



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 06, 2017

In attendance were:

Chief Edward Mello

Ms. Meredith Brady

Corporal William Corson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Chief Edward Mello 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

BARRINGTON ==> COUNTY RD. R.I. 103 / R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/20/2017	Continued	41626

Request from the Town of Barrington to determine if County Road can be reduced to one lane southbound at the signalized intersection with Rumstick Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/27/2017	Continued	41614

Request from the Town of Barrington to provide a left turn lane on Middle Highway into the new driveway access to the proposed middle school. These improvements are proposed as part of a Physical Alteration Permit Application (PAPA).

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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BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41615
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Request from the Town of Barrington to relocate the existing midblock crosswalk on Middle Highway to the south to coincide with the new driveway access to the proposed Middle School, as well as to install rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the crosswalk. The crosswalk relocation is proposed as part of a Physical Alteration Permit Application (PAPA).

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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COVENTRY ==> MAIN ST. (WASHINGTON) R.I. 33 / R.I.117

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/29/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41621
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Request from Representative Nardolillo for the installation of a crosswalk(s) on Main Street in the vicinity of the Coventry Community center located at 1277 Main Street in Coventry.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41656
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Request from Representative Ucci for the installation of a pedestrian traffic signal at the existing mid-block crosswalk located at 848 Atwood Avenue.

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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HOPKINTON ==> MAIN ST. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/5/2017	Continued	41642

Request from Representative Kennedy for the installation of a crosswalk on Main Street at Our Lady of Victory Church located at 169 Main Street.

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 ==> CHARLES ST. R.I. 246

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/26/2017	Continued	41629

Request from the North Providence Town Council to install a left turn lane and phase on Charles Street northbound at the signalized intersection with Mineral Spring Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2017	Continued	41650

Request from Police Chief Thomas F. Lee and the Portsmouth Town Council on behalf of concerned citizens for safety improvements on East Main Road at the intersection with Braman's Lane including consideration for the installation of a traffic signal or road diet.

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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PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/5/2017	Continued	41641

Request from Police Chief Thomas F. Lee for the installation of a traffic signal on East Main Road at the intersection with Linden Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

RICHMOND ==> SWITCH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/5/2017	Continued	41645

Request from Senator Morgan for the installation of a crosswalk on Switch Road at Paddle Point Road (480 Switch Road). There is a new housing development at this location therefore a crosswalk is being requested to allow residents to cross Switch Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/26/2017	Continued	41651

Request from the South Kingstown Police Department for the installation of a crosswalk on Kingstown Road at the intersection with Liberty Lane.

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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WARREN ==>> MAIN ST. R.I. 103 / R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/23/2017	Continued	41610

Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on Main Street in Warren between the Bristol Town Line and the Barrington Town Line. The current posted speed limits are inconsistent with the STC records.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

Old Business

COVENTRY ==>> WOOD ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/17/2017	Tabled	41617

Request from the Coventry Police Chief to determine if an all way stop can be implemented on Wood Street at Rathbun Street in conjunction with geometric improvements at the intersection.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said both the police and fire departments share the northeast corner of the intersection with Wood Street and Rathbun Street. Steve said there is a Town project going on there and the Chief of Police said the Town of Coventry will get back to the STC with their plans when the project is complete.

Action Taken:

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



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/29/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41520
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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: Steve Pristawa said there are a lot of issues on Route 165, partly because the road is long and straight and vehicles are traveling at high speeds. Bob Rocchio said that delineators and in-road reflectors were added under the RIDOT paving project. Chief Mello ask what the speed limit is on Route 165 and Steve Pristawa said 45 MPH and the 85th percentile is close to 60 MPH. Steve also said over a 3 year period, there were 60 crashes and out of that, 20 were deer crashes mostly on the eastern portion. It was approved to add deer warning signage, install pedestrian signs for individuals using the hiking trail across Route 165 near Mt. Tom Road and add delineators, where appropriate.

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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HOPKINTON ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/23/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41605
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Request from the Hopkinton Police Chief for the installation of a flashing signal on Nooseneck Hill Road/Main Street at the intersections with Ashaway Road and High Street (RI 216) in Hopkinton.

Comments:

Action Taken: Steve Pristawa said this intersection meets warrants for a traffic signal, but the police chief does not want a signal. Steve suggested to install a flasher on the stop ahead sign. It was approved to leave the intersection as is and study in 1 year to see if any crashes occurred. It was approved to put flashers on the stop ahead sign and revisit in 1 year.

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6 / U.S. 6A

<i>Creation Date</i> 12/28/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41599
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Request from RIDOT to determine if a protected left turn lane and phase can be implemented on Hartford Avenue westbound at the signalized intersection with Bishop Hill Road in Johnston. The current configuration allows for protected/permitted left turns from a shared through/left lane.

Comments:
Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==> KILLINGLY ST. R.I. 128

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/16/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41630
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Request from Representative Fellela to study pedestrian safety on Killingly Street between Traver Avenue and Greenville Avenue.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a new Cumberland Farms store opened on Killingly Street which increased more pedestrians crossing. In a study, Steve said 34 pedestrians crossed all day. The speed limit is 30 MPH, the 85th percentile is 30-32 MPH and average speeds are 27-28 MPH. There have been 6 crashes in this vicinity and 1 pedestrian fatality. It was approved to install a mid-block crosswalk at Leading Street and Killingly Street and also approved to install new pedestrian crossing signs at Waveland Street and Killingly Street.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NARRAGANSETT ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/23/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41638
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Request from Police Chief Corrigan for the installation of left turn lanes and phases on both the Bridgetown Road and South Ferry Road approaches to the signalized intersection with Boston Neck Road.

Comments:

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 SMITHFIELD ==> SMITHFIELD RD. R.I. 146A

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/16/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41633
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen for a left turn phase on Smithfield Rd southbound at the signalized intersection with Greenville Rd (Route 104). A protected-permissive left turn phase is existing in the northbound direction, however the southbound direction is permissive only.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said this request came in through RIDOT's Customer Service Department. A study was done and 19 vehicles turned left in the morning and 17 vehicles turned left in the afternoon. There have been only 2 crashes over a 3 year period. The traffic analysis showed adding the left turn phase would worsen the overall operation of the intersection. A protected-permissive left turn phase southbound was denied.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/10/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41582
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Request from Representative Slater to study if the installation of a traffic signal, pedestrian hybrid beacon, or flashing traffic control device is appropriate on Elmwood Avenue at Spooner Street in Providence.

Comments:

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 ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/10/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41581
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Request from Representative Slater for the installation of a crosswalk on Elmwood Avenue at Hamlin Street in Providence.

Comments:

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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SMITHFIELD ==> CEDAR SWAMP RD. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/20/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41625
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Request from Representative Winfield to review the existing crosswalk on Cedar Swamp Road in the vicinity of address #25 Cedar Swamp Road and consider the installation of a pedestrian signal or pedestrian hybrid beacon.

Comments:

Action Taken: Steve Pristawa said a study was done and only 7 pedestrians crossed in the existing crosswalk, and that a hybrid beacon does not meet warrants in this vicinity. Steve said the 85th percentile is 37-40 MPH. It was approved to add pedestrian crossing signs as well as to install advance pavement markings.

<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



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BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST. R.I. 114

Creation Date
8/24/2017

Disposition
Action Taken

Item Number
41661

Request from the Bristol Town Council on behalf of concerned residents to prohibit parking for an appropriate distance north and south of the driveway to Brunsen House Condominiums located at 249 Hope Street.

Comments:

Action Taken: Captain Brian Burke of the Bristol Police said this issue came before the Bristol Town Council and the Town Council referred the matter to the State Traffic Commission. Sgt. Ricardo Mourato from the Bristol Police also spoke regarding issues with parking near 249 Hope Street. Sgt. Mourato said he observed the parking for both southbound and northbound standing at 249 Hope Street. He said exiting the driveway going southbound, there is an apron at the end of the driveway which measures approximately 23 feet and vehicles are parked adjacent to the apron. Captain Burke said the view is obstructed when vehicles are exiting the driveway at 249 Hope Street. Sgt. Mourato said traffic going northbound is not an issue. Sgt. Mourato also said that he observed other homes on Hope Street and the same parking issues are same like that at 249 Hope Street. Sgt. Mourato suggested in eliminating the parking spot right on the side of the apron. Captain Burke said from 1999 to present there have been 4 violations and 1 vehicle was notified to move their car. Marcia Tecca, a resident of 249 Hope Street also spoke on the safety of entering/exiting the driveway. She said residents at this location enter/exit out of the driveway at least twice a day. Ms. Tecca also asked about putting in parking boxes in the vicinity. Bob Rocchio asked Ms. Tecca how she thinks the parking boxes would help and she responded that the residents would have a little more visibility when entering/exiting the driveway. John McCloscey, President of the Brunsen House Condominiums Association said he's looking out for the safety of the residents when they are entering/exiting the driveway. Chief Mello asked how many units are in the Brunsen House Condominiums and Mr. McCloscey said 9 units. Chief Mello then asked if the Town of Bristol have any overnight restriction signs or time restriction parking signs posted and Sgt. Mourato said no. Steve Pristawa said the STC has jurisdiction over state roads, but some Towns do put up signs themselves. Bob Rocchio said by eliminating no parking spots this can either make or break business owners in the vicinity of 249 Hope Street. Chief Mello said the STC gave the Town of Narragansett permission to put in triangles for parking spots, where the Town saw fit. Mr. McCloscey inquired about overnight parking and no truck parking signs and Chief Mello said this can be done through the Local Town Ordinance. The STC



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authorized the Town of Bristol to develop a plan to designate or prohibit parking by putting parking boxes and triangle shapes for parking spots in the vicinity of 249 Hope Street. Mr. McCloskey asked if this would be enforced and Chief Mello said it would be enforceable as long as the signs are in place. The Town of Bristol should present the proposed plan to the STC for approval.

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Corporal William Corson

Voting Results
Unanimous

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

Creation Date
8/28/2017

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
41663

Request from Representative Nardolillo for the installation of a crosswalk on Knotty Oak Road in the vicinity of 436 Knotty Oak Rd in Coventry.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said there is a Cumberland Farms store in the vicinity of 436 Knotty Oak Road. A study was done in September 2016 and 6 pedestrians crossed at this location. The study report suggested to study again in the summer 2017. Another study was done in July 2017 and 13 pedestrians crossed in the vicinity. Steve said the number of pedestrians crossing increased and traffic volumes are high, and because there is no other crosswalks for pedestrians to use, the installation of a crosswalk was approved in the vicinity of 436 Knotty Oak Road.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Corporal William Corson

Motion 2nd
Motion Was Made

Voting Results
Unanimous

CRANSTON ==> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

Creation Date
8/21/2017

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
41659

Request from RIDOT to install a yield sign for traffic entering from the right side of the entrance to the on-ramps to Interstate 295 North and South from Plainfield Pike.

Comments: Steve Pristawa suggested installing a yield sign on the right side of the entrance to the on-ramps, due to the geometry and also add yield line markings.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Corporal William Corson

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/30/2017	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 41664
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Request from Representative Giarrusso for the installation of a traffic signal on Division Street at the intersection with Sanctuary Drive.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a study was going to be done, but this location is a private road. The owners of the road would need to conduct a traffic study and any recommendations would need to be included in a PAPA to RIDOT.

Action Taken:

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/21/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41658
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Request from RIDOT to install a yield sign for traffic entering from the right side of the entrance to the on-ramps to Interstate 295 North and South from Plainfield Pike.

Comments: Same as Item # 41659, just a different Town.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SCITUATE ==> HARTFORD PK. U.S. 6 / R.I. 101

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/31/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41653
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Request from the Scituate Police Department on behalf of a private citizen to reduce the speed limit on Hartford Pike between Route 6 and Route 102.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a study will be performed and Deputy Chief Rollinson asked to check the speed limits in the study.

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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SCITUATE ==> HARTFORD PK. U.S. 6 / R.I. 101

Creation Date
8/21/2017

Disposition
Study

Item Number
41660

Request from the Scituate Police Department on behalf of a private citizen for the installation of a traffic signal on Hartford Pike at the intersection with Elmdale Road.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a study will be done, which will include counting of vehicles. Deputy Chief Rollinson said there is a traffic signal not far from this location. Bob Rocchio said there is an active project going on now in this area and said sight distance is an issue. Bob also said there could be a possibility of installing a roundabout in this area in the future.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Motion 2nd
Ms. Meredith Brady

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SCITUATE ==> HARTFORD PK. U.S. 6 / R.I. 101

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/31/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41654
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Request from the Scituate Police Department on behalf of a private citizen for a 25 mph school zone on Hartford Pike within 300 feet of the property line for the Scituate Early Learning Center located at 686 Hartford Pike.

Comments: Scituate's Deputy Chief of Police Eric Rollinson stated that there is an Early Learning Center located at 686 Hartford Pike. He said it's been stated by the bus drivers and monitors that vehicles are passing buses that have the red lights on for no passing when dropping off at the Early Learning Center. Deputy Chief Rollinson also said there is a 25 MPH sign in the vicinity of the Early Learning Center. Chief Mello asked what the current speed limit is and Deputy Chief Rollinson said 50 MPH. Chief Mello also asked regarding the passing zone and how long is it; Deputy Chief Rollinson was not sure. Bill Corson asked if there were any violations in his area and Deputy Chief Rollinson said there were a couple, but did not have the exact number. Bob Rocchio asked because this is a private Learning Center, does anyone walk to the Center and Deputy Police Rollinson said no. Because there is a driveway for buses to pull in at the Learning Center, Bill Corson asked why the bus does not pull into the driveway to drop off and Deputy Chief Rollinson said it's a tough driveway to back out of. Steve Pristawa said a school zone is not appropriate, but will study the location for alternatives to make it safer for everyone.

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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WARWICK ==> CENTERVILLE RD. R.I. 117

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/28/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41662
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Request from Representative Casimiro for a left turn phase on Centerville Road westbound at the signalized intersection with the YMCA located at 900 Centerville Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, October 04, 2017 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:13am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Chief Edward Mello
Chairperson

Corporal William Corson
Vice Chairperson