



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 05, 2016

In attendance were:

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Trooper William Corson
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Trooper William Corson, Acting declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:10 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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/1/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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COVENTRY ==> KNOTTY OAK RD. R.I. 116

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/19/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41557
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> 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

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

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

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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<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:

Action Taken:

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

WESTERLY ==>> DUNN'S CORNER RD.

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

Action Taken:

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

Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/31/2016	Denied	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: A No Right on Red restriction does not meet MUTCD warrants. Steve Pristawa stated there were no crashes associated with right turns on red, and that there is good sight distance exiting the car wash driveway.

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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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 108 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/19/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41558
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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: Steve Pristawa stated that there are plans to re-do Route 138, but the full reconstruction will not be until 2020. There is no sidewalk or ADA ramp where the crosswalk is located in front of the Church. The RIDOT project will be putting curbing and sidewalk out in front of the building so pedestrians can cross. Mr. Pristawa stated to see if STC can get the pedestrian accommodation work done faster than RIDOT. It will be added to a STC contract. William Corson asked if it can get done all together and Steve Pristawa said the Project for Route 138 is very large and is not slated until the year 2020, so we can try and see if the STC contract can get the work done sooner.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WESTERLY ==>> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/1/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: The speed limit on Shore Road in Westerly between Post Road and Winnapaug Road was approved at 35 MPH. Steve Pristawa stated that Route 1 to Watch Hill Road is 35 MPH so the speed limit will be consistent the entire stretch. Mr. Pristawa also stated that the Acting Chief of Police in Westerly is okay with lowering the speed limit to 35 MPH from 40 MPH. Share the Road signs will be installed every 1/3 mile on Shore Road.

Action Taken:

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

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

Comments: William Corson asked how long the appointment is in each position and Steve Pristawa said there are no defined limits.

Action Taken:

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

CRANSTON ==> NEW LONDON AVE. R.I. 2 / R.I. 33

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/3/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41571
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Request from Representative Lancia to determine if a U-turn restriction is appropriate on New London Avenue in Cranston at the curbed median opening in between address 1 and 101 New London Avenue.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said police are ticketing vehicles for making a U-turn at the curbed median opening in between address 1 and 101 New London Avenue. Steve also stated that there are no signs for no U-turn, but Police are enforcing no U-turns for some reason.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WAMPANOAG TR. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/22/2016	Study	41567

Request from the City of East Providence for the installation of a crosswalk on Wampanoag Trail in the vicinity of address 375 Wampanoag Trail.

Comments: Greg Harris, Planner for the City of East Providence stated he would like to see a crosswalk on Wampanoag Trail in the vicinity of 375 Wampanoag Trail. He also stated that he would like to see the bus stop with the crosswalk moved to the vicinity of Amaral Street so that pedestrians don't have to walk in front of the bus to cross. Steve Pristawa said a study will be performed to check the pedestrian usage for a crosswalk in this vicinity, traffic counts will be taken, as well as speeds of the road and the sight distance.

Action Taken:

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



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

Creation Date
9/26/2016

Disposition
Study

Item Number
41568

Request from Senator Lombardo to conduct a safety study on Hartford Avenue at 2119 Hartford Avenue in Johnston, with consideration to the installation of a traffic signal.

Comments: Craig DiPetrillo spoke on behalf of the Trinity Christian Academy. Mr. DiPetrillo showed 4 video clips from an accident that happened near the school in which a gentleman passed away from the incident. The gentleman was traveling about 60 MPH when he hit a vehicle traveling eastbound entering the school; the vehicle slid about 500 feet and ended up going into on-coming traffic. Mr. DiPetrillo stated that he spoke with the STC committee Members about a year ago requesting a full operational traffic signal for a school zone. He also mentioned that the volume of students (142) attending the school has increased along with seven (7) school buses entering the school for drop off and pick up. Mr. DiPetrillo also stated that he puts his hazardous lights on about 300 feet before he needs to turn into the school and vehicles behind him will pass him on the right. Mr. DiPetrillo and Robert Rocchio met at the Trinity Christian Academy sometime last year and both stated that it was difficult exiting the school with no indication there was a school zone. William Corson stated he continuously see the Johnston Police in this area of Hartford Avenue patrolling. Bruce Webster, parent of a student that attends the Trinity Christian Academy spoke and stated that vehicles are traveling a highway rate of speed on this stretch of road. He also said you need to be an aggressive driver to exit the school and sometimes when entering the school. Winter is more dangerous due to the snow/ice and the high rate of speed vehicles are traveling. He suggested to the STC Committee Members to go to the school during arrival and departure times to see the experience everyone has to go through. Steve Fortier/Kelly Fortier, parents of a student pointed out the crest coming over the hill and how fast vehicles are traveling down the hill on Hartford Avenue. Mr. Fournier stated that there is a school zone speed limit sign before the school, but the sign is covered with brush; therefore no one can see the sign to slow down. Robert Rocchio stated the RIDOT Maintenance Division will go out to trim around the school zone sign that is already in place. Mr. Rocchio also stated that flashing lights will be installed by RIDOT and Mr. Rocchio also said to try and expedite the study. Steve Pristawa stated that a study will be performed in accordance with federal guidelines and will take about 1-2 months. He also said that the nature of the crash that took place would not have been prevented if a signal was there. Robert Rocchio stated that he agrees with everyone that spoke today regarding their concerns with the safety conditions they face everyday. Mr. Rocchio also said the STC Committee Members will look at everything possible to make this area



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much safer. Steve Pristawa stated that when it comes to safety, cost is not an issue; safety is number 1 priority, and will look at all improvements. Marcy Coleman asked for RIDOT to pay and install school zone signs. Mr. DiPietrillo stated he asked the Johnston Police Department to pay for the flashing signal out of the traffic ticket money, but the Johnston Police Department denied that request.

Action Taken:

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

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/21/2016	Study	41563

Request from the Town of North Kingstown for the installation of a crosswalk on Boston Neck Road in the vicinity of address 2325 Boston Neck Road.

Comments: Jane Kennedy from Casey Farms stated 40,000 people visit per year to the farm. Ms. Kennedy also stated that next spring is when educational sessions begin and approximately 20,000 people will be crossing to get to the farm and that it's mostly children crossing for the educational visits. She also mentioned that the Town Engineer of North Kingstown is in support of a crosswalk in the vicinity of address 2325 Boston Neck Road. Steve Pristawa said a study will be done to count pedestrians, measure speeds and sight distance.

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==> ALLENS AVE. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/29/2016	Study	41569

Request from the City of Providence for the installation of a crosswalk on Allens Avenue at Chapman Street.

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 ==> NARRAGANSETT BLVD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/21/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41565
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Request from the City of Providence to study the area of Narragansett Boulevard between New York Avenue and Harborside Avenue for the installation of a crosswalk(s).

Comments: Linda Perri from the Washington Park Association in Providence stated there should be several crosswalks on Narragansett Blvd heading South between New York Avenue and Harborside Avenue. Ms. Perri also stated that this is a dangerous stretch of road in a residential area with two schools in the immediate area and that it is unsafe for pedestrians walking to school, as well as other residents of the area. Ms. Perri also said that over the whole study area, New York Avenue has 1 crosswalk and Ohio Avenue has 1 crosswalk. There are several less crosswalks between New York Avenue and Harborside Avenue compared to the area north of New York Avenue. Steve also said that a study will be performed to check to see the pedestrian usage for a crosswalk, traffic counts will be taken, speeds of the road and sight distance. Steve also mentioned that a new business just came into this vicinity as well.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARREN ==> CHILD ST. R.I. 103

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/22/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41566
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Request from the Town of Warren to conduct a safety study at the intersection of Child Street (RI 103) and Long Lane and suggest appropriate upgrades to improve safety and functionality.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/30/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41570
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Request from RIDOT to approve the State Traffic Commission Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report. See attachment for a copy of the report.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, November 02, 2016 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Trooper William Corson, Acting
Chairperson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting
Vice Chairperson