



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Chief Edward Mello

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:12 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

JAMESTOWN ==> SOUTHWEST AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Continued	41423

Request from Police Chief Mello for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection with Spring Street/High Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JAMESTOWN ==> TASHTASSUC ROAD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Continued	41424

Request from Police Chief Mello to determine an appropriate speed limit for the entire stretch of roadway from the Route 138 off-ramp to the intersection with North Main Road/North Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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NEWPORT ==> MEMORIAL BLVD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/20/2014	Continued	41421

Request from Councilor Napolitano for a no right turn on red on the northbound, eastbound, and westbound approaches to the signalized intersection with Bellevue Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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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>
Mr. Robert Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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>
Mr. Robert Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Mr. Robert Smith, PE	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 Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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>
Mr. Robert Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

WARWICK ==>> NARRAGANSETT PWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/28/2014	Continued	41422

Request from Representative McNamara to determine appropriate traffic calming measures on the stretch of roadway from Spring Green Road to Post Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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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>
Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Mr. Robert Smith, PE	Unanimous

Old Business

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/6/2014	Continued	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>
Mr. Robert Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/22/2014	Action Taken	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: Approved to install a temporary signal, install a dedicated right turn lane and study the possibility of a roundabout at the intersection with Fish Road.

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

New Business



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CUMBERLAND ==> NATE WHIPPLE HWY. R.I. 120

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Study	41429

Request from Senator Pearson for the installation of a crosswalk on Nate Whipple Highway in the vicinity of Paine Road and Holmes Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

EAST GREENWICH ==> DAVISVILLE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Study	41428

Request from RIDOT to determine if the currently posted speed limit of 25 mph is appropriate on Davisville Road from Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown to Frenchtown Road in East Greenwich. The current posted limit is 25 mph.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

EAST GREENWICH ==> FRENCHTOWN RD. R.I. 402

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Approved	41430

Request from RIDOT to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing signalized intersection with Davisville Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> DAVISVILLE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/25/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41427
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Request from RIDOT to determine if the currently posted speed limit of 25 mph is appropriate on Davisville Road from Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown to Frenchtown Road in East Greenwich

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Smith, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Amanda Brezniak	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson