentham Road. Location to be re-studied in 1 year to determine if speed limit change is appropriate.

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

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### JOHNSTON ==> CHERRY HILL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/18/2013	Denied	41324

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:* Crosswalk does not meet warrants. Pedestrians should cross at the crosswalk at the intersection of Cherry Hill Road and Greenville Avenue where there is a traffic signal and pedestrian pushbuttons.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### LINCOLN ==> JOHN ST. R.I. 123

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/18/2013	Approved	41326

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:* Approved crosswalk contingent upon reviewing the request in 2 years to confirm that pedestrian accidents do not increase due to proximity to traffic signal at Lonsdale Avenue.

*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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### 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.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/15/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41280</b>
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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:* Approved to eliminate the crosswalk in front of the Old Congressional Church and approved the crosswalk to remain at the Community Center and the crosswalk to remain at the North Scituate Public Library as a designated school crossing. Parking stalls to be provided on west side of road from Silk Lane to Community Center except 30' in either direction of crosswalks.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### WEST WARWICK ==> LEGRIS AVE. R.I. 117

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/12/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41314</b>
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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:* Parking to be restricted on both sides of Legris Avenue 30' either side of crosswalk at Christ the King Church. This will result in no parking on the south side of Legris Avenue and approximately 3 spaces on the north side of Legris Avenue.

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



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### CRANSTON ==> RESERVOIR AVE. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/5/2013	Approved	41338

Request from RIDOT to install exclusive left turn lanes and phases on both Reservoir Avenue approaches to the intersection with Aqueduct 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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### CRANSTON ==> RESERVOIR AVE. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/5/2013	Approved	41337

Request from RIDOT to install a traffic signal on Reservoir Avenue at the Route 10 on/off ramp.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### CRANSTON ==> SCITUATE AVE. R.I. 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/5/2013	Approved	41336

Request from RIDOT to install a protected permissive left turn phases at the intersection with Phenix Avenue on the Scituate eastbound and Phenix Avenue northbound approaches.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/18/2013	Approved	41333

Request from RIDOT to prohibit u-turns on Plainfield Pike westbound at the I-295 Northbound ramps.

*Comments:* Approved to prohibit u-turns at this location and will install No U-Turn sign.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### PORTSMOUTH ==> SPRAGUE ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/18/2013	Approved	41332

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing posted 35 mph speed limit on Sprague Street from West Main Road to East Main Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### PORTSMOUTH ==> UNION ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/6/2013	Approved	41339

Request from RIDOT to install a No Right Turn on Red sign on Union Street at the intersection with West Main Road.

*Comments:* There is limited sight distance looking left when exiting Union Street.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### WARWICK ==> WARWICK AVE. R.I. 117 / R.I. 117A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/18/2013	Approved	41334

Request from RIDOT to install pedestrian accommodations at the intersection with Church Avenue on all approaches where pedestrian facilities do not exist. Pedestrian signal heads and pushbuttons are currently only provided on the southern leg of the intersection.

*Comments:* Approved to install push button and ped heads at the intersection with Church Avenue.

*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 GREENWICH ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/9/2013	Study	41340

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the South County Tourism Council to install signs for Centre of New England on I-95 North and South prior to Exit 7

*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 ==> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/5/2013	Study	41335

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the South County Tourism Council to install brown cultural interest signs for the Weekapaug Inn located at 25 Spray Rock 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, January 08, 2014 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:26AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. John DiTomasso  
Chairperson

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson