



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 04, 2018

In attendance were:

- Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
- Ms. Nicole Pope
- Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:06 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> 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. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<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> 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> Ms. Nicole Pope	<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> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/22/2016	Continued	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:

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

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. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous



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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. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==>> HIGH SERVICE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/26/2018	Continued	41701

Request from Mayor Lombardi to prohibit parking on the west side of High Service Avenue adjacent to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/26/2018	Continued	41702

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

Comments:

Action Taken:

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



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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:

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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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. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<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. 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> 10/17/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41676
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WESTERLY ==> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/31/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41700
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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Old Business



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FOSTER ==> DANIELSON PK. U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/28/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: Steve said that based on the signal warrants this location meets 7 of 8 hours for the Volume Warrant and meets the Crash Warrant due to 7 crashes correctable by signal over a 12 month period. Bob asked if a roundabout was considered rather than a signal. Steve mentioned there is a road diet proposed as part of a safety project. It was discussed that the road diet could reduce the number of crashes. It was voted to approve the signal due to the crash warrant being met. However before installation the RIDOT should see if the road diet reduces crashes at this location and to re-evaluate if the signal would still be warranted once the road diet is in place.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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:

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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PORTSMOUTH ==> PARK AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/16/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: Steve said this crosswalk was requested for local businesses that utilize a parking lot across the street which requires patrons to cross the street. A few potential crosswalk locations were studied and discussed with the Senator. Feedback was requested since both locations would result in a loss of on-street parking. The Senator discussed with the business owners and recommended Alternative 1 which is just west of Cedar Ave. It was noted that this will result in the loss of 3 parking spaces. It was voted to approve the crosswalk at this location.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/8/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: Steve mentioned that the section of road from Ernest St to Cranston Line is 35 mph but is reduced to 25 mph at the Cranston City Line. The segment under study is a residential area with bicycle and pedestrian activity as well as on-street parking. The 85th percentile speeds were 34 -35 mph and the average was 28-29 mph. The study seemed to support a speed limit of 30 mph due to the nature of road. It will also provide a transition from 35 mph to north of Ernest Street to 25 mph to the south of the Cranston City Line. It was approved to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph from Ernest Street to the Cranston Line.

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> 3/1/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: Steve mentioned that this item was presented at the last meeting where URI and their consultant, PARE, spoke on the matter. Everyone preferred the installation of a HAWK device at both locations to be consistent. Also both locations warrant a HAWK based on PARE's study. It was also mentioned that with the installation of a HAWK at Grad Circle the removal of the crosswalk at Peckham Road is also recommended due to the proximity to the proposed HAWK which provides a safer alternative to cross. Representatives from URI noted at the last meeting that the crosswalk at Peckham Farm Rd is rarely used. It was voted to approve the HAWK signals at the Bike Path and Grad Circle crossings and to remove the crosswalk at Peckham Farm Road.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: Steve said pedestrians were counted in February. There were 39 pedestrians crossing over the 12 hour period. Bob said that there is overflow parking at the Marina for employees. Nicole asked if this will be worse in the summer. Steve said yes the number of pedestrians will likely be higher in summer due to the restaurant being very busy. Bob said the owner hires police details in the summer to help with traffic and pedestrian crossings. A crosswalk was recommended on the north side of bridge which is closer to the restaurant. However the overflow parking is located on the south side of the bridge. It was voted to approve the crosswalk but to speak to the owner about whether the north side or south side is a better location based where people are crossing.

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 ==> HIGH ST. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/29/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41693
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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: Steve said this location has odd geometry. The existing northbound left turn has a lead green arrow as a head start but can also turn on a green ball after yielding to oncoming traffic. The police made this request due to crash issues with the northbound left turn. Based on the study there were 12 left turn crashes over a 3 year period which supports the police's request. The signal operation will not be impacted significantly with this change. It was approved to change the phasing for the left turn to protected only for safety reasons.

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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New Business



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CUMBERLAND ==> HIGH ST. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/22/2018	Study	41709

Request from Senator Pearson on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk approximately 100 feet south of the intersection with Baldwin Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous

EAST PROVIDENCE ==> PAWTUCKET AVE. R.I. 1A / 103 / 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/19/2018	Approved	41708

Request from the City of East Providence to establish a school zone on Pawtucket Avenue in advance of BayView Academy located at 3070 Pawtucket Avenue.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said the speed limit is 35 mph. It is usually recommended to approve a school zone 10 mph less than the posted speed limit. It was voted to approve a 25 mph school zone at Bayview Academy during school hours from 730 AM – 330 PM.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==>> POINT JUDITH RD. R.I. 108

Creation Date
3/19/2018

Disposition
Study

Item Number
41707

Request from Representative Tanzi on behalf of a constituent to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on Point Judith Road between John Street and Carver Lane.

Comments: Mr. Durkin from Durkin Cottages spoke on this matter. He said the speed limit is too high in this residential area near Carver Lane to John Street. He said that houses have been hit around Durkin Cottage and that the Fire Station and St. Mary's Church support a speed reduction. He said the speed limit is 45 mph to north 35 mph in this area and then returns to 45 mph to south. He said there are many crashes and speeding and the speed limit should be reduced to 25 mph. Steve said the reduction to 35 mph is likely because of the change in character of the road since it's more densely populated in this area. He said it may be difficult to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on a four lane road with wide shoulders. Bob asked if a road diet should be considered which slows down traffic and helps with left turn traffic entering/exiting the side streets and businesses. Mr. Durkin agreed. Steve said we would look into it when we do the speed limit study. Wes asked what the impacts to traffic would be if we reduced the lanes to 2. Steve said this is a good point and that it is probably ok for 8-9 months of the year but could be issues in the summer. Nicole asked if there were pedestrians crossing the street in this area and Mr. Durkin said yes. Bob said we would contact Mr. Durkin before making a recommendation and that we would also contact the Police. Bob also mentioned that a reduction in the speed limit alone would likely not have an impact on motorists behavior. It was voted to study this matter.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41712
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Request from the North Smithfield Police Department to prohibit parking on Smithfield Road between Park Avenue and Providence Street.

Comments: Steve mentioned that the Town wants to prohibit parking on the west side of Smithfield Rd due to the narrow shoulder and people parking on the sidewalk when the Woonsocket fields are in use. There is parking allowed on the east side of the road. There is also parking available in various parking lots in the area when the fields are in use. It was voted to prohibit parking on the west side of Smithfield Road from Park Ave to Providence Street.

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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SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK. U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41711
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Request from RIDOT to remove all passing zones from Chopmist Hill Road (Route 102) to US Route 6.

Comments: Steve explained these requests are part of a safety project to install 3' buffer in the centerline with a rumble strip to deter head on crashes. Passing zones are not conducive to this type of treatment. The buffers will be installed on Hartford Pike from Route 102 to Route 116. The remaining portion of road is more residential in nature and therefore passing zones will remain as is with no buffer installed. Also voted to approve on Danielson Pike from the reservoir crossing to Route 102. All other passing zones will remain as is.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41710
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Request from RIDOT to remove all passing zones from Chopmist Hill Road (Route 102) to Danielson Pike.

Comments: Steve explained these requests are part of a safety project to install 3' buffer in the centerline with a rumble strip to deter head on crashes. Passing zones are not conducive to this type of treatment. The buffers will be installed on Hartford Pike from Route 102 to Route 116. The remaining portion of road is more residential in nature and therefore passing zones will remain as is with no buffer installed. Also voted to approve on Danielson Pike from the reservoir crossing to Route 102. All other passing zones will remain as is.

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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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/2/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41713
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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 3/30/2018.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i>
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, May 02, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE, Acting
Chairperson

Ms. Nicole Pope, Acting
Vice Chairperson