



MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) Marblehead, Massachusetts

April 14, 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 4:03 p.m. and announced it was being recorded.

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

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from both February and March made by Chief Gilliland and seconded by Chief King. All in favor.

3. Public Comment

Gary Hebert read a letter from a resident who was nearly struck by a truck pulling a trailer on Pearl Street, as it passed her without leaving adequate room. The Committee discussed the availability of signs that remind drivers of the law requiring them to leave 4 feet when passing any vulnerable road user. The Town has not yet ordered or decided where to place such signs.

4. Review of crosswalk installation guidelines, Gary Hebert

The Committee reviewed the crosswalk installation guidelines and agreed to include a reference to them in a future quarterly report to the Select Board. Motion to approve the guidelines made by Chief Gilliland and seconded by Chief King. All in favor.

[Committee member Amy McHugh and ex-officio member Thatcher Kezer arrived at 4:10]

5. Review of Crash Data, Gary Hebert

Gary Hebert presented an analysis of the difference between MassDOT crash data and MPD crash data. Only crashes involving injuries or more than \$1000 of damage are reported to MassDOT. The trend for MassDOT crashes is down, but the MPD crashes are flat.

Crashes involving bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists are clustered in areas that the Committee has previously discussed, such as Pleasant St, Lafayette St, and Atlantic Avenue.

6. Review of paving and sidewalk plans, Amy McHugh

DPW will be repaving West St, Mystic Rd, and Florence Rd this year. The next set of roads to be repaved are TBD based on funding.

The Town allocated \$90K of ARPA money to add ADA-compliant landings to 6 crosswalks. These will be installed at locations where flashing beacons are also being installed, as well as on Tedesco Street. The Rec & Park and Community Development departments are also installing a ramp near Devereux Beach.

DPW generally tries to do work on gas lines in the third year before paving, work on water and sewer in the second year before paving, and sidewalks one year before paving or in the same year.

7. Implementation of the Bike Master Plan

The Committee discussed how to prioritize implementation of the facilities recommended in the Bike Master Plan.

Rick Smyers recommended starting with painted bike lanes on Lafayette St from the Salem border to West Shore Drive and on Atlantic Ave from the Swampscott border to Seaside Park, or for as far as it is feasible to create those lanes.

Gary Hebert recommended prioritizing separated bike facilities on Lafayette St, Pleasant St, Maple St, Tedesco St, Humphrey St, Ocean Ave, Harbor Ave, and Atlantic Ave to Seaside Park. He did not think it would be feasible to do separated facilities further down Atlantic Ave, or on Village St, Elm St, or Mugford St. He did not think Beach St. met the criteria for separated bike facilities. The Committee discussed need for a Complete Streets treatment for Beach St. that fits the needs of the town.

The Committee discussed the meaning of the “Neighborhood Greenway” concept that was recommended in the Bike Master Plan. These are roads that are intended to be shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. They may need some sort of “gateway” treatment that clearly warns drivers that vulnerable users will be on those roads. A comprehensive approach may be needed, rather than simply adding signs or paint.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th, 2025.

9. Adjourn 4:52pm

Motion to Adjourn made by Chief Gilliland and seconded by Rick Smyers. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Smyers
Secretary