



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

In attendance were:

Ms. Meredith Brady

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Trooper William Corson

Trooper William Corson, Acting 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

EAST GREENWICH ==> DIVISION RD. R.I. 401

Creation Date
4/27/2016

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41539

Request from RIDOT to review the signalized intersection of Division Road with the Route 4 Off Ramp/1149 Restaurant in East Greenwich to determine if split phasing can be implemented for the side street approaches. The Route 4 Off-Ramp would get a green light separately from 1149 Restaurant rather than together.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Ms. Meredith Brady

Voting Results
Unanimous



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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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/31/2016	Continued	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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> WATERMAN AVE. R.I. 104

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/28/2016	Approved	41546

Request from Mayor Lombardi to determine if angled parking is feasible on the one-way portion of Waterman Avenue located between the Centerdale Bypass and Smith Street in North Providence.

Comments: Steve Pristawa explained the background to the request. The study came in a day after the Agenda was posted. There are no operational issues with removing a lane at the traffic signal, and by removing the lane it will create 6-7 more parking spaces.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==> NORTH MAIN ST. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/6/2016	Continued	41548

Request from Representative Regunberg to determine if a traffic signal is warranted on North Main Street at the intersection with Hillside Ave. in Providence.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	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> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==> NARRAGANSETT PWY.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/28/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Tabled	<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: Steve Pristawa stated that the Town of Narragansett has not yet responded to the RSA recommendations; therefore, this Item will be tabled until the Town gets back to us.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/6/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41540
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of the Mt. Hope Farm for the installation of historic supplemental guide signs on Metacom Avenue northbound at the intersection with Ferry Road (RI 114) and on Metacom Avenue northbound at the intersection with Griswold Avenue in Bristol.

Comments: Steve Pristawa stated that due to the installation of other historic signs, we recommend adding Mt. Hope Farm to those existing signs. Meredith Brady stated that the Farm has a very popular farmer's market. Bob Rocchio stated that RIDOT should have a policy for historic/cultural signs. Bob also stated that when the road is reconstructed, then we should try and eliminate the sign at Griswold Avenue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD. R.I. 122

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/8/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41534
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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: Steve Pristawa explained the short term improvements and also stated that vehicles run the red light at the crosswalk. Steve also mentioned that a flasher will be added to the pedestrian warning signs that is push button activated, and will also add an extra button in the new curbed island.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JAMESTOWN ==> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/6/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41547
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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.

Comments: Steve Pristawa stated that Chief Mello wanted to be here for this item when it was voted on.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> TOWER HILL RD. U.S. 1 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/31/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41530
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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: Steve Pristawa stated that pedestrian counts will be counted on a Sunday as well.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<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> Tabled	<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: Steve Pristawa stated short term improvements are being constructed right now. This will be revisited after the new improvements have been installed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<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: Steve Pristawa originally was going to recommend to table this Item and have this looked at as part of the Viaduct project, but Bob Rocchio stated that the Viaduct ramp may be dropping out of the project. Bob Rocchio recommended to continue this Item since that will be decided on August 11, 2016.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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New Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/1/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41552
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Request from Chief Canario of the Bristol Police Department to determine if a traffic signal is warranted on Metacom Avenue at the intersection with Jameson Drive in Bristol.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> COLONEL RODMAN HWY. R.I. 4

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41555
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Request from RIDOT for a traffic study at the signalized intersection of Route 4 at West Allenton Road in North Kingstown, with consideration given to the installation of left turn phasing for the West Allenton Road approaches to the signal.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41554
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Request from Representative Craven for the installation of pedestrian accommodations on Post Road (US 1) at the traffic signals located at Camp Avenue and Oakdale Road in North Kingstown.

Comments: Steve Pristawa explained to Meredith Brady the past practice of not putting in pedestrian accommodations and how we always include them at signals now.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/5/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41556
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Request from RIDOT for the installation of a traffic signal on Douglas Pike (Rt. 7) at DeCotis Farm Road in Smithfield. This traffic signal is proposed under Physical Alteration Permit No. 160606-A.

Comments: Marcel Valois with the R.I. Commerce Corp (RICC) explained the negotiations between Alexion and Fidelity/RICC. All Alexion traffic will now use DeCotis Farm Road. Bob Rocchio asked Mr. Valois if there would be future developments beyond the Alexion expansion? Mr. Valois stated all Fidelity land is RICC owned and for Fidelity future growth only (no new companies). Paul Bannon stated he was here to answer any PAPA related questions. He also stated that 80% of traffic using DeCotis Farm Road is Alexion traffic, and 230 employees, manufacturing space will be doubled, but only 30-40 more employees will use this entrance. Mr. Bannon also mentioned that a signal will operate off of the Route 116 signal, and DeCotis Farm Road won't go green until needed. Steve Pristawa asked what MUTCD signal warrants were looked at? Paul Bannon said they counted traffic and the counts met warrant 3 (peak hour warrant) . Steve Pristawa recommended approval. Amend motion was made by Bob Rocchio, due to the potential need for a left turn lane on Route 7 in the future. Bob Rocchio wants the signal designed to accommodate this.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WEST WARWICK ==> PROVIDENCE ST. R.I. 33 / R.I. 115

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/1/2016	Study	41551

Request from the Warwick Police Department for the installation of a crosswalk on Providence Street in the vicinity of address #54 Providence Street, West Warwick.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> DUNN'S CORNER RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/1/2016	Study	41550

Request from Senator Algieri for the installation of a left turn lane and phase on Dunns Corner Road at the intersection with Post Road (US 1) in Westerly. The current configuration on this approach is a right turn lane with a shared thru/left lane.

Comments: Representative Azzinaro stated he wants a left turn phase and lane because through vehicles on Langworthy makes it hard to turn left from Dunns Corner Road. William Corson wants to make sure the crash data is look at and Steve Pristawa stated that the study is already underway and we will let him know the results. Bob Rocchio wants DOT to let Rep. Azzinaro know the results of study before it's vote on.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/1/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41553
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Request from Senator Algieri to re-examine the speed limit on Shore Road in Westerly between Post Road and Winnapaug Road and consider reducing the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph.

Comments: Representative Azzinaro stated that he doesn't see a problem with the 40 MPH. He does understand that there are a lot of walkers and bicyclists and by making it 35 MPH it won't slow down traffic without enforcement.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, September 07, 2016 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: _____

Trooper William Corson, Acting
Chairperson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting
Vice Chairperson