



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016

In attendance were:

Chief Edward Mello

Trooper William Corson

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Chief Edward Mello, 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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Trooper William Corson	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/5/2016	Continued	41513

Request from Representative O'Grady for the installation of a crosswalk on Breakneck Hill Road (RI 123) at address #41 Breakneck Hill Road in Lincoln.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITHFIELD RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/31/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41487
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102 / R.I. 146A

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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:

<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

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/29/2013	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41301
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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> 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

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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:

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

Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Trooper William Corson	Unanimous



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WEST GREENWICH ==> DIVISION RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/9/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<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: Chief Mello agreed with signing and striping improvements in the interim, but suggested that T-ing up the intersection may be a worthwhile long term improvement and could help increase sight distance.

Action Taken: Approved to T-Up intersection, adjust stop bar, increase signage, improve striping and investigate the possibility of tree trimming so that sight distance is better.

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

CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD. R.I. 122

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/27/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41517
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Request from Representative McLaughlin to study pedestrian safety on Mendon Road in Cumberland in the vicinity of address #1 Mendon Road .

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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EXETER ==> TEN ROD RD. R.I. 102 / R.I. 165

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/29/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41520
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Request from Representative Roberts and Representative Price to study traffic calming on Ten Rod Road (Rt. 165) in Exeter between Noosneck Hill Road (Rt. 3) and the State Line.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6 / U.S. 6A

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/27/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41518
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of the Tri -Town Community Action Agency to consider the installation of a traffic signal, pedestrian hybrid beacon, or a flashing traffic control device at the crosswalk located in front of address 1126 Hartford Avenue (RI 6A) in Johnston.

Comments: Joseph Desantis, CEO of Tri Town spoke in favor of the ped light. He bought the building 15 years ago and expanded to buy the land across the street for parking. 50-60 employees, has a lot of elderly clients, a head start program with women and children. Wants to see traffic slow down. He mentioned that the employees generally park across the street. Jim Carleton mentioned that there are actually 117 employees and half park across the street. He estimated 31,000 crossings per year. He mentioned that lighting is needed and there is a bus stop in front of the building.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/27/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41519
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Request from Representative Diaz to consider the installation of a traffic signal, pedestrian hybrid beacon, or a flashing traffic control device at the crosswalk located in front of 786 Elmwood Avenue in Providence.

Comments: Rep. Diaz spoke in favor of the ped signal noting it is difficult to cross Elmwood Avenue especially during Church services on Sunday mornings. Rep. Slater also spoke in favor of the ped signal noting it is a very popular Church. He also mentioned that Elmwood Avenue experiences drag racing occasionally and that a light would slow down traffic. Reverend Guerra also spoke in favor of the ped signal noting that services are 5:00pm-10:00pm Saturdays and 9:00am-2:00pm Sundays. He mentioned there was a ped fatality there 15 years ago. He doesn't feel the lighting in the area is sufficient. Reverend Noguerras also spoke in favor of the ped signal saying traffic flow is bad in front of the Church. The speeds are high since they just exited the highway.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==>> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY. R.I. 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/4/2016	Denied	41522

Request from the Smithfield Town Manager to determine if a traffic signal is warranted on George Washington Highway (RI 116) at Harris Road in Smithfield.

Comments: Request to study was denied. Traffic signal does not meet warrants. Vehicles exiting the Storks Nest Day Care facility can take a left out of the parking lot and go down Rocky Hill Road to get to the traffic signal on Route 116. A suggestion was made by Marcy Coleman to install a sign directing vehicles to use the signal on Rocky Hill Road at Route 116.

Action Taken:

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

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2016	Study	41521

Request from Police Chief Vespia to determine if a three way stop is appropriate on Main Street (RI 1A) at Kenyon Avenue in South Kingstown.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==>> BALD HILL RD. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/8/2016	Study	41523

Request from RIDOT as part of a Physical Alteration Permit to study the feasibility of installing a traffic signal on Bald Hill Road (RI 2) in Warwick at the driveway located at 1775 Bald Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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WOONSOCKET ==> MENDON RD R.I. 122

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/8/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41524
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Request from Senator Picard for the installation of in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk located on Mendon Road adjacent to the Leo A. Savoie Elementary School in Woonsocket.

Comments: Approved to allow the City to install in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk located on Mendon Road adjacent to the Leo A. Savoie Elementary School. The speed limit is posted at 30 MPH and there is a 20 MPH school zone speed limit.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, March 09, 2016 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:57am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____
Chief Edward Mello, Acting Chairperson
Chairperson

Chief Edward Mello
Vice Chairperson