



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015

In attendance were:

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chief Edward Mello

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Trooper Jonathan Ellioitt
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Bernie Frezza declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 ==>> BROAD ST.

Creation Date
3/30/2015

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41446

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:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Approved	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: Approved a crosswalk on Nate Whipple Highway at Joshua Drive. Also approved to extend the sidewalk to the intersection and install advanced pedestrian crossing ahead pavement markings.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/2/2015	Continued	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>
Chief Edward Mello	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/6/2015	No Action	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: The City of Pawtucket is responsible to fix and maintain the broken existing cross alert system. A C&M Agreement is in place between RIDOT and the City of Pawtucket which states the City is responsible for maintaining the cross alert system. A pedestrian hybrid beacon does not meet warrants based on volumes on Armistice Boulevard. In-pavement lighting is not recommended due to the Bike Path not being open during nighttime hours. There are existing advanced pavement markings, signs and in-road pedestrian signs at the crosswalk, and crash history does not indicate a crash concern.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Ms. Marcy Coleman	Unanimous



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WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
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: Follow-up with police to determine number of tickets issued.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

New Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/5/2015	Study	41486

Request from RIDOT to modify the existing one-way entrance to the Rhode Island Veteran's Home to allow traffic to exit onto Metacom Avenue. These improvements will be constructed through a Physical Alteration Permit (PAP #150526).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Trooper Jonathan Ellioitt	Unanimous

CHARLESTOWN ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/28/2015	Study	41480

Request from Senator Algieri to modify the pedestrian phasing at the intersection of Post Road (US Route 1) at East Beach Road in Charlestown from concurrent to exclusive phasing.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	Trooper Jonathan Ellioitt	Unanimous



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> BROWN ST. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/4/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41483
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Request from the Town Manager for approval to install in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the marked crosswalks located on Brown Street at:

- oThe one-way entrance to the Municipal Parking Lot
- oThe one-way exit from the Municipal Parking Lot
- oThe intersection with Phillips Street/Boston Neck Road
- oThe intersection with Main Street/West Main Street

Comments: The Town of North Kingstown will be responsible to purchase and maintain the signs and indemnify and hold harmless the State of Rhode Island.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> PHILLIPS ST. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/4/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41484
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Request from the Town Manager for approval to install in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the marked crosswalk located on Phillips Street at the old Wickford Elementary School located at address 99 Phillips Street.

Comments: The Town of North Kingstown will be responsible to purchase and maintain the signs and indemnify and hold harmless the State of Rhode Island.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> TOWER HILL RD. U.S. 1 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/4/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41485
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Request from the Town Manager for approval to install in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the marked crosswalk located on Tower Hill Road at Dave's Marketplace located at 125 Tower Hill Road.

Comments: The Town of North Kingstown will be responsible to purchase and maintain the signs and indemnify and hold harmless the State of Rhode Island.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> WEST MAIN ST. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/4/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41482
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Request from the Town Manager for approval to install in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the marked crosswalks located on Brown Street at:

- oThe one-way entrance to the Municipal Parking Lot
- oThe one-way exit from the Municipal Parking Lot
- oThe intersection with Phillips Street/Boston Neck Road
- oThe intersection with Main Street/West Main Street

Comments: The Town of North Kingstown will be responsible to purchase and maintain the signs and indemnify and hold harmless the State of Rhode Island.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==> FARNUM PK. R.I. 5 / R.I. 104

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/4/2015	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 41481
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Request from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) to install "Quiet Zone" signs on Farnum Pike in Smithfield in the vicinity of address 28 Farnum Pike.

Comments: The Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission have rescinded their request.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==> R.I. 37

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/28/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41479
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Request from RIDOT to remove the existing yield control at the end of the Route 37 eastbound ramp onto Post Road (US 1) north. An acceleration lane is proposed at this location as part of a RIDOT Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP), and therefore the yield control will no longer be needed.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Chief Edward Mello	<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, September 09, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chairperson

Chief Edward Mello
Vice Chairperson