



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015

In attendance were:

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Edward Mello

Trooper William Corson

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Bernie Frezza declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

HOPKINTON ==> MECHANIC ST.

Creation Date

9/1/2015

Disposition

Continued

Item Number

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:

Motion Made

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd

Trooper William Corson

Voting Results

Unanimous



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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 8/31/2015 | Continued | 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> |
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| Ms. Marcy Coleman | Trooper William Corson | Unanimous |

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

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 9/14/2015 | Continued | 41498 |

Request from the North Providence Town Council to determine if signing and/or striping improvements or the installation of a traffic signal are appropriate on Smith Street at the intersection with Gainer Street, Whipple Avenue, and Atlantic Boulevard.

Comments:

Action Taken:

| <i>Motion Made</i> | <i>Motion 2nd</i> | <i>Voting Results</i> |
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| Ms. Marcy Coleman | Trooper William Corson | 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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| Ms. Marcy Coleman | Trooper William Corson | Unanimous |



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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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| Ms. Marcy Coleman | Trooper William Corson | Unanimous |

Old Business

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 9/22/2015 | Action Taken | 41501 |

Request from Representative Hearn to study the feasibility of providing geometric modifications on Middle Highway at the intersection with Old County Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to T-up the intersection on Middle Highway at Old County Road and approved to remove the island and install temporary signing/stripping to clarify which approach has the right-of-way with the current configuration.

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

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITHFIELD RD.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 8/31/2015 | Continued | 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> |
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| Ms. Marcy Coleman | Trooper William Corson | Unanimous |



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

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 8/27/2013 | <i>Disposition</i> Tabled | <i>Item Number</i> 41309 |
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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:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 10/5/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Denied | <i>Item Number</i> 41502 |
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Request from the DMV to determine if a No Right on Red restriction is appropriate on Roger Williams Avenue at the signalized intersection with Elmwood Avenue.

Comments: There are no crashes involving vehicles turning right on red and sight distance is good.

Action Taken:

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

CRANSTON ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 11/9/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Approved | <i>Item Number</i> 41507 |
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Request from Councilman Stycos for the installation of pedestrian accommodations at the traffic signal located on Elmwood Avenue at the intersection with the Ocean State Job Lot Plaza/AMF Cranston Lanes in Cranston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Trooper William Corson | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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LINCOLN ==> NEW RIVER RD.

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 11/9/2015 | Approved | 41508 |

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing crosswalk on New River Road at the connection to the Blackstone Valley Bike Path in Lincoln.

Comments: Available sight distance is good and this crosswalk is a major connection to a spur of the bike path.

Action Taken:

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

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 7/30/2012 | Approved | 41192 |

Request from Town of North Kingstown to study the feasibility of installing a road diet on Post Road between Maxwell Drive and West Main Street (Route 1A).

Comments: Approved to install a temporary road diet on a trial basis.

Action Taken:

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

NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102 / R.I. 146A

| <i>Creation Date</i> | <i>Disposition</i> | <i>Item Number</i> |
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| 11/9/2015 | Study | 41509 |

Request from the Town of North Smithfield to study the feasibility of replacing the existing traffic signal with a roundabout at the intersection of Victory Highway (RI 102) and North Main Street (RI 5) in North Smithfield.

Comments:

Action Taken:

| <i>Motion Made</i> | <i>Motion 2nd</i> | <i>Voting Results</i> |
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| Ms. Marcy Coleman | Trooper William Corson | Unanimous |



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

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Study | <i>Item Number</i> 41505 |
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Request from Councilman Hassett to determine the feasibility of installing a left turn phase on Smith Street westbound at the intersection with Pleasant Valley Parkway/Oakland Avenue in Providence.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Study | <i>Item Number</i> 41504 |
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Request from Councilman Hassett to study the existing midblock crosswalk locations on Smith Street between Whitford Avenue/Wyndham Avenue and the I-95 overpass in Providence. Consideration should be given to consolidating the existing crossings as well as installation of new crosswalks at the following locations:

- o Smith Street at Ruggles Avenue
- o Address 539 Smith Street
- o Address 381 Smith Street

Comments:

Action Taken:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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WEST GREENWICH ==> DIVISION RD.

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 11/9/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Study | <i>Item Number</i> 41510 |
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Request from Representative Giarrusso to study the intersection of Division Road at New London Turnpike to determine if any geometric or signing/stripping improvements can be made.

Comments:
Action Taken:

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman | <i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson | <i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous |
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WESTERLY ==> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

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| <i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015 | <i>Disposition</i> Action Taken | <i>Item Number</i> 41506 |
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Request from Senator Algieri to study the on-ramp from Shore Road (RI 1A) onto Post Road (US 1) northbound in Westerly to determine if any improvements are feasible at the existing yield condition.

Comments:
Action Taken: Approved to install merge sign on Post Road and replace existing yield signs with larger ones.

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| <i>Motion Made</i> Trooper William Corson | <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, December 09, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:59am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chairperson

Chief Edward Mello
Vice Chairperson