

MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 26, 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
Rick Smyers, resident	Present
Gary Hebert, resident	Present
Dennis King, Police Chief	Present
Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief	Present
Amy McHugh, Director, Department of Public Works	Present
Charles Quigley, Town Engineer	Present -4:16 arrival
Thatcher Kezer-Ex Officio, Town Administrator	Present

1. Call to Order

Gary Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

2. Quarterly Status Report

Motion *To approve Quarterly Report as amended* made by Jason Gilliland and Amy McHugh seconded: All in favor.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion *To approve meeting minutes as amended (01-26-24)* made by Jason Gilliland and Dennis King seconded: All in favor.

4. Public Comment

Request for Lafayette Street cross walk or sidewalk up inbound side of street.
Request safe place for pedestrians and bikers to use be added to Beach Street -
Suggestion to make public notification of Speed advisory signs - signs and lines grant awards
Bike lanes and additional striping is not necessary could be detrimental to esthetics of Marblehead.

5. Rick Smyers - presentation on potential bike storage areas in downtown Marblehead & other Town locations

Report presented. Criteria: convenient, visible
current state of locations of bike racks
Municipal: Community Center, Abbot Hall to be installed,
Playgrounds and beaches have; Exceptions Gashouse, Grace Oliver's Beaches – no area available for bike racks
Commercial districts – none

Suggested Bike Rack locations

Community Center - Move existing racks to more advantageous location: Abbot hall- Install the bike racks in storage; Fort Sewall- Install by end of Front Street or near parking lot on Front Street; Village Street Dock– Near Parking Lot - Location cannot impede sewer pump station operations and emergency staging; Castle rock – by sign on right or on path after sign; Bird sanctuary – left or right of main entrance; Orne Street - entrance to Old Burial Hill or Fountain Park; Norman Street - Steers Swamp Entrance - near sign; Commercial areas defer to Bike Master Plan

Funding review – in the past the use of donations funded racks – Complete Street list #15 or #12 – Add bike racks to pedestrian crossing areas funded by State Chapter 90.

Motion *To recommend the Town to Submit Complete Street Grant Request for the purchase bike racks* made by Rick Smyers and Charlie Quigley seconded: All in favor.

6. Pedestrian crossing issues on Maple St Revisited near Glover School, Smith St just south of Pleasant St near Devereux School, and Lafayette St. temporary walking shoulder

Maple Street review discussion - mid block cross walk has sight line issues - not recommended – cars parking and elevation change: Recommendations implement safe routes to school program: encourage drop off pattern that has been designed and installed for safety.

Devereux school - Smith Steet review discussion- mid block crosswalk - right now safest drop off and pick up on same side of street or crossing guard and light are 75 yards away. Could work with school and have better signage, markings, feed speed back sign, education, drivers and pedestrian need to take proper responsibility and reduce speeding. Town has had success in grant awards for installing signs, rabid flashing beacons, enforcement has increased in town by 124% increase in 2023. Crashes have declined over last 5 years.

Lafayette Street - discussion new cross walk, sidewalk or striping from Salem line to Maple inbound. Recommendation discussion for addition of 6” stripe on side line-shoulder designation - 6 ft shoulder with 6” line.

Motion made by Rick Smyers Second by David Kucharsky, more discussion. We need to confirm that we are not encouraging unsafe conditions at night. Town should have assessment of professionals in town to study and come back with suggestions.

Motion to table made by Jason Gilliland recommendation till study reviewed or completed and conversation about feasibility, best placement of line and confirm it does not create a safety issue. Second by Dennis King.

7. Next Meeting Date:

meeting discussion Items – Beach Street, Lafayette Street

Monday March 18th - next meeting

Motion *To Adjourn* made by Jason Gilliland seconded by Ric Smyers at 5:15pm: All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McHugh
Secretary