



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 07, 2018

In attendance were:

- Ms. Marcy Coleman
- Ms. Nicole Pope
- Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Ms. Marcy Coleman, Acting declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 ==> 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. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41614
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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> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<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. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<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. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<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>
11/16/2017	Continued	41688

Request from Senator Morgan for the installation of a crosswalk on Main Street at the Hopkinton Recreation Department and Crandall Field Playground located at 188 Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2017	Continued	41694

Request from Representative Kennedy on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk at the Intersection of Main Street and Maxson Hill Road in Hopkinton.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous

JAMESTOWN ==> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/27/2017	Continued	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. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/5/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41641
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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> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PROVIDENCE ==> NARRAGANSETT BLVD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41685
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Request from Representative Almeida to consider reducing the speed limit on Narragansett Blvd from Ernest Street to the Cranston City Line from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41692
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of a private citizen for the installation of a crosswalk on the southern side of Succotash Road Bridge No. 037301.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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TIVERTON ==> MAIN RD. R.I. 77 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/17/2017	Continued	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. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> HIGH ST. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/29/2017	Continued	41693

Request from the Westerly Police Department for a protected only left turn phase on the High Street northbound approach to the signalized intersection with Ashaway Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 12/28/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Withdrawn	<i>Item Number</i> 41695
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Request from RIDOT for a no right turn on red restriction on Station Street at the signalized intersection with Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken: This was proposed as part of a RIDOT project based on a consultant's recommendation. Steve Pristawa said the Police Chief of Coventry reached out to him with concerns for a no right turn on red restriction on Station Street at the signalized intersection with Main Street. The Chief thought this restriction may increase delay on an already congested road. Steve said the stop bar is set back, so originally it was recommended to restrict no right turn on red. Due to the Police Chief's concerns, it was approved to deny this request since there is no history of issues with rights on red.

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous

CRANSTON ==> SCITUATE AVE. R.I. 12

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41680
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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: Steve Pristawa said traveling west on Comstock Parkway the speed limit is 35 MPH which matches the speed limit traveling east. The 85th percentile is 39-47 MPH and average speeds are 35-42 MPH. There are 13 1/2 foot lanes with 8 foot shoulders, and crash history does not indicate a speed issue; therefore, the 35 mph speed limit appears appropriate. It was approved to maintain the speed limit of 35 MPH.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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EXETER ==>> ARCADIA RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/22/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41691
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Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit for the entire stretch of Arcadia Road from Ten Rod Road (Route 165) to the Richmond Town Line.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said the Customer Service Dept. received a complaint for no speed limit signs on Arcadia Road and said the STC previously only approved 35 MPH on Arcadia Road in Richmond. According to the study, a speed limit of 35 MPH appears appropriate for the entire stretch of road. It was approved to install speed limit signs the entire stretch of Arcadia Road in Exeter, Richmond and Hopkinton as well as curve warning signs with advisory speed plaques.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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GLOCESTER ==>> SNAKE HILL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/20/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41678
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Request from Representative Winfield for a four-way stop control on Snake Hill Road at the intersection with Saw Mill Road.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a flashing beacon currently exists at Saw Mill Road and Snake Hill Road. Saw Mill Road is under stop control. There have been 6 crashes over a 3 year period with 3 being angle crashes. Criteria for a 4-way stop does not meet the guidelines at this intersection. Sight distance is restricted for the Saw Mill Road northbound approach due to a fence and vegetation. The 4-way stop was denied due to criteria not being met. Will have Maintenance go out at this location to trim back vegetation for better sight distance and check if the fence can be moved.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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HOPKINTON ==>> ARCADIA RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/22/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41690
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Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit for the entire stretch of Arcadia Road from the Richmond Town Line to Bridge Street.

Comments: Approved - Same as Item # 41691.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JAMESTOWN ==>> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41682
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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: Steve Pristawa said Conanicus Avenue is a straight road and that the Town of Jamestown installed speed feedback signs traveling southbound. The 85th percentile is 33 MPH southbound and 38 MPH northbound and the average speed are 30 MPH southbound and 33 MPH northbound. Approved the existing speed feedback sign southbound and approved speed feedback sign traveling northbound as long as the Town of Jamestown pays and maintains the device.

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==>> PARK AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/16/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 108 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/17/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41677
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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: Steve Pristawa said a 4-way stop sign does not meet warrants at either of the intersections with North Road at Columbia Street. A 4-way stop sign was denied and it was approved to enhance striping and install "cross traffic does not stop" signs below the stop signs on North Road and Columbia Street to make the mall movement more clear. Also, at the intersection of Columbia Street and Route 108, vehicles are parking right at the crosswalk on Route 108. Therefore, it was approved to install no parking signs on Kingstown Road from Columbia Street to 30 feet east of the crosswalk.

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous

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 Moorefield 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:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous

New Business



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COVENTRY ==> SOUTH MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/22/2018	Approved	41697

Request from RIDOT to rescind the approval for a no right turn on red restriction on South Main Street northbound at the signalized intersection with Main Street (Item #41689).

Comments: This item was previously approved after being suggested by a consultant on a RIDOT project, however, the Police Chief voiced his concerns that this restriction may increase congestion and there have been no past issues with allowing rights on red. Therefore, the STC rescinded the original approval. Right on red will be allowed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous

COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/28/2018	Study	41705

Request from Representative Nardolillo for a four way stop control on Victory Highway at the intersection with Harkney Hill Road/Perry Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous



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CUMBERLAND ==>> DIAMOND HILL RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41699
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Request from Representative McLaughlin to prohibit southbound u-turns on Diamond Hill Road south of the intersection with the I-295 Northbound off-ramp.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a roundabout will be implemented in the future at this location, however, the off-ramp currently backs-up for traffic turning left. Therefore, vehicles are turning right and making a u-turn at the end of the island, which is not expected by oncoming traffic. It was approved to install a No-U Turn sign in the median until the roundabout is installed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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EAST GREENWICH ==>> SOUTH COUNTY TR. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41704
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Request from RIDOT to prohibit parking on the west side of South County Trail from the northern driveway for address 3323 South County Trail (Cumberland Farms) to a point approximately 150 feet north.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said this request came in from the Gene Valiciente show. Vehicles are parking on the northbound side in the vicinity of 3323 South County Trail and vehicles are having a difficult time exiting the Cumberland Farms driveway due to poor sight distance. It was approved to install no parking signs on the westside from the northern driveway to the adjacent driveway at 3311 South County Trail.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WAMPANOAG TR. R.I. 114

Creation Date
9/22/2016

Disposition
Study

Item Number
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:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41703
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Request from the Town of Narragansett to prohibit parking on both sides of Boston Neck Road from the intersection with Old Boston Neck Road just north of Sprague Bridge No. 001701 to address 325 Boston Neck Road.

Comments: Jeff Ceasrine, Town Engineer for the Town of Narragansett spoke on behalf of the Town and said this is an important project. He said he approached RIDOT about a year ago and spoke to Bob Jackson from RIDOT, Property Management Section in regards to obtaining a site license, as well as a PAPA. The parking area where vehicles are parking is a gravel lot and some cars are driving over the sidewalk if the curb cut is blocked to park. Mr. Ceasrine would like to install No Parking Tow Signs. He also mentioned that obtaining a site license falls on the condition on getting a PAPA approved and also said that the Town of Narragansett will contact the Coastal Resource Management Council as well. Sean Corrigan, Police Chief for the Town of Narragansett said the population doubles in the summertime and that every inch of grass area is filled with vehicles parked, and this is a concern for the Narragansett Police Dept. Steve Pristawa said that the STC gets involved with parking issues on State roads, and that RIDOT's Property Management Section gets involved with vehicles parking on State property. If cars are restricting the travel lanes that can be an issue; but said the shoulders look wide enough and that Boston Neck Road is a straight road with good sight distance. As part of the study, it will be determined if parking will be a safety issue or a mobility issue. If not, we will send the Town's request to Property Management to see if no parking signs on the grass area are appropriate.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> HIGH SERVICE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41701
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Request from Mayor Lombardi to prohibit parking on the west side of High Service Avenue adjacent to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

Comments: Dino Autiello, President Town Council spoke regarding this issue. Mr. Autiello said buses are turning into the parking lot of Fatima Hospital and when the buses are exiting the driveway, cars are parked almost at the curb cut in front of the Hospital and buses have a difficult time turning onto High Service Avenue. Lt. Mike Scaramorro of the North Providence Police Dept. also said that buses and cars exiting the driveway of the Hospital have difficulty seeing to the right and left on High Service Avenue due to poor sight distance. Marcy Coleman asked if parking would be restricted on both sides of High Service Avenue and Lt. Mike Scaramorro said yes. Steve also said Mayor Charles Lombardi had also contacted him regarding this issue. Lt. Mike Scaramorro said that some employees also park on High Service Avenue as well. Steve Pristawa said the study will determine if this is a safety or mobility issue and than measurements may be taken.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

Creation Date
2/26/2018

Disposition
Study

Item Number
41702

Request from Mayor Lombardi for the installation of a crosswalk on Smith Street at the eastern approach to the Centerdale Bypass.

Comments: Dino Autiello, Town Council President said that a developer is trying to revitalize the Centerdale Village area and that vehicles are traveling fast on Smith Street heading towards the roundabout making it difficult to cross Smith Street. Shane Piche, the developer would like to have a raised crosswalk installed right before the roundabout for pedestrian safety and he feels this would slow the traffic down. Questions were raised regarding the roundabout because vehicles are driving over on the bricks of the roundabout. Marcy Coleman asked why wasn't the roundabout raised when installed and Steve Pristawa said this roundabout was one of the first to be developed and that cars should be driving around it and not driving on the bricks. Steve Pristawa said there is a 1 foot gap to possibly put in rumble strips to warn vehicles not to drive on the bricks, but this could create a noise issue for nearby property owners. Steve said a pedestrian traffic count will be conducted to determine if a crosswalk should be installed and that pedestrian traffic counts would be done come the warmer weather.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41698
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Request from the Town of Portsmouth to consider a road diet on East Main Road from Turnpike Avenue to the Middletown Town Line. The travel lanes will be reduced from 4 lanes with 2 in each direction to 3 lanes with 1 in each direction and a two-way center turn lane.

Comments: Senator James Seveney spoke in favor of installing a road diet on East Main Road from Turnpike Avenue to the Middletown Town Line. Senator Seveney said that from the Portsmouth Town Hall to East Main Road the road is narrow with no shoulder and it makes it difficult for school buses to navigate through to drop off and pick up. Senator Seveney said that he has received complaints from constituents that they can't get out onto East Main Road. The Senator also said that road diets really work on other roads in the Town of Portsmouth and that the School Committee, Police Department and the Town Council are all in favor of a road diet. Police Chief Thomas Lee spoke and said that a resolution was made to implement a road diet. Chief Lee also said there have been 624 accidents with 182 injuries resulting and that there have been 2 school bus accidents. Terri Cortvriend, Chairperson for the Portsmouth School Committee also mentioned the 2 school bus accidents and that they've considered eliminating school buses on East Main Road for pick up and drop off and have parents drop off at another location, however, this would be inconvenient and may be an issue. Linda Ujifusa of the Portsmouth Town Council said East Main Road is a very heavily traveled road and there is a need to implement some safety precautions. Thomas Vadney of the Portsmouth School Committee said the average speeds on East Main Road are 45-50 MPH and there is a need to slow down traffic. Mr. Vadney also said that there was an accident recently and stated that it would be too expensive to put police detail out in this area. Steve Pristawa said since implementing road diets throughout the State, they have been very successful and none have been reversed back to the original 4 lane road. Steve also said the Consultant will go out to do traffic counts and determine what the impacts would be if a road diet is implemented.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/1/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41706
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Request from the University of Rhode Island to approve a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) device at the following locations:

- Existing crosswalk at the intersection with Grad Circle
- Proposed bike path crossing located at the western limit of Peckham Farm, just east of the New Fernwood Cemetery. This crosswalk and HAWK are proposed as part of the University's URI/South County Bike Path Connector project.

Comments: Lt. Mark Healey of the South Kingstown Police said the Town of South Kingstown does recognize that the bike path will go through to URI and installing a HAWK device would be beneficial. Cpl. Wesley Pennington asked what a HAWK device is and Steve Pristawa said that a full traffic signal controls the main line and the HAWK device operates the same way, but will recognize a pedestrian when the button is pushed. It will turn solid yellow to warn vehicles and solid red for vehicles to stop. The HAWK device is activated only when needed. Keith MacDonald of PARE Corp asked regarding putting an LED Warning Sign about 200 feet from the HAWK device. Mr. MacDonald feels strongly for the HAWK device and to have it installed in both locations (Grad Circle and bike path crossing located at the western limit of Peckham Farm, just east of the New Fernwood Cemetery). Nicole Pope asked regarding issues at Grad Circle and Lt. Healey said this is a difficult area, as it's a dark area and a good amount of traffic goes through this vicinity. Steve Pristawa said traffic engineers will determine what the best solution would be; whether it would be a HAWK device in both locations or different devices. Ken Burke of URI said URI is locked into a DM Grant and is seeking what the STC recommendations would be for the bike path crossing. Steve Pristawa asked if there's a chance to put the device at the Grad Circle crossing into the URI project and have RIDOT fund it and Ken Burke said he doesn't see a problem with that. Steve Pristawa said it is a safety concern and by RIDOT funding the project it would be beneficial for pedestrians crossing and that RIDOT would maintain the signal. Ken Burke also said not many pedestrians cross at the crosswalk on Route 138 at Peckham Farm Road and there is a potential to eliminate it. RIDOT will provide comments to PARE and determine an appropriate solution.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WESTERLY ==> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2018	Study	41700

Request from Senator Algieri and Representative Azzinaro for a crosswalk on Shore Road at the intersection with Benson Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous

STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/8/2018	Approved	41696

Request from RIDOT to rescind all previous bridge postings and approve all bridge postings as shown in the attached list "All Posted Bridges by City/Town", dated 1/2/2018.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, April 04, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Marcy Coleman, Acting
Chairperson

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