



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 07, 2016

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In attendance were:

Chief Edward Mello

Trooper William Corson

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Chief Edward Mello, Acting 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

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

*Creation Date*  
**8/1/2016**

*Disposition*  
**Study**

*Item Number*  
**41552**

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:* Mr. Matthew Shaw, a resident of Bristol spoke regarding the safety of pedestrians and vehicles traveling on Metacom Avenue at the intersection of Jameson Drive. Mr. Shaw said that Metacom Avenue (Route 136) is a high volume traffic roadway and it has become difficult for pedestrians and vehicles to cross/exit from Jameson Drive. Mr. Shaw also stated that there is a RIPTA bus stop on Metacom Avenue across from Jameson Drive, in which he stated is a very busy bus stop. Mr. Shaw also spoke to Amy Pettine of RIPTA and she stated that this a dangerous bus stop with people trying to cross to get to the stop. Mr. Shaw also stated that this intersection needs some type of a safety device or a traffic signal as Jameson Drive is the only access the entire neighborhood has to Route 136. Chief Mello stated that the STC will ask RIDOT to see if a traffic signal is warranted or some other safety device at this intersection. Steve Pristawa will check the MUTCD to see if a traffic signal meets warrants and traffic counts will also be taken.

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Ms. Marcy Coleman**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE**

*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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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### 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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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### NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> COLONEL RODMAN HWY. R.I. 4

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/2/2016	Continued	41555

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>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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### 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	Continued	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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>10/27/2015</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41504</b>
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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> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### WEST WARWICK ==> PROVIDENCE ST. R.I. 33 / R.I. 115

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/1/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41551</b>
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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> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>4/27/2016</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>41539</b>

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:* Steve Pristawa stated that it is usually customary for overlapping paths to install split phasing. A study was completed, which stated that 6 vehicles exited the 1149 Restaurant driveway during the Route 4 off-ramp peak hour (4:00-5:00pm), while 631 vehicles exited the ramp. During the 1149 Restaurant's peak hour (7:00-8:00pm), 23 vehicles exited the driveway, while 325 vehicles exited the ramp. William Corson asked if there were loops exiting the 1149 Restaurant, and Steve Pristawa stated yes. Chief Mello then asked that the only difference would be that the ramp gets its own green and then the restaurant, and Steve Pristawa said yes.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### JAMESTOWN ==>> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>7/6/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Denied</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41547</b>
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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 moving the crosswalk 75 feet south of the existing crosswalk would be an issue due to the curve heading north and the available right distance. Sight distance should be at least 200 feet for the observed speeds; at the existing crosswalk the sight distance is 182 feet looking south. If the crosswalk was moved 75 feet south, the site distance would be approximately 110 feet. Chief Mello stated that pedestrians are not crossing in the crosswalk. Maureen McHugh stated 122 people are crossing in the existing crosswalk and 101 are crossing at Union St (the old crosswalk) over the 12 hour study period. Steve Pristawa stated that if the STC were to move the crosswalk 75 feet south and someone gets hurt, how would the STC justify moving the crosswalk. Therefore, moving the crosswalk 75 feet to the south of the existing crosswalk was denied. Chief Mello mentioned signage that Newport uses to direct pedestrians to use marked crosswalks, and recommended those be installed at the old crosswalk location. It was approved to add additional signs to direct pedestrians to the existing crosswalk.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper William Corson</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### NORTH PROVIDENCE ==>> SMITHFIELD RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/31/2015</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Denied</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41487</b>
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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:* A crosswalk on Smithfield Road in the vicinity of the Stephen Olney Park was denied because it does not meet warrants. Steve Pristawa stated that a pedestrian count was taken in October 2015, and only 4 pedestrians were counted crossing, while 3 pedestrians were counted crossing in July 2016.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper William Corson</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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#### PROVIDENCE ==> NORTH MAIN ST. U.S. 1

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

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:* Steve Pristawa stated that a study is being conducted to determine if a traffic signal is warranted on North Main Street at the intersection with Hillside Avenue. Steve also mentioned that the City of Pawtucket installed a traffic signal at Ann Mary Street in Pawtucket. Need to determine if the State maintains this signal at Ann Mary Street. Further coordination with the City is needed.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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#### WESTERLY ==> DUNN'S CORNER RD.

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

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:* Steve Pristawa stated that a study was complete and the study showed not recommending a left turn lane and phase on Dunns Corner Road at the intersection with Post Road (US 1). Per Bob Rocchio's request at the last STC meeting, we want to let Rep. Azzinaro know results of the study before the STC votes on this item.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/1/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41553</b>
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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:* Steve Pristawa stated that its been about a year since the STC looked at this location last. It was recommended to reduce the speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 MPH. Average speed is 35-40 MPH; 85% is 42-45 MPH. For comparison purposes, the speed limit on Winnipeag Road is 35 MPH with 7 foot shoulders, while there are 1-2 foot shoulders on Shore Road. The speeds on Shore Road vary, and so do the cross sections of the road. If the 35 MPH is approved, the entire section on Shore Road between Post Road to Winnipaug would be 35 MPH. It was also recommended to add additional "Share the Road" signs every 1/4 to 1/3 mile. Marcy Coleman asked if the police were ok with the speed limit reduction, and asked that a letter be sent to the Westerly Police Department asking the Police Department for any comments or input they may have.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### New Business

### COVENTRY ==> KNOTTY OAK RD. R.I. 116

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/19/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Study</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41557</b>
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Request from Representative Nardolillo for the installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of address 436 Knotty Oak Road in Coventry.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### CRANSTON ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/30/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41562</b>
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Request from RIDOT for a No Right on Red restriction on all 4 approaches to the signalized intersection of Elmwood Avenue at Park Avenue in Cranston. There is an existing No Right on Red sign on Elmwood Avenue northbound that was approved under STC Item No. 430.

*Comments:* Steve Pristawa stated that this a heavy traveled intersection that can present pedestrian conflicts with turning vehicles. No Right on Red signs were approved on all 4 approaches. Also, yield to pedestrian signs on all 4 approaches will be installed.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper William Corson</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### EAST GREENWICH ==> MAIN ST. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/24/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41560</b>
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Request from the East Greenwich Town Manager for approval to install in-road pedestrian warning signs on Main Street (US 1) at the following crosswalk locations in East Greenwich: Vine/Friendship Street, Greene Street, Union Street, Peirce Street, Spring Street, Dedford Street, Queen Street, Church Street, Courthouse Lane/King Street, and south of Melrose Street.

*Comments:* Senator Mark Gee of East Greenwich expressed his concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians crossing in crosswalks on Main Street at ten different crosswalk locations. It was recommended and approved to install in-road pedestrian warning signs at 9 out of the 10 crosswalk locations. While STC records show an approved crosswalk at Union Street, there is not one currently installed. The crosswalk will be added to a STC Design contract, since wheelchair ramps will be needed. An in-road pedestrian sign cannot be put at Union Street until the crosswalk gets installed first. Chief Mello stated that the Town of East Greenwich would be responsible for purchasing, installing, and maintaining the signs. William Corson asked what type of signs would be installed and Steve Pristawa said they would be a rubber base sign so in case the sign gets hit. Mr. Corson also asked if the signs are ever taken in and Chief Mello said occasionally.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper William Corson</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## PROVIDENCE ==> ROUTE 146

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/19/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41559</b>
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Request from the City Engineer for the installation a yield sign for traffic entering the Route 146 southbound on ramp from Douglas Avenue westbound. This on-ramp has a merge point at the top of the ramp prior to entering the highway with no right-of-way assigned.

*Comments:* Steve Pristawa recommended installing a yield sign for traffic entering the Route 146 southbound on-ramp from Douglas Avenue westbound.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Trooper William Corson</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 108 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/19/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Study</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41558</b>
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Request from Chief Vespia for the installation of pedestrian accommodations where feasible at the existing signalized intersection of Kingstown Road at Upper College Road in South Kingstown.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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## STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/26/2016</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41561</b>
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Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the State Traffic Commission.

*Comments:* Chief Mello wanted to continue this item until all members were present to vote.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Ms. Marcy Coleman</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, October 12, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Edward Mello, Acting  
Chairperson

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Trooper William Corson, Acting  
Vice Chairperson