



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 09, 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 10:05 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

EXETER ==> TEN ROD RD. R.I. 102 / R.I. 165

Creation Date
1/29/2016

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41520

Request from Representative Roberts and Representative Price to study traffic calming on Ten Rod Road (Rt. 165) in Exeter between Nooseneck Hill Road (Rt. 3) and the State Line.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Trooper William Corson

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous



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JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6 / U.S. 6A

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/27/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/31/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41495
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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> Trooper William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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LINCOLN ==> BREAKNECK HILL RD. R.I. 123

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/5/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41513
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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> Trooper William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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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>
Trooper William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITHFIELD RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
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>
Trooper William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/9/2015	Continued	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>
Trooper William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/27/2016	Continued	41519

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:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/27/2015	Continued	41504

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>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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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 William Corson	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 William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/27/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<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: Approved short term improvements include: • Remove the existing center turn lane immediately north of the signalized crosswalk by installing hatched pavement markings. Maintain the existing center/left turn lane immediately south of the crosswalk for now. • Restripe the 3 existing crosswalks (at 1 Mendon and at the intersection of Ann & Hope) to Continental Style. Install a new striped crosswalk across the entrance to the Stop and Shop Plaza (in between McDonalds and Citizens Bank), • Adjust placement of signal heads over the travel lanes at 1 Mendon Road and install signal backplates, • Install signal backplates at the intersection of Mendon Road at Ann & Hope Way, • Upgrade inconsistent pedestrian warning signage on Mendon Road so that signs match in both direction, • Install 'Stop Here on Red' signs at the existing stop lines at the 1 Mendon Road pedestrian sign • Replace green LED signal indications as needed, • Install "Bikes Use Pedestrian Signal" signs at the bike path crossin, • Install No Right Turn on Red Signs at the intersection with Ann & Hope Way on the Mendon Road NB approach and the EB approach leaving Stop & Shop. Please refer to Item No. 41534 for Long Term Improvements.

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Trooper William Corson

Voting Results
Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<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: Less than 100 vehicles turning left during peak hours. Also, addition of a left turn phase in this direction does not improve operation, therefore a left turn phase is not recommended.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Trooper William Corson

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/29/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41521
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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: Denied a 3-way stop; does not meet warrants. Speed limit is 25 MPH; 85th percentile is 27 MPH in both directions and the average speed limit is 24-25 MPH. Sight distance northbound is restricted and southbound has good sight distance. Approved to paint a dotted extension line across the intersection so that vehicles exiting Kenyon Avenue can obtain improved sight distance without impeding traffic on Main Street.

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==>> BALD HILL RD. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/8/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41523
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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: Robert Clinton of VHB presented the findings of the study that was performed by VHB. Mr. Clinton stated with the access of a traffic signal at this location it would eliminate some traffic on Route 117 because vehicles will be able to exit onto Route 2 south and use the exit ramp to Route 117 to bypass the signals to the west. Chief Mello asked if there was any consideration about moving signage to the corner of Ginsu Way and Route 2 and improving the existing access off of Ginsu Way, and to connect a road between Rite Aid and the Social Security Administration Building parking lot with Ethan Allen parking lot. Chief Mello also stated he wants VHB to look into other options that would not require a new traffic signal, such as connect an access road to all 3 properties and install a complex sign for the properties at Ginsu Way and have traffic exit on Ginsu Way at the traffic signal at Ginsu Way and Bald Hill Road.

Action Taken:

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



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JOHNSTON ==> ATWOOD AVE. R.I. 5

Creation Date
3/7/2016

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
41527

Request from Representative Ucci to modify the existing lane configuration on the southbound approach of Atwood Avenue at the intersection with Plainfield Street (RI 14) in Johnston. The current configuration provides a southbound right turn lane with a shared left/thru lane, and the proposed configuration would provide a left turn lane with a shared right/thru lane.

Comments: Approved to change configuration for left thru lane with shared right thru lane. Trooper Bill Corson suggested additional time be added to the left turn phase going southbound.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Trooper William Corson

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK.

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/18/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41525
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Request from the Scituate Police Department to determine if reducing the speed limit on Danielson Pike in the vicinity of the crosswalk located in front of the Trinity Episcopal Church is appropriate.

Comments: John Morgan of North Scituate spoke to express his concerns about the public safety of individuals crossing in the crosswalk in front of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Mr. Morgan also expressed that he would like to see the speed limit reduced to 30 MPH west of the dam to the RI State Police Headquarters. June Guglielmi-former Sr. Warden of the Trinity Episcopal Church also expressed concern for the public safety. She stated the curve near the Church restricts the view exiting out of the parking lot and she also stated that there is a parking lot across from the Church for which parishioners use and is very busy for Sunday services with people crossing. Mr. Morgan referenced the flashing signal on Atwells Avenue in Providence as something they would desire to increase safety. Mrs. Guglielmi also stated that Mr. Morgan usually puts cones up on Sundays to try to improve the conspicuity of the crosswalk. Chief Mello stated he wants to hear from the Scituate Traffic Safety Committee as to their recommendations with regards to the speed limit, additional advanced signage and pavement markings, and possibly a crosswalk warning sign with flashers.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WESTERLY ==> ASHAWAY RD. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/18/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41526
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Request from Senator Algieri to determine if a traffic signal and/or geometric improvements are appropriate on Nooseneck Hill Road/Ashaway Road (RI 3) at the southern intersection with Old Hopkinton Road in Westerly.

Comments: Steve Pristawa suggested maybe to T-Up the intersection to slow down vehicles. Vehicles traveling southbound are not slowing down when turning left onto Old Hopkinton Road due to the geometry.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<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, April 13, 2016 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: _____

Chief Edward Mello, Acting Chairperson
Chairperson

Chief Edward Mello
Vice Chairperson