



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, August 01, 2018

In attendance were:

Col. David P. Tikoian

Ms. Nicole Pope

Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Cpl. Wesley Pennington, Acting declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, upon a motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously accepted by the State Traffic Commission. It was voted to continue to follow the procedures and policy of the State Traffic Commission as previously established.

Consent Agenda

BRISTOL ==> FERRY RD. R.I. 114

Creation Date
5/7/2018

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41719

Request from RIDOT on behalf of Roger Williams University for an exclusive pedestrian phase at the signalized intersection with Old Ferry Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Col. David P. Tikoian

Voting Results
Unanimous

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

Creation Date
3/29/2017

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
41621

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:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Col. David P. Tikoian

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/28/2018	Continued	41736

Request from Police Chief David Palmer to study the geometric configuration at the Main Street intersection at Maxson Hill Road/Cemetery Road for possible safety improvements.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

LINCOLN ==> OLD RIVER RD. R.I. 126

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/7/2018	Continued	41728

Request from the Town of Lincoln to install a crosswalk on Old River Road at the intersection with Cross Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/19/2018	Continued	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:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous



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NEWPORT ==> FAREWELL ST. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/22/2018	Continued	41732

Request from the City of Newport to study the northbound approach at the intersection of Van Zandt/Farewell Street to determine if traffic signal modifications or left turn restrictions would help alleviate the traffic backups on the northbound leg of the intersection.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> DOUGLAS AVE. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/10/2018	Continued	41721

Request from Representative Corvese for the installation of a crosswalk adjacent to 1254 Douglas Pike.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	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. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/26/2018	Continued	41698

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>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

SCITUATE ==> SCITUATE BY-PASS U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/30/2018	Continued	41725

Request from the Town of Scituate to consider the removal of the traffic signal at the intersection with Danielson Pike.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

WARWICK ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/18/2018	Continued	41730

Request from the City of Warwick for traffic safety improvements on Elmwood Ave from the Cranston City Line to Post Road and on Post Road in Warwick.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous



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WARWICK ==> POST RD. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/18/2018	Continued	41731

Request from the City of Warwick for traffic safety improvements on Post Road at Norwood Avenue and Maple Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/25/2018	Continued	41733

Request from Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk or signage improvements in the vicinity of 143 High Street in Westerly.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Nicole Pope	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2018	Continued	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	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous

Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/28/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<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: Jill Nascimento said this request came about due to a school bus crash on Victory Highway. Jill said Victory Highway is a very busy road with high speeds. The posted speed on Victory Highway is 45 MPH and drops to 35 MPH approaching the intersection with Harkney Hill Road/Perry Hill Road. There is a stop control on Perry Hill Road and Harkney Hill Road. Jill said a study was done and in a 12 hour period 3,500 vehicles were traveling on Victory Highway, 1,400 vehicles traveling on Harkney Hill Road and 300 vehicles traveling on Perry Hill Road. Vehicles coming out onto Harkney Hill Road, 70% of cars were turning right onto Victory Highway and the multi way stop sign warrant is not met. Jill said the only issue with vehicles coming out from Harkney Hill Road to Victory Highway is that the stop bar is set far back and there is some vegetation that restricts sight distance from the stop bar. There were 10 crashes over a 3 year period, which included a single vehicle crash. Due to the low volume of crashes over a 3 year period and not meeting multi way stop sign warrants, a four-way stop control was denied. It was approved to install intersection ahead warning signs on Victory Highway, and do tree trimming to improve sight distance.

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Col. David P. Tikoian

Voting Results
Unanimous



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CUMBERLAND ==>> BROAD ST.

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/16/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41715
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Request from Representative McLaughlin for the installation of a crosswalk at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick located at 135 Broad Street.

Comments: Jill Nascimento said a study was done and in a 12 hour period, 68 pedestrians crossed, with the heaviest crossing between 5:00pm-6:00pm. There was 1 pedestrian fatal in 2010. It was approved to install a crosswalk at 133 Broad Street, not at 135 Broad Street due to manhole and utility pole at 135 Broad Street. RIDOT has a proposed project on Broad Street and the crosswalk will be included in that project.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CUMBERLAND ==>> HIGH ST. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/22/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41709
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Request from Senator Pearson on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk approximately 100 feet south of the intersection with Baldwin Street.

Comments: Jill Nascimento said the Ollie's Diner and Josie's Ice Cream are the same owner and that the establishments are across the street from one another. Ollie's Diner is open from 7:00-2:00pm and Josie's Ice Cream is open noontime-10:00pm. Jill said a pedestrian count was done in June 2018. There were no crossings between 7:00am-9:00am, as well as 11:30am-1:30pm; between 5:00pm-8:00pm, 10 people crossed and on a Saturday between 9:00am-2:00pm, 14 people crossed. There is a parking lot behind Josie's Ice Cream that also can be utilized for parking. A crosswalk was denied because it does not meet warrants due to low of volumes of pedestrians crossing.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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LINCOLN ==> ALBION RD. R.I. 123

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/23/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41723
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of FoxRock Properties for crosswalks and pedestrian pushbuttons to be added on the eastern and northern approaches to the signalized intersection with George Washington Highway (Route 116).

Comments: Jill Nascimento said this signalized intersection is near the office building on 1 Albion Road. There are existing crosswalks only at the southern and western approaches of the intersection. It was approved to install crosswalks at the eastern and northern approaches to the intersection to limit pedestrian exposure if they want to cross from the southwest corner to the northwest or northwest corner.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> QUAKER LN. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/9/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41739
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Request from RIDOT for a protected left turn phase on the Quaker Lane Road (Route 2) southbound approach at the intersection with Ten Rod Road (Route 102).

Comments: Jill Nascimento said there is currently no left turn advance lane southwest at this location. A study was done and in the morning 80 cars turned left, 2 cars went straight and 187 cars turned right. In the afternoon, 154 cars turned left, 2 cars went straight and 276 cars turned right. Nicole Pope asked if there have been any accidents at this location and Jill said 4, while taking left turns. It was approved to install a left turn advance phase with a green arrow on the southbound approach.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<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> Denied	<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: Jill Nascimento said a road diet was recently installed in this area, which is why this request was previously tabled so that it could be studied once the road diet was in place. Signs on Route 113 southbound read 35 MPH which do not match STC records of 40 MPH. Before the road diet was installed, speed counts were taken at 2 locations. Before the road diet was installed, traveling northbound the 85% percentile was 41-43 MPH and the average speeds were 38 and 39 MPH and southbound the 85% percentile was 42-44 MPH and average speeds were 38-39 MPH. After the road diet was installed, traveling northbound the 85% percentile was 42 and 43 MPH and the average speeds were 37 and 38 MPH, traveling southbound, the 85% percentile was 42 and 41 MPH and average speeds were 37 and 38 MPH. Jill said the speeds have not changed much since installing the road diet. Wesley Pennington asked if any accidents occurred since this item was requested and Jill said no. This request was denied due to the speed limits not changing much before and after installing the road diet. Also, the nature of the road in this section differs from the section further north which has many commercial driveways and traffic signals. However, the 35 MPH sign will be corrected to 40 MPH.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Corporal William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/13/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41729
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Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the State Traffic Commission.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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New Business

NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AVE. R.I. 15

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/25/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41741
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Request from the North Providence Police Department for the following:

- o A school zone adjacent to the Marieville Elementary School located at 1135 Mineral Spring Avenue
- o A school zone adjacent to the Whelan Elementary School located at 1440 Mineral Spring Avenue
- o A school zone adjacent to the North Providence High School located at 1828 Mineral Spring Avenue

Comments: Jill Nascimento said speed limits for school zones are typically 10 MPH below the posted speed limit, which would coincide with a 25 MPH school zone for these schools that is currently under review. It was approved for a 20 MPH school zone for all 3 locations to coincide with prima facie speed limits. However, there is a request for the reduction of the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH from Route 146 to Thomas Street.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> MINERAL SPRING AVE. R.I. 15

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/25/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41742
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•Request from the North Providence Police Department for the following:

- o A reduction in the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph from Route 146 to Thomas Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PROVIDENCE ==> MEMORIAL BOULEVARD-SIGNALS ONLY

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/24/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41740
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Request from RIDOT on behalf of RIPTA for the addition of an exclusive bicycle phase on Exchange Street at the intersection with Memorial Boulevard. The redesign of this intersection including the bicycle phase will be constructed as part of the RIPTA's Downtown Transit Connector (DTC) project.

Comments: Jill Nascimento said the City of Providence and RIPTA have a project together to add a bike lane and transit only lanes on Exchange Street at the intersection with Memorial Boulevard. Jill said the bicyclists would have to travel through a very busy area of Exchange Street at the intersection with Memorial Boulevard. Jill also said Exchange Street and Memorial Boulevard are not state roads, but the state owns the signal at this intersection. Jill also mentioned that Russ Holt, Traffic Engineer had some concerns with the current design. Matt Lomas of VHB spoke on behalf of this request for RIPTA. Nicole Pope asked what the timing would be for bikes to cross at this intersection and Matt Lomas said bicyclists would have 15 seconds to cross. Mr. Lomas also said that a new mast arm will be installed with a new bike sign and bike detection will be done by video detection. He also said that pedestrians crossing sign will come on with the bike phase. This item request is being continued until VHB meets with Russ Holt to go over all of his concerns.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Col. David P. Tikoian

Voting Results
Unanimous



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, September 05, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Nascimento, PE, Acting
Secretary

Approved: _____

Cpl. Wesley Pennington, Acting
Chairperson

Ms. Nicole Pope, Acting
Vice Chairperson