



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 08, 2014

In attendance were:

**Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chief Edward Mello

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Lt. Ann Assumpico

**Mr. Bernie Frezza 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 KINGSTOWN ==>> DEVIL'S FOOT RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/29/2014	Continued	41412

Request from Chief Mulligan to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on Devils Foot Road from Post Rd to Davisville Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==>> GREAT RD. R.I. 146A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/29/2014	Continued	41413

Request from Representative Newberry for a left turn lane on Route 146A North at the signalized intersection with School Street.

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>
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>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	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. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/24/2014	Continued	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>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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SCITUATE ==> HARTFORD PK. U.S. 6 / R.I. 101

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/19/2014	Continued	41411

Request from Representative Marcello to perform a speed study on Hartford Pike between Route 6 and Chopmist Hill Road (Route 102) and determine an appropriate speed limit.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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WARWICK ==> AIRPORT CONNECTOR

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/8/2014	Continued	41415

Request from the Warwick Police Department to study the speed limit on the Airport Connector Road from I-95 to Post Road to determine an appropriate speed limit. Currently there are 35 mph signs posted, however these do not coincide with STC records.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==> BALD HILL RD. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/1/2014	Continued	41403

Request from Representative Giarrusso to modify the signalized intersection at the off-ramp from Route 295 South to Bald Hill Road South (Exit 2) to allow access to Bald Hill Road Northbound and the Rhode Island Mall.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/8/2014	Continued	41414

Request from the Westerly Police Chief Edward St. Clair to prohibit parking on Watch Hill Road between Ninigret Avenue and the southern intersection with Avondale Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

Old Business



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BURRILLVILLE ==> DOUGLAS PK. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2014	Action Taken	41393

Request from RIDOT to determine if the current passing zones are appropriate on Route 7 from Brayton Road in Smithfield to Victory Highway in Burrillville.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved changes to the passing zones as shown in the attached list.

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/22/2014	No Action	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: Following discussions with local police, it was decided to leave speed limits as previously approved.

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/22/2014	No Action	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: Following discussion with local police, it was decided to leave speed limits as previously approved.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	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	No Action	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: After discussion with the police, it was decided to maintain the 40 MPH previously approved speed limit. The 35 MPH signs will be removed.

Action Taken:

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

JOHNSTON ==> PUTNAM PK. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/2/2014	Denied	41399

Request from Town Council President Robert Russo, Esq. for the installation of a crosswalk on Route 44 at the intersection with Pine Hill Ave.

Comments: Does not meet warrants for a marked crosswalk. Location does not have high volumes of pedestrians crossing.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Lt. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2014	Action Taken	41391

Request from RIDOT to determine if the current passing zones are appropriate on Route 7 from Brayton Road in Smithfield to Victory Highway in Burrillville.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved changes to the passing zones as shown in the attached list.

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



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SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/5/2014	Action Taken	41392

Request from RIDOT to determine if the current passing zones are appropriate on Route 7 from Brayton Road in Smithfield to Victory Highway in Burrillville.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved changes to the passing zones as shown in the attached list.

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

WEST GREENWICH ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/22/2014	No Action	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: Following discussions with local police, it was decided to leave speed limits as previously approved.

Action Taken:

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

New Business

BRISTOL ==> METACOM AVE. R.I. 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/24/2014	Approved	41417

Request from Representative Gallison to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing signalized intersections with Highview Drive and Annawamscutt Drive

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Lt. Ann Assumpico	Unanimous



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NEWPORT ==> ADMIRAL KALBFUS RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/6/2014	Study	41419

Request from RIDOT to perform a safety study at the signalized intersection with Hillside Avenue and suggest appropriate improvements to enhance pedestrian safety at this location.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/6/2014	Study	41420

Request from RI State Police to conduct a Parking/Standing study in the vicinity of the Matunuck Oyster Bar.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

TIVERTON ==> BULGARMARSH RD. R.I. 177

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/22/2014	Study	41416

Request from Chief Blakey of the Tiverton Police Department for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection with Fish Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/2/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41418
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Request from RIDOT to rescind all previous bridge postings and approve all bridge postings provided in the attached list "All Bridge Postings (By Town) as of September 30, 2014".

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Lt. Ann Assumpico	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

**Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson