



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016

In attendance were:

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Trooper William Corson

Mr. Bernie Frezza 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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2016	Continued	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:

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

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>
Trooper William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous



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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>
Trooper William Corson	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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



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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

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



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/28/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41422
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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> Trooper William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/27/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<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: Steve Pristawa stated that approximately 149 pedestrians cross in front of Tri-Town at 1126 Hartford Avenue (RI6A) in Johnston over the 12 hour study period. It was recommended and approved to install a Rapid Rectangular Flash Beacon (RRFB), with the stipulation that Tri-Town be responsible for the cost and the installation of the RRFB. A Hawk Signal is not warranted at this time at this location. William Corson made a suggestion to maybe have clients only park in the Tri-Town parking lot so that they are not crossing Hartford Avenue to go to Tri-Town. Bernie Frezza asked if a refuge island could be installed at this location and it was noted that this is something that could be considered in the future.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<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> Action Taken	<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:

Action Taken: Steve Pristawa stated that approximately 50 pedestrians crossed in the crosswalk located at 786 Elmwood Avenue over the 12 hour study period. It was approved and recommended that a Rapid Rectangular Flash Beacon (RRFB) be installed on a trial basis and to be re-studied in about 6 months upon installation of the RRFB. This Item No. will be used as a Pilot Program for the installation of RRFB's. Before and after studies will be completed to document their effectiveness.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/18/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<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:

Action Taken: It was approved and recommended to install a Rapid Rectangular Flash Beacon (RRFB) on Danielson Pike in front of the Trinity Episcopal Church on a trial basis and to be re-studied in approximately 6 months upon installation of the RRFB, with the stipulation that the Trinity Episcopal Church be responsible for the cost and installation of the RRFB.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<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> Approved	<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 reiterated again the findings of the study performed by VHB. Mr. Clinton also stated that he spoke to the property owner at 1775 Bald Hill Road and their Attorney and he stated that the property owner is against putting up a complex sign on their property. Robert Clinton reiterated that the warrants for a traffic signal are met with the addition of access to the SSA building. Therefore, it was approved to install a traffic signal on Bald Hill Road (RI 2) at the driveway located at 1775 Bald Hill Road on conditions that the property owner will be responsible for the cost of installing the signal and that both signals will operate under one controller (i.e.: both signals to be yellow, green and red at the same time). The approval is conditional on the property owners allowing access to the SSA building.

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>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/18/2016	Action Taken	41526

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:

Action Taken: A traffic signal was denied. Steve Pristawa recommended geometric improvements such as installing a straight island versus the double yellow stripes as the stripes curve at the southern intersection with Old Hopkinton Road. William Corson asked how many crashes there were at this location and it was noted a total of 8 crashes in 3 years.

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

New Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/8/2016	Study	41534

Request from RIDOT to approve the long term improvements on Mendon Road in the vicinity of 1 Mendon Road. These improvements were a result of recommendations presented in the pedestrian safety study completed under STC Item #41517.

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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JAMESTOWN ==>> CANONICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/31/2016	Study	41529

Request from the Jamestown Police Department to remove the existing crosswalk on Conanicus Avenue located just north of the East Ferry parking lot and to install a new crosswalk 75 feet to the south. Additionally, the Jamestown Police Department is requesting approval to install an in-road pedestrian crossing sign at this location.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JOHNSTON ==>> KILLINGLY ST. R.I. 128

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/31/2016	Study	41532

Request from Representative Carnevale to determine if a No Right on Red restriction is appropriate when exiting the carwash located on Killingly Street at the signalized intersection with the US Route 6 Westbound off-ramp in Johnston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==>> TOWER HILL RD. U.S. 1 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/31/2016	Study	41530

Request from Representative Craven for the installation of a crosswalk on Tower Hill Road at the driveway opening for St. Bernard's Catholic Church located at 275 Tower Hill Road.

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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PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/1/2016	Denied	41533

Request from Representative Coughlin and Representative Messier for the installation of supplemental guide signs for St. Raphael's Academy on I-95 northbound prior to Exit 28 and on I-95 southbound prior to Exit 29.

Comments: Steve Pristawa stated that the installation of supplemental guide signs for high schools on freeways is not recommended based on the AASHTO Guidelines for the Selection of Supplemental Guide Signs.

Action Taken:

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

SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/11/2016	No Action	41535

Request from Chief Vespia to study the existing midblock crosswalk on Main Street at Holley Street to determine any safety improvements.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==> MAIN AVE. R.I. 113

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/31/2016	Study	41531

Request from Representative Bennett for the installation of a crosswalk on Main Avenue in the vicinity of Bailey Street in Warwick.

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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WARWICK ==> VETERANS MEMORIAL DR. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/31/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41528
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Request from the City of Warwick for the installation of a flashing signal for the Warwick Fire and Police Department Headquarters located at 111 Veterans Memorial Drive and 99 Veterans Memorial Drive, respectfully.

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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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/11/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41536
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Request from RIDOT to rescind all previous bridge postings and approve all bridge postings as shown in the attached list "All Posted Bridges by Municipality".

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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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Chairperson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting
Vice Chairperson