



**MARBLEHEAD TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**4th QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE SELECT BOARD**  
**Aug-Oct 2024**

Under the Town's adopted Article 49 of the 2023 Town Meeting, the TSAC was formed to provide advisory assistance to the Select Board on matters pertaining to the safety aspects of the town's transportation infrastructure and promoting the Town's Complete Streets policy. As an advisory body, we are submitting this quarterly report to inform the Select Board of our recommendations. We recognize it is the Select Board's prerogative to determine which of TSAC recommendations it considers are priorities and wishes to advance. We further recognize that unless the TSAC's recommended actions include already programmed labor costs and materials either in stock or planned, they may not be pursued. In such cases, the TSAC is available to assist the Select Board with unfunded actions it still considers as priorities by pursuing additional grant/funding opportunities.

During this period, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held three hybrid public meetings, on August 19, September 16, and October 21, 2024.

At each meeting, the TSAC presented and debated safety issues consistent with our mission statement. Residents offered comments about traffic safety issues in town. While diverse opinions were presented, residents generally wished to reduce excessive speeding to make Marblehead's roads safer and more welcoming for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, while preserving or enhancing the town's unique character.

TSAC accomplishments during this period:

- A. **Traffic Change Request for a new Lafayette Street sidewalk between Salem line and Maple Street recommended by the TSAC was constructed by Marblehead DPW.**
  
- B. **Committee developed criteria and reviewed locations as potential candidates for installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB's) for assumed installation during 2025. After reviewing bids, MHPD found it may be able to implement up to eight RRFBs. These included:**

- 1. Atlantic Avenue at Community Road
- 2. Atlantic Avenue at Smith Street
- 3. Atlantic Avenue at Gerry Street

4. Atlantic Avenue at Barnard Street
  5. Lafayette Street at Birch Street
  6. West Shore Drive at Jersey Street
  7. Pleasant Street at Starbucks/MBTA stop
  8. Pleasant Street at Gerry Street
- C. **At the October 2024 meeting, marking one year, the Committee was due to ‘rotate the Chair’, in accordance with its Article X Bylaw during 2023.** By unanimous vote, the Committee selected to retain Gary Hebert as Chair until October, 2025 (when his term is set to expire) with David Kucharsky as Vice-Chair, and Rick Smyers as Secretary.
- D. **During the October 2024 meeting, David Kucharsky, representing the Complete Streets Committee, indicated that should the Town pass the MBTA Community Zoning Act requirements, the Committee will pursue a Complete Streets grant to implement Beach Street vulnerable user travel enhancements,** as Beach Street is on MassDOT’s approved Complete Streets Phase II projects list.

We welcome the Select Board’s feedback as to the desirability and feasibility of these advisory recommendations, so that implementation can be expedited in accordance with our Mission Statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marblehead Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

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