



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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In attendance were:

\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza

Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Mr. Robert Smith, PE

\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 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

#### **EAST GREENWICH ==> DAVISVILLE RD.**

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

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>
<b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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#### **NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> DAVISVILLE RD.**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>11/25/2014</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>41427</b>

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

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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 Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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 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

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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>
Mr. Robert Smith, PE	Trooper Amanda Brezniak	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

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### 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

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### 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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### Old Business

### 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

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### 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> <b>10/20/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41421</b>
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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:* Approved no right turn on red on all 3 approaches to the signalized intersection. Also approved to install yield/pedestrian signs for all 3 approaches.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> COMMODORE PERRY HWY. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>7/25/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Tabled</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41299</b>
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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:* This section of Route 1 is currently under study for the need for median guardrail as part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The turnarounds will also be studied as part of this effort. Any recommendations will be presented to the STC once the study is complete.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## WARWICK ==> AIRPORT CONNECTOR

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/8/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41415</b>
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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:* Eastbound: Approved 55 mph from I-95 to the Post Road exit, 35 mph from the Post Road exit to the end of the Departures Ramp, 15 mph from the end of the Departures Ramp onto the platform  
Westbound: Approved 55 mph from the Airport property near the Post Road overpass to I-95  
Also approved to install 25 mph exit advisory speed sign on the ramp from Airport Connector westbound to I-95 South, Freeway Ends signs in both directions prior to the end of the freeway, and a signal ahead warning sign prior to the end of the Arrivals Ramp in the eastbound direction.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/8/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41414</b>
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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:* Approved no parking on Watch Hill Road between Ninigret Avenue and the southern intersection with Avondale Road.

*Action Taken:*

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



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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>12/16/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41431</b>
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Request from Senator Kettle to determine if a crosswalk can be installed on Main Street in Coventry at address 1152 Main Street. The business located at this address has a parking lot across the street, and therefore patrons must cross Main Street to access the business.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Denied mid-block crosswalk at 1152 Main Street due to a safety concern with the proximity to the traffic signals at the intersections with Station Street and South Main Street. Approved to install crosswalks on the east, north, and south approaches to the signalized intersection with South Main Street, and on all approaches to the signalized intersection with Station Street, as well as the installation of pedestrian signal heads and pushbuttons at all of these crossings. The west approach to the South Main Street intersection already has a crosswalk with pedestrian heads and pushbuttons.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>1/6/2015</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Study</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41433</b>
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Request from Representative Chippendale to consider the installation of a flashing traffic signal at the intersection with Maple Valley Road/Waterman Hill Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### NEWPORT ==> ADMIRAL KALBFUS RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2015	Approved	41436

Request from RIDOT to clarify a decision included in the minutes from the November 12, 2014 meeting to restrict right turn on red movements at the intersection with Hillside Avenue (Item No. 41419). The right turn on red movements will only be prohibited from the westbound and southbound approaches to the intersection.

*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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### PAWTUCKET ==> ARMISTICE BLVD. R.I. 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/6/2015	Study	41434

Request from the City of Pawtucket to consider upgrading the existing Cross Alert system on Armistice Boulevard at the 10-Mile River Bike Path in Pawtucket to a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon or consider installing in-pavement lighting at the crosswalk.

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/6/2015	Study	41435

Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit on Plainfield Pike (RI 14) in Scituate from Route 102 to the Scituate/Johnston Town Line. The current posted speed limit does not appear to coincide with STC records on this portion of Plainfield Pike.

*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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## STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>1/6/2015</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41432</b>
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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" as of December 29, 2014.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Smith, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper Amanda Brezniak</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE  
Secretary

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

\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Chairperson

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson