



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 01, 2017

In attendance were:

Chief Edward Mello

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Corporal William Corson

Ms. Meredith Brady

Chief Edward Mello declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

Creation Date
4/20/2017

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Corporal William Corson

Voting Results
Unanimous

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

Creation Date
2/27/2017

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Corporal William Corson

Voting Results
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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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FOSTER ==> DANIELSON PK. U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/28/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41673
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Request from the Town of Foster to change the existing flashing signal on Danielson Pike at the intersection with Cucumber Hill Road to a fully operational traffic signal.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/23/2017	Continued	41638

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

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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Corporal William Corson	Unanimous



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RICHMOND ==> SWITCH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/5/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41645
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SCITUATE ==> HARTFORD PK. U.S. 6 / R.I. 101

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/21/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41660
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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:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<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> Continued	<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:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<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> Continued	<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:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MOORESFIELD RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41672
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Request from Police Chief Geaber to consider revising the lane configuration on Moorsefield Rd at the approach to the traffic signal at Tower Hill Road (Route 1) to allow through movements from the center lane. This lane is currently a left turn only lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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TIVERTON ==> EAST RD. R.I. 179

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/20/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41670
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Request from Representative Canario on behalf of a constituent to study the intersection of East Road and Sylvia Road in Tiverton for potential safety and/or traffic calming improvements.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==>> GREENWICH AVE. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/19/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41668
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Request from Representative Bennett to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on Greenwich Avenue from Main Avenue to Veterans Memorial Drive in Warwick.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Old Business

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<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: Steve Pristawa said Cranston Head Start School is located at this location. Steve said a school zone was already approved last Fall. Pedestrian signs and warning signs were also installed and is still looking for additional improvements. Steve said there have been no crashes and the speed limit is 25 MPH. The crosswalk is mainly used during pick up and drop off times at the school. The study showed the location did not meet warrants for a signal or hybrid beacon. Suggested working with the City of Cranston for an in-road pedestrian sign or a crossing guard. Chief Mello suggested creating a pick up and drop off area in the parking lot behind the school to avoid parents crossing the street with their children.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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HOPKINTON ==>> MAIN ST. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/5/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41642
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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: Steve Pristawa said there are 2 parking lots located at Our Lady of Victory Church, one of which is a gravel overflow lot across the street. One parking lot is behind the Church; one is across the street. Pedestrians cross to the Church from the parking area across the street. A study was done on a Sunday during services, and between 9:00-10:00am 17 pedestrians crossed and between 10:00-11:00am 35 pedestrians crossed. Speed limit is 25 MPH and average speeds are 32-35 MPH. Chief Mello asked if the Church owns the property and Steve Pristawa was not sure. It was approved to install a crosswalk on Main Street at Our Lady of Victory Church located at 169 Main Street due to the high number of pedestrians crossing for church services.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/25/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41650
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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: Steve Pristawa said there are 10 foot lanes on East Main Road and that a traffic signal does not meet warrants. There have been 9 crashes over a 3 year period. There were 39 turns out of Bramans Lane in the AM peak and 18 turns out of Bramans Lane in the PM peak from Braman's Lane. 85% percentile is 46 and 44 MPH, average speeds are 42 and 40 MPH and the speed limit is 35 MPH. Steve said sight distance is excellent. 198 vehicles turned left out of Bramans Lane and 103 vehicles turned right out of Bramans Lane in a 12 hour period. The signal was denied due to the low volume of exiting traffic from Bramans Lane. It was mentioned that this side street activity is typical of any side street along East Main Road.

Action Taken:

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/26/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41651
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> MOORESFIELD RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/29/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41674
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Request from the Town of South Kingstown for the installation of a traffic signal on Mooresfield Road at the off-set intersections with Broad Rock Road and Stony Fort Road.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said about 6-7 years ago this was looked at through the RIDOT Design section, and that it's a priority for the Town of South Kingstown, as they just requested this project to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The study showed the intersection meets signal warrants. Due to the off-set nature of the intersection, the operation would be poor. It is recommended that a signal be installed and the geometry be modified to eliminate the split phasing. Bill Corson asked if street lighting at night was included with the study and Steve said it was not since this is typically requested to the municipality and National Grid. The STC approved the signal with geometric modifications. RIDOT Safety section also performed a Road Safety Assessment at the request of the Town and a signal was recommended with geometric improvements to align the intersections.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/23/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41610
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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> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<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> Approved	<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: Steve Pristawa said this is a t-intersection and that the road goes into the YMCA. There is already a traffic signal, but the City of Warwick wants a left turn phase. The study showed 55 vehicles turning left in the AM and 28 vehicles turning left in the PM. Steve said there have been 35 crashes over a 3 year period; 3 angle crashes, 1 left crash and 31 rear end crashes, which are likely due to congestion in the corridor. The speed limit is 35 MPH eastbound, 40 MPH westbound and the 85% percentile is 40 MPH. Steve also said congestion is the biggest issue in this area and a left turn phase could help. Due to delays, congestion and crash history, installation of a left turn phase was approved.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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New Business

COVENTRY ==>> NEW LONDON TURNPIKE

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/20/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41679
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Request from Representative Giarrusso for the installation of yield signs for traffic entering from the left side at the entrance to the on-ramps to Interstate 95 Northbound and Southbound from New London Turnpike.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said these are diamond interchange ramps and the old ramps did not have yield signs. It was approved to install yield signs for traffic entering from the left side at the entrance to the on-ramps to I-95 NB and SB from New London Turnpike in accordance with State Law.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CRANSTON ==> SCITUATE AVE. R.I. 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/27/2017	Study	41680

Request from Senator Frank S. Lombardi to consider the feasibility of lowering the speed limit and/or implementing other traffic calming measures on Scituate Avenue between I-295 and Comstock Parkway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Marcy Coleman	Unanimous

GLOCESTER ==> SNAKE HILL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/20/2017	Study	41678

Request from Representative Winfield for a four-way stop control on Snake Hill Road at the intersection with Saw Mill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

JAMESTOWN ==> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/27/2017	Approved	41684

Request from Chief Mello on behalf of the Jamestown Local Traffic Committee for the installation of in-road pedestrian signs at the existing crosswalk at the intersection with Bryer Avenue.

Comments: Chief Mello recused himself from this agenda item. Steve Pristawa said the speed limit is 25 MPH. The STC also received the in-street crossing sign request from the Town of Jamestown agreeing to install and maintain the signs.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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JAMESTOWN ==>> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/27/2017	Study	41682

Request from Chief Mello on behalf of the Jamestown Local Traffic Committee to consider traffic calming measures between Route 138 and Bayview Drive.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

JAMESTOWN ==>> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/27/2017	Study	41683

Request from Chief Mello on behalf of the Jamestown Local Traffic Committee for the installation of a crosswalk and in-road pedestrian signs at the intersection with Mount Hope Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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PORTSMOUTH ==> PARK AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/16/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41675
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Request from Senator Seveney for the installation of a crosswalk on Park Avenue at the intersection with Cedar Avenue.

Comments: Senator Jim Seveney spoke regarding installing a crosswalk on Park Avenue at the intersection with Cedar Avenue. Senator Seveney said there are 3 growing businesses in this area and quite a few pedestrians are crossing to get to these businesses. The Senator said the closest crosswalk is at Morgan and Park Avenue, which is about 1,000 feet away from where the requested crosswalk would be installed. Bill Corson asked since a study will be performed, to maybe identify other areas for crosswalks. Steve Pristawa said by installing marked crosswalks, it would eliminate some parking spots. Chief Mello said if the study reveals to install a crosswalk, business owners should be made aware that some parking spaces will be eliminated. Senator Seveney said he will talk to the business owners to explain that if a crosswalk is installed, some parking spots will be eliminated.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==> OLD COUNTY RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41681
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Request from the Town of Smithfield for the installation of school zone flashers for the Old County Road Elementary School located at 200 Old County Road.

Comments: Sgt. Cory Carpenter from the Smithfield Police Department came to represent the Town of Smithfield. It was approved to install school zone flashers for the Old County Road Elementary School located at 200 Old County Road. Steve Pristawa said the school zone flashers will be installed contingent upon the Town or school maintain the flashers and that an C&M Agreement will be developed between RIDOT and the Town of Smithfield.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 108 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/17/2017	Study	41677

Request from Police Chief Geaber to study the intersections with North Road and Columbia Street to determine if multi-way stop control is appropriate and/or if any signing or striping improvements are needed.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

TIVERTON ==>> MAIN RD. R.I. 77 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/17/2017	Study	41676

Request from Senator Felag to consider the feasibility of installing marked crosswalks at appropriate locations on Main Road between Warren Avenue and Garden Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, December 06, 2017 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Chief Edward Mello
Chairperson

Corporal William Corson
Vice Chairperson