

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020

In attendance were:

Col. William Nebus

Ms. Nicole Pope

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Capt, Matthew Moynihan

Ms. Nicole Pope 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

BARRINGTON ===> COUNTY RD, R.I. 103 / R.I. 114

Creation Date 7/20/2020

Disposition

Item Number

Continued

41932

Request from the Town of Barrington to prohibit fishing from the Barrington Bridge over the navigational channel.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made

Motion 2nd

Voting Results

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous

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

Creation Date

Disposition

Item Number

1/21/2020

Continued

41882

Request from Mayor Fung to study possible left turn phasing or split phasing for Comstock Parkway northbound at Scituate Avenue in Cranston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made

Motion 2nd

Voting Results

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous



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EAST GREENWICH ===> SOUTH COUNTY TR. R.I. 2

Creation Date 3/16/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number

41902

Request from RIDOT on behalf of the RI National Guard to Install a traffic signal at the main entrance of Camp Fogarty located at 2841 South County Trail in East Greenwich.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Mollon Made Ms, Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE Voting Results

Unanimous

EAST PROVIDENCE ===> WARREN AVE. U.S. 6

Creation Date 3/18/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number

41911

Request from the City of East Providence for an exclusive left turn phase on Warren Avenue westbound at the signalized intersection with Evergreen Drive in East Providence.

Comments:

Action Takens

Motion Made Ms. Marcy Coleman *Motion 2nd* Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE **Voting Results**

Unanimous

JOHNSTON ===> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6 / U.S. 6A

Creation Date 8/12/2020 Disposition Continued Item Number

41939

Request from Representative Fellela for the Installation of a traffic signal at the Intersection of Hartford Avenue and Belfield Drive in Johnston.

Comments

Action Taken:

Motion Made Ms, Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE



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JOHNSTON ===> HARTFORD AVE. U,S. 6 / U,S. 6A

Creation Date 8/11/2020

Disposition Continued

Item Number 41938

Request from Councilman Joseph Polisena, Jr on behalf of a resident for a pedestrian safety study in the vicinity of 1137 Hartford Avenue in Johnston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motlon Made

Motion 2nd

Voting Results

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous

JOHNSTON ===> PUTNAM PK, U.S. 44

Creation Date . 8/26/2020

Disposition
Continued

Item Number

41941

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen for the installation of a traffic signal on Putnam Pike (Route 44) at the intersection with Dean Avenue/Pine Hill Avenue in Johnston.

Comments:

Action Takem

Motlon Made

Motlon 2nd

Voting Results

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous

NORTH KINGSTOWN ===> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

Creation Date

Disposition

Item Number

2/5/2020

Continued

41891

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a resident to study the intersection of Route 138 off-ramp with RT 1A North in North Kingstown for a traffic signal.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms, Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE Voting Results

Unanimous



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ===> PHILLIPS ST. R.I. 102

Creation Date 9/25/2019

Disposition Continued Item Number

41852

Request from RIDOT to study the traffic control at the Intersection of Phillips Street at Boston Neck Road and Brown Street in North Kingstown.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made Ms. Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Voting Results

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous

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

Creation Date 7/7/2020

Disposition
Continued

Item Number 41929

Request from the North Providence Police for a crosswalk at the intersection of David Street and Mineral Spring Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made Ms. Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Voting Results Unanimous

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

NORTH PROVIDENCE ===> SMITHFIELD RD.

Creation Date 9/17/2019

Disposition
Continued

Item Number

41849

Request from the North Providence Police Department for installation of a crosswalk on Smithfield Road at Walnut Street in North Providence.

Comments

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd

Voting Results

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous



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NORTH SMITHFIELD ===> CENTRAL ST. R.I.5

Creation Date 7/8/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number

41930

Request from Senator Paolino to install two crosswalks at the intersection of Central Street and Route 146A; one across Central Street to the middle of the concrete Island and the second from the same concrete Island across Route 146A.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made Ms. Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Voting Results

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanlmous

SMITHFIELD ===> PUTNAM PK, U.S. 44

Creation Date 6/24/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number 41927

Request from Senator Archambault for a traffic signal in the vicinity of 644 Putnam Plke (Route 44) in Smithfield.

Comments:

Action Takem

Motlon Made Ms. Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Voting Results Unanimous

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

WARWICK ===> AIRPORT RD.

Creation Date 2/26/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number 41900

Request from Sgt. First Class Cardente of the RI Air National Guard to relocate the Pedestrian Signal In front of the Warwick Armory (ARNG) on Airport Road approximately 300 ft. to the east at the Armory parking lot entrance and the North Star Aviation parking lot entrance.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motton Made Ms. Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE



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

Creation Date 2/7/2020

Disposition

Item Number 41893

Continued Request from Representative Bennett for Installation of a left turn signal phase on Post Road Northbound approach to the signalized Intersection with Mowry Ave In

Warwick.

Comments: Action Taken:

Motion Made

Motion 2nd

Yoting Results Unanimous

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

WOONSOCKET ===> DIAMOND HILL RD, R.I. 114

Creation Date 7/7/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number 41928

Request from Representative Phillips for a traffic signal at the intersection of Walnut Hill Road and Diamond Hill Road (Route 114) in Woonsocket.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motlon Made Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE **Yoting Results** Unanimous

Old Business



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BARRINGTON ===> MASSASOIT AVE.

Creation Date 7/13/2020

Disposition **Action Taken** Item Number 41931

Request from Representative Knight for a speed and pedestrian safety study at the Intersection of Massasolt Avenue and New Meadow Road in Barrington.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Sean Raymond said the consultant VHB studied this intersection. Sean sald New Meadow Road Is a 2 lane road and the posted speed limit is 25 mph and the speed limit north of the intersection is 20 mph. Massasolt Avenue is also a 2 lane road and the posted speed limit is 25 mph and there is an existing crosswalk on Massasolt Avenue. Marcy Coleman asked If there is a traffic signal at this Intersection and Sean said no, but Massasolt Avenue has a stop control, It was approved to enhance signage such as crosswalk ahead warning signs, in road pedestrian signage and improve strlping.

Motion Made Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Motion 2nd Ms. Marcy Coleman Voting Results Unanimous

CUMBERLAND ===> BROAD ST.

Creation Date 3/25/2020

Disposition Approved

Item Number 41914

Request from Senator Pearson to Install a crosswalk at the Intersection of Broad Street (Route 122) and Factory Street In Cumberland.

Comments: Sean Raymond sald Broad Street both northbound and southbound has two 11' lanes. Sean sald there were 12 crashes with 8 angle crashes over a 3 year period. The posted speed limit on Broad Street is 25 mph and the 85th percentile is 36 mph northbound and 32 mph southbound. Sean sald pedestrian counts were taken on May 14, 2020 from 7:00am-7:00pm and 20 pedestrians crossed at this intersection. Sean also said school was not in session when the ped counts were done and ped counts would probably increase when school is in session. It was approved to install a crosswalk at the Intersection of Broad Street (Rte. 122) and Factory Street.

Action Taken:

Motion Made Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Motion 2nd Col, William Nebus



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EAST PROVIDENCE ===> NEWMAN AVE. R.I. 152

Creation Date 12/2/2019

Disposition Approved Item Number 41875

Request from Senator Conley to Install a crosswalk across Newman Avenue (Rt 152) at Pleasant Street/Blshop Avenue In East Providence.

Comments: Francisco Lovera from McMahon Associates spoke on behalf of this request, Mr. Lovera sald Newman Avenue is a 1 lane road in each direction with approximately 10,000 vehicles traveling this road per day. Mr. Lovera sald the posted speed limit on Newman Avenue is 30 mph and the 85th percentile is 37 mph eastbound and 39 mph westbound. Schools were open when the counts were taken in this area and the highest peak was from 5:00pm-6:00pm with 10 pedestrians crossing Newman Avenue. Crash analysis showed 4 crashes in this area with 3 damage only; there were no pedestrians and bicyclists crashes. Steve Pristawa ask how many pedestrians crossed all day and Mr. Lovera said the count was in the single digits, however, due to the proximity to the school and assuming there would be additional people crossing when school is in session it was approved to install a crosswalk across Newman Avenue at Pleasant Street/Bishop Street and add additional enhanced signage such as advance warning sign for the crosswalk and install pavement markings.

Action Taken:

Motlon Made Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Motion 2nd Ms. Marcy Coleman **Voting Results** Unanimous

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

Creation Date 3/18/2020

Disposition Continued Item Number 41910

Request from the City of East Providence to establish speed limits on Pawtucket Avenue in the vicinity of Bay View Academy, East Providence High School and St. Margaret's School in East Providence.

Comments: Sean Raymond said RIDOT will reach out and coordinate with the City of East Providence with the recommendations before being voted on.

Action Taken:

Motion Made Ms, Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE



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JAMESTOWN ===> WALCOTT AVE.

Creation Date 8/26/2020

Disposition Action Taken Item Number 41940

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to conduct a safety evaluation along Walcott Avenue in Jamestown to include, but not be limited to, speed reduction measures and a potential 4-way stop.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Skye Levin from VHB spoke on behalf of this request. Ms. Levin said VHB performed a study on Walcott Avenue. The study consisted of field work, speed studies and a potential all way stop at Walcott Avenue and High Street and Walcott Avenue and Hamilton Avenue. Ms. Levin sald there was 1 injury crash over 5 years, which Sean Raymond sald was a roadway departure crash. Volumes on High Street was 147 vehicles and 162 on Hamilton Avenue, in which VHB sald does not meet warrants for an all way stop. VHB proposed putting in pavement markings, narrowing Walcott Avenue and widen the shoulders for blke lanes on Walcott Avenue. Sean Raymond asked regarding the limits of the blke lanes, and if the blke lanes were all on Walcott Avenue and Skye Levin said the bike lanes would be on the south side of High Street. Marcy Coleman asked if the changes being made are based on the residents concerns and Skye Levin said yes. Ms. Levin said VHB will revisit this location if issues continue. The proposed actions were taken: denied an all way stop, approved to narrow the lanes on Walcott Avenue at High Street, approved installing supplemental signage for the curve and install in road pavement markings.

Motion Made Ms. Marcy Coleman *Motion 2nd*Gapt, Matthew Moynihan



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LINCOLN ===> GREAT RD. R.I. 123

Creation Date 1/8/2020

Disposition Approved Item Number 41880

Request from Senator Thomas Paolino to install a green left turn arrow on Front Street eastbound at the signalized intersection with River Road (Route 126) in Lincoln.

Comments: Francisco Lovera from McMahon Associates spoke on behalf of this request. Mr. Lovera said the traffic signal at this intersection has 3 phases. Mr. Lovera said there were 19 crashes over a 3 year period. Speed limits on Front Street, for eastbound and westbound are 32 and 35 mph and speed limits on River Road for northbound and southbound are 36 and 37 mph. Mr. Lovera sald a left turn phase did not meet the volumes with the current conditions. Sean Raymond said there is a Church and an Elementary School In this vicinity and recommended a protective permissive signal for safety enhancements to this intersection. It was approved to install a protective permissive signal at this Intersection.

Action Taken:

Motlon Made Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Motion 2nd Ms. Marcy Coleman Voting Results Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ===> WESTMINSTER ST.

Creation Date 6/23/2020

Disposition Denied

Item Number 41925

Request from the City of Providence for a 4-way stop at the intersection at Westminster Street and Knight Street.

Comments: Francisco Lovera from McMahon Associates spoke on behalf of this request, Mr. Lovera sald counts for this intersection were done previously and were used for this study. He said the posted speed limit on Westminster Street is 25 mph. A 4-way stop was denied at this Intersection. It was approved to upgrade signage on Knight Street,

Action Taken:

Motton Made Ms, Marcy Coleman

Motlon 2nd Col. William Nebus



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WARWICK ===> WEST SHORE RD. R.I. 117

Creation Date 6/23/2020

Disposition Approved Item Number 41926

Request from the Warwick Police Department for the installation of a crosswalk on West Shore Road in the vicinity of Archdale Drive in Warwick.

Comments: Francisco Lovera from McMahon Associates spoke on behalf of this request. Mr. Lovera sald they looked at the existing conditions and performed traffic and speed counts. During Covid, counts were lower. Average vehicles traveling West Shore Road per day was 18,000 vehicles. The speed limit on West Shore Road is 35 mph and the 85th percentile was 41 mph eastbound and 39 mph westbound. Pedestrian counts wre taken in a 12 hour period and showed 46 pedestrians crossing at current times and Mr. Lovera estimated approximately 60 pedestrians crossing in a 12 hour period after Covid times. Mr. Lovera sald there were 4 crashes over a 3 year period; no pedestrians and blcyclists were involved. He said there is also a RIPTA bus stop in this area. It was approved to install a crosswalk with high visibility signs.

Action Taken:

Motlon Made Ms. Marcy Coleman Motion 2nd

Voting Results Unanimous

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

New Business

CUMBERLAND ===> MENDON RD. R.I. 122

Creation Date 9/2/2020

Disposition Approved Item Number 41942

Request from RIDOT for a "No Left Turn" Sign to be installed as part of a PAPA from Meadowbrook Drive onto Mendon Road in Cumberland.

Comments: Sean Raymond said this PAPA is part of a development on Meadowbrook Drive. It was approved to restrict left turns out of Meadowbrook Drive onto Mendon Road. The developer now provides access at the signal at the Cherry Hill Apartments.

Action Taken:

Motion Made Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Motlon 2nd Ms. Marcy Coleman



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JAMESTOWN ===> EAST SHORE RD.

Creation Date 10/1/2020

Disposition Approved Item Number 41947

Request from the Jamestown Chlef of Police to Install crosswalks on East Shore Road at Freebody Drive and East Shore Road at Eldred Avenue,

Comments: Chief Mello from the Jamestown Police spoke on behalf of the request, Chief Mello said he is requesting 3 crosswalks on East Shore Road. Amy Archer of Pare Corporation also spoke on behalf of this request. Ms. Archer said the 1st crosswalk should be installed near the parking lot on Eldred Avenue towards the blke path. She said sight distance to the west is good. Ms. Archer said a 2nd crosswalk should be installed on Freebody Drive south on East Shore Road, which has good sight dance to the south. The 85th percentile is 40 mph. Steve Pristawa said the speeds are concerning and asked regarding installing Rapid Flashing Rectangular's (RFBs) at all 3 crosswalks and Amy Archer said she has not yet proposed RFBs, due to the good sight distance. It was approved to install crosswalks on East Shore Road at Freebody Drive and East Shore Road at Eldred Avenue. It was also approved to install additional advance signage, striping with warnings of these new crosswalks. Steve Pristawa requested Pare Corporation to look in and verify whether or not additional enhancements would be necessary at these new crosswalks, and if so, Pare will come back to the STC with their recommendations.

Action Taken:

Motlon Made Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE **Voting Results** Unanimous

JAMESTOWN ===> ELDRED AVE.

Creation Date 10/1/2020

Disposition Approved Item Number 41948

Request from the Jamestown Chief of Police to install a crosswalk across Eldred Avenue approximately 500 feet west of the intersection of East Shore Road and Eldred Avenue.

Comments: Please refer to Item # 41947.

Action Takens

Motion Made Ms, Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE



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JAMESTOWN ===> ELDRED AVE.

Creation Date 10/1/2020

Disposition Approved

Item Number 41949

Request from the Jamestown Chief of Police to Install blke lanes along Eldred Avenue and East Shore Road.

Comments: Amy Archer of Pare Corporation spoke on behalf of this request. Ms. Archer sald the 85th percentile is 50 MPH on East Shore Road. She suggested in narrowing the lanes to install the bike lanes, which would help vehicular speeds for these bike lanes. It was approved to install blke lanes along Eldred Avenue and East Shore Road.

Action Taken:

Motlon Made Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE **Voting Results** Unanimous

RICHMOND ===> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 138

Creation Date 9/15/2020

Disposition Study

Item Number 41944

Request from the Town of Richmond for the installation of a traffic control device on Kingstown (Rte. 138) at the Meadow Brook Golf Course located at 163 Kingstown Road in Richmond.

Comments: Karen Pinch, Town Administrator for the Town of Richmond spoke on behalf of this request. Ms. Pinch sald the Meadow Brook Golf Course has a parking lot across the street from the golf course. She said there is an existing crosswalk already there, but is looking to install a flashing signal to warn vehicles of the crosswalk. Sean Raymond said a traffic count will be done as well as looking at the speeds on the road and pedestrians crossing.

Action Takent

Motion Made Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE



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WARWICK ===> CENTERVILLE RD. R.I. 117

Creation Date 9/22/2020

Disposition Study

Item Number 41945

Request from the City of Warwick for a safety study at the intersection of Centerville Road with Gauvin Drive/Quaker Lane in Warwick.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motton Made Capt. Matthew Moynihan Motion 2nd

Yoting Results

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Unanimous

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

Creation Date 9/8/2020

Disposition Approved

Item Number 41943

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a resident to change the existing left lane on Post Road northbound at the Intersection with Warwick Avenue in Warwick to a mandatory left turn lane.

Comments: Sean Raymond said the approach to this intersection traveling west to east is two (2) through lanes and 1 lane on Post Road northbound. It was approved to modify the lane on Post Road for a left turn lane only on the northbound approach.

Action Taken:

Motion Made

Motion 2nd

Yoting Results Unanimous

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Ms. Marcy Coleman

STATEWIDE

Creation Date 10/1/2020

Disposition Approved

Item Number 41946

Request from RIDOT to resolnd all previous bridge postings and approve all bridge postings as shown in the attached list "Posted Bridge List" dated 10/1/2020..

Comments

Action Takent

Motion Made Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE

Motion 2nd Capt, Matthew Moynihan



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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, November 04, 2020 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Soan Raymond

Mr. Sean Raymond, PE

Secretary

Approved:

nicole pope

Ms. Nicole Pope Chairperson

Ms. Marcy Coleman Vice Chairperson

Friday, October 30, 2020