



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, July 08, 2015

In attendance were:

**Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chief Edward Mello

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

**Mr. Bernie Frezza, Acting Chairperson declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:07 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

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

Creation Date
11/25/2014

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Trooper Amanda Brezniak

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 1/6/2015 | Continued | 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Trooper Amanda Brezniak | Unanimous |

PORTSMOUTH ==> WEST MAIN RD. R.I. 114

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Trooper Amanda Brezniak | Unanimous |

PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, 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> |
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| 1/6/2015 | Continued | 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Trooper Amanda Brezniak | Unanimous |

WARWICK ==> NARRAGANSETT PWY.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 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> |
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| Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | Trooper Amanda Brezniak | Unanimous |

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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 5/28/2015 | Continued | 41467 |

Request from Police Chief Edward St. Clair to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on the stretch of road between Winnapaug Road and Post Road (US Route 1).

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

Old Business



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CUMBERLAND ==>> BROAD ST.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Continued | <i>Item Number</i> 41446 |
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Request from the Town of Cumberland to study the existing crosswalk locations on the stretch of road from the Bernard F. Norton School located at 364 Broad Street to the Town Hall located at 45 Broad Street to improve crosswalk and pedestrian visibility. Consideration should be given to consolidating the existing crossings and to provide a separate crossing for the new Blackstone Valley Preparatory School located at 52 Broad Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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EAST GREENWICH ==>> DAVISVILLE RD.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 11/25/2014 | <i>Disposition</i> Action Taken | <i>Item Number</i> 41428 |
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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. The current posted limit is 25 mph.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to temporarily raise the speed limit to 30 MPH the entire length of Davisville Road to Devil's Foot Road from North Kingstown to East Greenwich. A new item will be placed on the Agenda to temporarily approve lowering the 35 MPH speed limit on Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown so that it is consistent with the above changes on Davisville Road. Both roads, Devil's Foot Road and Davisville Road will be restudied 12 months after the signing changes so the speed limit can be reevaluated.

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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LINCOLN ==>> OLD RIVER RD. R.I. 126

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 6/4/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Action Taken | <i>Item Number</i> 41469 |
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Request from Representative Ackerman to determine appropriate parking restrictions on Old River Road (RI 126) in Lincoln from School Street/Albion Road to George Washington Highway (RI 116).

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved no parking on west side from School Street to Route 116. Approved no parking on east side from School Street to address #161 and from 30 feet north of the Lincoln High School driveway to Route 116. Parking will be allowed on the east side between address #161 and 30 feet north of the highway school driveway (adjacent to the ball fields).

Motion Made
Chief Edward Mello

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==>> DAVISVILLE RD.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 11/25/2014 | <i>Disposition</i> Action Taken | <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: Approved to temporarily raise the speed limit to 30 MPH the entire length of Davisville Road to Devil's Foot Road from North Kingstown to East Greenwich. A new item will be placed on the Agenda to temporarily approve lowering the 35 MPH speed limit on Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown so that it is consistent with the above changes on Davisville Road. Both roads, Devil's Foot Road and Davisville Road will be restudied 12 months after the signing changes so the speed limit can be reevaluated.

Motion Made
Chief Edward Mello

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 10/6/2014 | <i>Disposition</i> Action Taken | <i>Item Number</i> 41420 |
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Request from RI State Police to conduct a Parking/Standing study in the vicinity of the Matunuck Oyster Bar.

Comments:

Action Taken: With the guardrail being pushed back and vegetation cleared out, approved to allow standing cars in front of the guardrail, but no parking will be allowed. No parking or standing will be allowed beyond address #595 heading North. Also, recommend and give permission to the Matunuck Oyster Bar to line up cones on the shoulder line to keep standing vehicles in line within the new shoulder area until motorists adjust to the new layout/traffic pattern.

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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WOONSOCKET ==> MENDON RD R.I. 122

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 3/24/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Denied | <i>Item Number</i> 41445 |
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Request from Representative Phillips for the installation of a left turn phase on the southbound approach to the signalized intersection with Elder Ballou Meeting House Road.

Comments: Left turn phase does not meet warrants. Right turning volume on Mendon Road northbound is much greater than southbound left turners.

Action Taken:

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



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COVENTRY ==> TIOGUE AVE. R.I. 3

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 6/22/2015 | No Action | 41470 |

Request from Police Chief Volpe to study parking on the east side of Tiogue Avenue between Colorado Street and Alaska Street in Coventry.

Comments: State law prohibits parking 20 feet from corner of an intersection. Approved no parking signs be installed 20 feet on both sides of Colorado Street and 20 feet on the west side of Alaska Street.

Action Taken:

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

JOHNSTON ==> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 7/2/2015 | Study | 41478 |

Request from Police Chief Tamburini to study parking on Plainfield Pike between Rachela Street and Angelico Street in Johnston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

| <i>Motion Made</i> | <i>Motion 2nd</i> | <i>Voting Results</i> |
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| Chief Edward Mello | Trooper Amanda Brezniak | Unanimous |

LINCOLN ==> BREAKNECK HILL RD. R.I. 123

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 6/22/2015 | Tabled | 41475 |

Request from RIDOT to install a traffic signal on Breakneck Hill Road at the Route 146 southbound on/off-ramp.

Comments: Look into if both signals are needed or if only 1 is needed.

Action Taken:

| <i>Motion Made</i> | <i>Motion 2nd</i> | <i>Voting Results</i> |
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LINCOLN ==>> BREAKNECK HILL RD. R.I. 123

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 6/22/2015 | Tabled | 41474 |

Request from RIDOT to install a traffic signal on Breakneck Hill Road at the Route 146 northbound on/off-ramp.

Comments: Look into if both signals are needed or if only 1 is needed.

Action Taken:

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

WESTERLY ==>> WINNAPAUG RD.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 6/22/2015 | Continued | 41473 |

Request from RIDOT to study the speed limit on Winnapaug Road from Watch Hill Road to Shore Road. As part of the resolution for the reduction in speed limit approved under STC Item No. 41307, this portion of Winnapaug Road was to be re-studied in one year to determine if the temporary reduction to a 35 mph speed limit has reduced vehicle speeds.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

STATEWIDE

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 7/1/2015 | | 41477 |

As an Order of Business for the State Traffic Commission, an election must be held to name a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the State Traffic Commission due to the retirement of the past Chairperson.

Comments: Approved to elect Bernie Frezza as Chairperson and Chief Edward Mello as Vice Chairperson for the State Traffic Commission.

Action Taken:

| <i>Motion Made</i> | <i>Motion 2nd</i> | <i>Voting Results</i> |
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| <i>Creation Date</i> 7/1/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Approved | <i>Item Number</i> 41476 |
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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 Municipality" as of June 29, 2015.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

**Mr. Bernie Frezza, Acting Chairperson
Chairperson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting Vice Chairperson
Vice Chairperson