



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 09, 2015

In attendance were:

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Trooper Jonathan Elliott

Mr. Walter Craddock

Mr. Bernie Frezza declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:08 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

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>
Trooper Johnathan Elliott	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>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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	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>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/5/2015	Continued	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>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/28/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41480
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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: Denied request for an exclusive pedestrian phasing due to the delays of the signal and amount of crashes. Approved turning vehicles must yield to pedestrian signs at East Beach Road and Old Post Road approaches to the signal.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Trooper Jonathan Elliott	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CUMBERLAND ==>> BROAD ST.

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/30/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<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: Approved to remove the southern crosswalk at the Town Hall, and eliminate one single parking space north of the northern crosswalk. Also approved to remove the northern crosswalk at Norton School, which will add parking spaces along the west side of the road. Approved to put up signage for no parking 30 feet from crosswalk.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper Jonathan Elliott	<i>Voting Results</i> 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	Action Taken	41478

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

Comments:

Action Taken: Denied restricting parking on Plainfield Pike between Rachela Street and Angelico Street, as there is a sufficient shoulder lane. Will install dashed shoulder line markings at Angelico Street and approved to restrict parking 20 feet from Angelico Street in accordance with State Law.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Walter Craddock	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/28/2015	Denied	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: Speed study is consistent with a 40 MPH limit.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/22/2015	Action Taken	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: Will maintain the temporary speed limit of 35 MPH for 2 more years then will be re-studied with the 3 years of information gathered.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Unanimous



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New Business

HOPKINTON ==> MECHANIC ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/1/2015	Study	41496

Request from Representative Kennedy to determine if an all way stop condition is warranted on Mechanic Street at the intersection with Highview Avenue in Hopkinton. The current configuration provides a stop control on Mechanic Street northbound and Highview Avenue. Mechanic Street southbound is uncontrolled.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Study	41495

Request from Representative Ucci for the installation of a midblock crosswalk on Plainfield Pike (RI 14) at Nardolillo Street in Johnston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Unanimous

LINCOLN ==> OLD LOUISQUISSETT PK. R.I. 246

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Approved	41492

Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of a new guide sign for the Twin River Casino on Louisquisset Pike southbound approaching Twin River Road. This sign is being proposed under a RIDOT Physical Alteration Permit (PAPA #150727-A).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous



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LINCOLN ==> TWIN RIVER RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Approved	41493

Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of a new guide sign for the Twin River Casino on Twin River Road westbound approaching Louisquisset Pike. This sign is being proposed under a RIDOT Physical Alteration Permit (PAPA #150727-A).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

NARRAGANSETT ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Approved	41488

Request from RIDOT to approve the two existing crosswalks on Boston Neck Road (RI 1A) at the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

NARRAGANSETT ==> GREAT ISLAND RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Approved	41490

Request from RIDOT to install a crosswalk across Great Island Road on the north side of the intersection with Galilee Escape Road. This is included in a RIDOT bridge project (RIC 2014-CB-037) which is currently under construction.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Mr. Walter Craddock	Unanimous



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==>> DEVIL'S FOOT RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Approved	41489

Request from RIDOT to temporarily reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on Devil's Foot Road between Post Road and Davisville Road. This temporary speed limit is the result of the STC's recent approval of a temporary 30 mph speed limit on Davisville Road from Frenchtown Road to Devil's Foot Road for a 1 year period (STC Items 41427 & 41428).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==>> SMITHFIELD RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/31/2015	Study	41487

Request from the North Providence Town Council to install a crosswalk on Smithfield Road in the vicinity of the Stephen Olney Park.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Trooper Jonathan Elliott	Unanimous



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PROVIDENCE ==>> ORMS ST. - SIGNALS ONLY

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/31/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41491
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Request from RIDOT to modify the existing traffic signal and pedestrian phasing at the intersection of Orms Street at Park Street and Orms Street at the I-95 Off-Ramp/State Street to reduce backups experienced on the I-95 northbound (Exit 23) off-ramp and on Park Street. The proposed phasing will split the I-95 off ramp and Park Street, and will provide an exclusive pedestrian phase across Orms Street. These changes are proposed as part of a RIDOT Signal Optimization Contract.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Walter Craddock	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/31/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41494
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Request from RIDOT to approve the existing signs for Twin River Casino as indicated on the attached list. Although these signs are existing, STC records do not indicate they were previously approved. These sign panels will be modified as part of rebranding for the Twin River Casino, and will be completed through a RIDOT Physical Alteration Permit (PAPA #150529-A).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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<i>Creation Date</i> 9/3/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41497
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Request from RIDOT to approve revised minutes from the June 10, 2015 meeting due to a typo under Items 41459, 41460, and 41461 (Scituate, Route 116).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Walter Craddock	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chairperson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting
Vice Chairperson