



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 05, 2018

In attendance were:

Col. David P. Tikoian

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Ms. Nicole Pope

Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Ms. Marcy Coleman, Acting Chairperson declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 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. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Col. David P. Tikoian

Voting Results
Unanimous

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

Creation Date
6/28/2018

Disposition
Continued

Item Number
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:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/22/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41732
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> DOUGLAS AVE. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/10/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41721
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Request from Representative Corvese for the installation of a crosswalk adjacent to 1254 Douglas Pike.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/25/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<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. 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> 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> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SCITUATE ==> SCITUATE BY-PASS U.S. 6

<i>Creation Date</i> 5/30/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41725
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WARWICK ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/18/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41730
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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> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> 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. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Nicole Pope	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. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

Old Business



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/29/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<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: Steve Pristawa said there is a Community Center and a ball field behind the Center in the vicinity of 1277 Main Street. A study was done in the summer 2018, which showed a number of pedestrians crossing in this area. The nearest crosswalk is a 1/4 mile in each direction from the Community Center and the ball field. The study showed in a 12 hour period that 4 pedestrians crossed all day during a weekday, and 51 pedestrians crossed on a Saturday between 9:00am-3:00pm. Steve said the lanes are 12 foot wide with 8 foot shoulders and 6 1/2 foot sidewalks. The speed limit is 35 MPH, the 85% percentile is 43 and 41 MPH and average speeds were 38 and 36 MPH. Sight distance is good and there have been no crashes in this area. It was approved to install a crosswalk in the vicinity of 1277 Main Street with advance pedestrian x-ing pavement markings to provide additional warning due to the speeds.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 6/7/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41728
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Request from the Town of Lincoln to install a crosswalk on Old River Road at the intersection with Cross Street.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said Manville Park is in this vicinity. Steve said the nearest crosswalk is about 1,000 feet away from Old River Road at the intersection with Cross Street. Steve said there are 11 foot wide lanes with 2 1/2 foot shoulders and 6 1/2 foot sidewalks. Speed limit is 25 MPH for both northbound and southbound. The 85% percentile is 35 and 36 MPH and average speeds are 32 and 33 MPH. The study showed 33 pedestrians crossing during the weekday in a 12 hour period, and 8 pedestrians crossing during peak hours. It was approved to install a crosswalk on Old River Road at the intersection with Cross Street.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/19/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41707
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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: After much discussion between Mr. Pristawa, Mr. Durkin from Durkin Cottages, Representative Tanzi and the voting members, it was decided to extend the existing 35 MPH zone to be from John Street to Carver Lane to encompass the area that is more densely populated with both residences and commercial properties. Advance warning signs should also be installed on the approaches to the 35 MPH zone. Also, it was noted that the RIDOT is currently considering a road diet from Burnside Avenue to Ocean Road. If a road diet is recommended we will present to the STC at a future date.

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<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: Steve Pristawa said East Main Road is a 4 lane road, 40 foot wide, with 10 foot lanes. Steve said there is an athletic complex off East Main Road, and said there is a traffic signal at Sandy Point Avenue at the intersection with East Main Road. Wes Pennington asked if there have been any crashes in this area and Steve Pristawa said 10 in the last 3 years. There was discussion to perhaps install signage to exit the athletic complex from the back of the complex and out onto Glen Fern Road, which comes out onto Sandy Point Lane at the traffic signal. Steve said he will reach out to the Police Chief in Portsmouth regarding this signage. Wes Pennington asked about installing a seasonal traffic signal at this location, but Steve said the State has never done this. This item is being continued until Steve hears back from the Police Chief regarding the signage to exit from the back of the athletic complex.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<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: Steve Pristawa said RIDOT Engineers will meet with RIPTA Engineers to discuss the best course of action.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<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: Steve Pristawa said there are 11 foot lanes and 5 foot shoulders. 85% percentile is 42 and 41 MPH and average speeds are 38 and 39 MPH. Sight distance is good and there have been no crashes at this location. Steve said a study was done and in a 12 hour period, 8 pedestrians crossed, 3 during peak hours and 5 on a Saturday. It was suggested to install a crosswalk on Shore Road at the intersection with Crandall Avenue instead of at the intersection with Benson Avenue. Jill Nascimento said the Commission should reach out to both Senator Algieri and Representative Azzinaro to get their input on putting a crosswalk at Crandall Avenue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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STATEWIDE

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

Comments: The STC approved Cpl. Wesley Pennington as the new Chairperson and approved Ms. Nicole Pope as the new Vice Chairperson for the State Traffic Commission.

Action Taken:

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

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/14/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41746
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Request from the Town of Barrington for the installation of in-road pedestrian signs on Middle Highway at the existing crosswalk at the intersection with the East Bay Bike Path.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said studies are being done on all bike paths across the state.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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BARRINGTON ==> WASHINGTON RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/14/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41745
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Request from the Town of Barrington for the installation of in-road pedestrian signs on Washington Road at the existing crosswalk at the intersection with the East Bay Bike Path.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said studies are being done on all bike paths across the state.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<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>
8/9/2018	Study	41744

Request from Representative Kennedy for the installation of a crosswalk on Main Street at the intersection with Egypt Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/27/2018	Continued	41749

Request from RIDOT to restrict the left turns from Atwood Avenue northbound into the northern entrance to the plaza located at 1386 Atwood Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

LINCOLN ==> FRONT ST. R.I. 123

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/15/2018	Study	41747

Request from the Lincoln Police Department for the installation of a traffic signal on Front Street at the intersection with Grove Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Col. David P. Tikoian	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/16/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41748
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Request from the Town of North Smithfield to review and determine an appropriate speed limit on Route 146A from Park Avenue to School Street.

Comments: Gary Ezovski, Town Administrator of North Smithfield spoke regarding this issue. Mr. Ezovski said Route 146A (Great Road) from Park Avenue to School Street needs to be evaluated for an appropriate speed limit. He said the current speed limit is 35 MPH, but speed limit signage is not posted throughout this area. Mr. Ezovski also said there have been accidents in this area. He also has concerns with the placement of toll gantries going in on Route 146. He feels that trucks will take the Forestdale exit to avoid the tolls, which will increase traffic on Route 146A. Steve Pristawa said a study will be performed to determine an appropriate speed limit on Route 146A.

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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PROVIDENCE ==> ALLENS AVE. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/29/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41751
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Request from RIDOT to install EXEMPT signs at all railroad track crossings on Allens Avenue located north of Thurbers Avenue since these crossings are no longer active.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said south of Honey Dew on Allens Avenue, the tracks are active, and all railroad track crossings on Allens Avenue north of Thurbers Avenue, tracks are no longer active. Steve said if the tracks were to open up again the Genesee & Wyoming-Northeast Region Railroads must notify the STC to remove the Exempt signs. This item is being continued because the acknowledgement letter did not go out to all parties until September 4 and the STC wants to give time to everyone to see if they have any response or input.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Col. David P. Tikoian	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 108 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/9/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41743
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Request from Representative Tanzi for the installation of a crosswalk on Kingstown Road in the vicinity of Southwinds Drive.

Comments: Representative Tanzi said a lot of elderly live in this area that don't drive and walk across Kingstown Road to get to the store. Steve Pristawa said a study will be done to get pedestrian counts and determine if a crosswalk is warranted.

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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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, October 03, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:22am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____
Ms. Marcy Coleman, Acting Chairperson
Chairperson

Ms. Nicole Pole, Acting
Vice Chairperson