

MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 22, 2024

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

The following TSAC members were in attendance which constitutes a quorum:

David Kucharsky, resident	Present- via Zoom
Rick Smyers, resident	Present- in person
Gary Hebert, resident	Present- in person
Dennis King, Police Chief	Present- Via Zoom
Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief	Present- in person
Amy McHugh, Director, Department of Public Works	Present- via Zoom
Charles Quigley, Town Engineer	Present- in person departed 5:07pm
Brendan Finnegan	Present – in person
Thatcher Kezer-Ex Officio, Town Administrator	Present- in person

1. Call to Order

Gary Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion *To approve meeting minutes (12-18-2022)* made by Jason Gilliland and Rick Smyers seconded:

On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in Favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor, Quigley in favor.

3. Public Comment

Request review of handicap parking spaces and locations.

Devereux School Parents – concern of Smith Street traffic

Concern about ascetics of Marblehead being changed by too many lines on roads

Crosswalk rule not followed by drivers in Marblehead. - more rapid flashing beacons

MUTCD updated have Complete Streets Committee review

4. TSAC members top 3 Safety Concerns – continued

Member discussed each of their priorities-

Project 4 complete streets – Brown School Area

Project 10 Complete Streets Lafayette and Pleasant

Project 20 Complete Streets Maple Street

West Shore Drive, Pleasant Street (Spring to Humphrey), Atlantic Ave

Chair recommends that consultant look at the committees three areas of concern

5. Set priority for Complete Street Grant applications

Discussion

A higher level of design is required to apply for Complete Street Grant

Applications due May 1st. - level of detail for design needs to be confirmed

Brown School area design details could possibly be met

Pleasant Street requires design level that might not be ready for May

Complete Street List needs to be reviewed pick projects that are shovel ready for May 1 application

Sidewalk enhancements could be projects that would not have utility upgrade restrictions

6. Resident Traffic change Request forms

Discussion on the Request cross walk improvements

6.1 (17) 5 Atlantic Ave Community Road - does meet requirements – request for Rapid Flashing Beacon (RFB) - design options discussed – Police will complete pedestrian count at various spots, this crosswalk will be one reviewed – Capital improvement request for 8 sets of RFBs (\$8,000/set) outcome of review determine area RFB's are installed

6.2 (12) 10 Maple Street – area has changed since Plan was developed for Glover School Paving plan needs to be part of decision for line painting. review need for mid crosswalk. Town engineer noted that this has been reviewed, this is a dangerous site line area so crosswalk is not recommended. Chair would like to review this mid crosswalk again.

6.3 (15)16 West Shore Lafayette Tedesco - Bike Lane Traffic Calming –This will be part of town wide bicycle master plan

6.4 (16) 11 Pleasant St. @ Village - modifying parking areas consider this location be left as is since impact on parking removal for a discontinues bike lane would not be acceptable. This should be part of Bicycle master plan

6.5 (19)13 or (22)/23 Lafayette Tully – Birch streets
Traffic calming and Cross walk improvements options reviewed

6.6 (20) 14 Lafayette Street West Shore Drive to Maple -
Discussion Bike lanes – options reviewed

Motion *To approve recommendation for installation of crosswalks signage following MUTDC guidelines regarding traffic change requests -6.1 option A for Community Road painted traffic improvements* made by Charles Quigley and seconded by: Jason Gilliland On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in Favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor, Quigley in favor.

Motion *To approve recommendation 6.2 for development of striping plan for Maple Street with shoulder installation and incorporating existing parking* made by Rick Smyers and seconded by: Jason Gilliland. On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows:

Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in Favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor

No action on the Request Bike Lanes **6.3, 6.4** and **6.6**, should be included in Bike Master Plan

Motion *To approve recommendation for installation of crosswalks signage following MUTDC guidelines regarding traffic change requests -6.5 Lafayette at Birch Street option A* made by Rick Smyers and seconded by Jason Gilliland On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in Favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor

7. Committee Assignments

Letters received - discussion

Bike Racks Request – Rick Smyers will review and return with recommendations

Thanks to Town for prompt attention to two requests made at last meeting

TSAC could inform Residents of Sidewalk parking laws.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Monday 26th – next meeting set February

Motion *To Adjourn* made by Jason Gilliland seconded by Ric Smyers at 5:20 pm: On a roll call vote the committee voted as follows: Kucharsky, in favor; Smyers, in Favor; King, in favor; McHugh, in favor; Gilliland, in favor; Hebert, in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McHugh
Secretary