



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014

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 10:10 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

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

Creation Date
12/17/2013

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41342

Request from Representative Corvese on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk on Mineral Spring Avenue adjacent to Shore's Fresh Food Market located at 1590 Mineral Spring Avenue.

Comment: Pedestrians to be re-counted in Summer 2014 per discussion at monthly meeting on February 12, 2014.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
****Mr. Bernie Frezza**

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

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

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

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

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

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>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Continued	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>>> IVES RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/18/2013	Continued	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

Old Business



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COVENTRY ==> MAIN ST. (WASHINGTON) R.I. 33 / R.I.117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/15/2014	Continued	41351

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen to perform a study at the signalized intersection with South Main Street to determine the most efficient lane configuration and signal phasing to minimize backups at this location.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

EXETER ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/31/2013	Continued	41348

Request from RIDOT to determine if a traffic signal is appropriate at the northern intersection with Victory Highway (Route 102).

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	Tabled	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	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2014	Continued	41356

Request from the Richmond Police Department to determine if the current passing zones between Kenyon Hill Trail and Hillsdale Road are appropriate.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==> WEST SHORE RD. R.I. 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/6/2014	Approved	41358

Request from RIDOT to determine if a No Right Turn on Red sign is appropriate on West Shore Road (Route 117) westbound at the signalized intersection with Main Avenue (Route 113) / White Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/5/2013	Denied	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: Does not have historic tours or programming that are open to the public.

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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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/30/2014	Approved	41357

Request from RIDOT to rescind all previous bridge postings and approve all bridge postings provided in the attached list "All Posted Bridges by City/Town" dated 1/6/2014.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

New Business

FOSTER ==> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14 / R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2014	Study	41365

Request from RIDOT to determine if the existing posted speed limit of 35 mph from the Scituate Town Line to Foster Center Road is appropriate. Also review the sight distance on Plainfield Pike in the vicinity of 4 Plainfield Pike to determine if any improvements are necessary.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JAMESTOWN ==> SOUTHWEST AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2014	Study	41364

Request from the Jamestown Town Council to perform a safety study at the intersection of Southwest Avenue and Hamilton Avenue and suggest appropriate signing and/or striping improvements.

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>
3/4/2014	Approved	41362

Request from RIDOT to add a yield sign for traffic entering the Branch Avenue on-ramp to I-95 South from the right side. This on-ramp has a merge point at the top of the ramp prior to entering the highway with no right-of-way assigned.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> SOUTH MAIN ST. / NORTH MAIN ST. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2014	Approved	41360

Request from City of Providence to approve the following crosswalks on South Main Street between James Street and College Street to either remain in place or be removed:

Existing to remain:

- South side of James Street
- South side of Williams Street
- South side of Power Street
- South side of Planet Street
- at 86 South Main Street
- at 250 South Main Street

Existing to be removed:

- at 230 South Main Street

Comments: Providence City Engineer supports these crosswalks as listed.

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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PROVIDENCE ==> SOUTH MAIN ST. / NORTH MAIN ST. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/4/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41361
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Request from City of Providence to approve the following crosswalks on North Main Street between College Street and Church Street for either new installation or to remain in place:

New installation:
-North side of Meeting Street

Existing to remain:
-at 20 North Main Street

Comments: Providence City Engineer supports these crosswalks as listed.

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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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/4/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41359
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Request from the South Kingstown Transportation and Traffic Review Committee (TTRC) to study the existing crosswalk on Main Street (RI 1A) located just south of Blanchard Place to determine if the crosswalk should remain or be removed to provide additional parking spaces on Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2014	Approved	41363

Request from RIDOT on behalf of Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) for the installation of a traffic signal on Airport Road at the proposed driveway for the relocated Winslow Park.

Comments: Subject to a traffic study addressing all safety concerns being submitted to, and approved by, RIDOT. Also requires RIAC to obtain a Physical Alteration Permit from RIDOT.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

STATEWIDE ==>> STC GENERAL BUSINESS

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/7/2014	Approved	41366

Request from RIDOT to approve the State Traffic Commission Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report. See attachment for a copy of the report.

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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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, April 09, 2014 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson