



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014

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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

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

*Creation Date*

*Disposition*

*Item Number*

**3/6/2014**

**Continued**

**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.y

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*

*Motion 2nd*

*Voting Results*

**Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE**

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

**Unanimous**

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### JAMESTOWN ==> SOUTHWEST AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2014	Continued	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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### NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AVE. R.I. 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/17/2013	Continued	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:*

<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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### 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. Robert Rocchio, PE	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2014	Continued	41359

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>	<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

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### 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

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### Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/15/2014	Action Taken	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:* Approved to provide a left turn lane only through lane, and right turn lane only on the eastbound approach and approved to provide a left turn lane only, and a shared through/right lane on the westbound approach. Also approved addition of a protected permissive left turn phase eastbound.

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

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

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

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

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Denied traffic signal and approved to install yield ahead signs.

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

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### PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/27/2013	Approved	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:* City to submit a Physical Alteration Permit so RIDOT can approve the design.

*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	Approved	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:* Approved a traffic signal at both ramps and approved to consider cutting back median island on Branch Avenue westbound at I-95 south on-ramp.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	**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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2014	Action Taken	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:* Existing passing zones: Eastbound passing only from 680' east of Kenyon Hill Trail to 395' west of Hillsdale Road. Westbound passing only from 395' west of Hillsdale Road to 70' west of Hillsdale Road. Approved passing 2-way from 680' east of Kenyon Hill Trail to 595' west of Hillsdale Road.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	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	Action Taken	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:* A sign is already in place to prohibit this movement. Approved to install a raised island to reinforce the intent to prohibit turning left from the CVS driveway onto Main Street and straight onto Cherry Lane.

*Motion Made*  
Chief Edward Mello

*Motion 2nd*  
\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### New Business

### COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/22/2014	Study	41378

Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on Victory Highway from the West Greenwich Town Line to the Foster Town Line to determine if the existing speed limits are appropriate.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

*Motion 2nd*  
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### CRANSTON ==> HUNTINGTON EXPRESSWAY R.I. 10

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/2/2014	Approved	41385

Request from RIDOT to install warning signs with an advisory speed of 20 mph at the Route 10 North off-ramp to Reservoir Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
Chief Edward Mello

*Motion 2nd*  
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD. R.I. 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/3/2014	Study	41373

Request from the Cumberland Police Department to investigate parking in the vicinity of St. Joseph Church located at 1303 Mendon Road and suggest appropriate restrictions.

*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 ==> SOUTH COUNTY TR. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/18/2014	Approved	41368

Request from RIDOT to install a yield sign for traffic entering from the Route 2 North on-ramp to Route 4 South from the left side. This on-ramp has a merge point at the top of the ramp for traffic entering from Route 2 North and South 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>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### EAST PROVIDENCE ==> HIGHLAND AVE. U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/18/2014	Action Taken	41376

Request from the City of East Providence to review the signalized intersection with Warren Ave/Skycrest Avenue to determine if split phasing can be implemented for the side street approaches. Skycrest Avenue will now get a green light separately from Warren Avenue rather than together.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved to change the signalized intersection of Warren Avenue/Skycrest Avenue to split phasing.

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

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### FOSTER ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/22/2014	Study	41379

Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on Victory Highway from the Coventry Town Line to Plainfield Pike (Route 14) to determine if the existing 40 mph speed limit is appropriate.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### GLOCESTER ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/22/2014	Study	41380

Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit on Victory Highway from Money Hill Road (Route 100) to the Burrillville Town Line.

*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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### JAMESTOWN ==> NARRAGANSETT AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/2/2014	Study	41372

Request from the Jamestown Town Council to prohibit parking on the north side of Narragansett Avenue from Ocean Avenue westward to the West Ferry Pier. Parking will be allowed on the south side of the roadway within the same limits.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/18/2014	Denied	41367

Request from Representative Ucci to study the feasibility of making the right lane an exclusive right turn lane on Atwood Avenue north at the intersection with Central Avenue.

*Comments:* Right turns onto Central Avenue are only heavy for 1 hour in the morning. Through volumes are too high to take away a through lane.

*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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### LINCOLN ==> EDDIE DOWLING HWY. R.I. 146

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/24/2014	Approved	41382

Request from RIDOT to install a no right turn sign on Route 146 North at the intersection with Old Great Road. There is already a raised island to physically prohibit this movement however the installation of a sign will reinforce this restriction.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

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### LITTLE COMPTON ==> MAIN ST. R.I. 179

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/1/2014	Study	41384

Request from the Little Compton Police Department for a crosswalk to be installed on Main Street at or near the intersection with Old Harbor 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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## NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> EDDIE DOWLING HWY. R.I. 146

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>4/24/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41381</b>
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Request from RIDOT for the following items to be implemented as part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project for Near Term Improvements on Route 146:

1. Remove the existing stop sign at the turnaround from Route 146 North to Route 146 South. There is an adequate acceleration lane for this movement.
2. Install a yield sign at the turnaround from Route 146 South to Route 146 North. There is currently no control for this movement and there is not enough space available to provide an adequate acceleration lane.
3. Install warning signs with 15 mph advisory speeds for both turnarounds on Route 146, and the exit to Sayles Hill Road from Route 146 South.

*Comments:* Approved to remove the existing stop sign at the turnaround from Route 146 North to Route 146 South; there is an adequate acceleration lane for this movement. Approved to install a yield sign at the turnaround from Route 146 South to Route 146 North; there is currently no control for this movement and there is not enough space available to provide an adequate acceleration lane and also approved to install warning signs with 15 MPH advisory speeds for both turnarounds on Route 146, and the exit to Sayles Hill Road from Route 146 South.

*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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## PROVIDENCE ==> NARRAGANSETT AVE. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>4/1/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Denied</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41370</b>
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Request from the City of Providence to install a crosswalk on Narragansett Blvd at the intersection with Massachusetts Avenue.

*Comments:* Pedestrian volumes crossing Narragansett Boulevard at this location were too low to warrant a marked crosswalk.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### RICHMOND ==> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/24/2014	Study	41383

Request from RIDOT to study the intersection with Richmond Townhouse Road (Route 112) to determine if any geometric improvements are appropriate.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	*Ms. Rosemary Booth	Unanimous

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### SCITUATE ==> ROCKLAND RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/14/2014	Study	41375

Request from RIDOT to perform a road safety audit on Rockland Road from Trimtown Road to Danielson Pike.

*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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### SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> TOWER HILL RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/10/2014	Study	41374

Request from Senator Sosnowski on behalf of the Legend Rock Homeowner's Association for a right turn lane on Tower Hill Road (US 1) South at the intersection with Legend Rock 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 GREENWICH ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102**

*Creation Date*  
**4/22/2014**

*Disposition*  
**Study**

*Item Number*  
**41377**

Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on Victory Highway from the Coventry Town Line to I-95 to determine if the existing 40 mph speed limit is appropriate.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Trooper Amanda Brezniak**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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**WEST WARWICK ==> QUAKER LN. R.I. 2**

*Creation Date*  
**3/20/2014**

*Disposition*  
**Approved**

*Item Number*  
**41369**

Request from West Warwick Police Department to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing signalized intersection with Cowesett Avenue (Route 3).

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Trooper Amanda Brezniak**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE  
Secretary

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

Mr. John DiTomasso  
Chairperson

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson