



MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 24, 2025

The TSAC meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead and publicly via Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Gary Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

The following TSAC members were in attendance, by roll call vote, constituting a quorum:

Rick Smyers, resident	Present
Gary Hebert, resident	Present
Dennis King, Police Chief	Present
Maggie Wheeler, Town Engineer	Present
Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief	Present

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve January meeting minutes made by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Gary Hebert. All in favor, via roll call vote.

3. Presentation of Bike Facilities Master Plan

Taylor Dennerlein of Toole Design Group presented a draft of the Marblehead Bike Facilities Master Plan. The plan will be completed in March or April.

Highlights included:

- A primary goal of the plan is to make cycling a safe, efficient, and practical option for all residents, with a particular focus on children riding to school.
- An online survey yielded 835 responses and found that the biggest reported barrier to cycling in town is that vehicular traffic makes cycling feel unsafe.
- The proposed bike network incorporates 2 types of bike facilities, in addition to the Rail Trail:
 - Separated bike lanes on or alongside main roads
 - “Neighborhood Greenway” designations for roads that emphasize sharing the roadway between bikes and motor vehicles
- There are multiple options for separated bike lanes with different types of separation. There are also many traffic calming options for Neighborhood Greenways

- The highest priority streets recommended for separated facilities are: West Shore Dr, Lafayette St, Village St, Pleasant St, Atlantic Ave, Smith St, Rockaway Ave, Glendale Rd, Ocean Ave, Washington St, and Cornell Rd
- Of those, West Shore Dr, Lafayette St, Atlantic Ave, Ocean St, and parts of Pleasant St could be done as lower cost “quick build” projects.
- Detailed implementation plans and costs were not part of this plan.
- The Committee and members of the public discussed the need for and the benefits of bike lanes, with a particular focus on West Shore Drive.
- Taylor indicated that bike lanes are usually not considered if traffic volumes on a street are lower than 3,000 vehicles per day.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting is March 17th, 2025.

5. Adjourn 5:02pm

Motion *to Adjourn* made by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Dennis King. All in favor by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Smyers
Secretary