



MARBLEHEAD TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5th QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE SELECT BOARD
Nov-Dec 2024 and Early Feb 2025

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 November 18, December 16, 2024, and early February 3, 2025.

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. **Police Chief King announced the receipt of a Municipal Road Safety Grant for funding a radar feedback sign, selective enforcement, and patrols.**
- B. **Police Chief King also requested the Committee assist the Town by preparing 'mid-block crosswalk guidelines'.** The Committee Chair agreed to initially draft the pedestrian safety focused Guidelines for Committee review. Draft guidelines were iteratively reviewed and adopted in April 2025. The final version is attached to this TSAC quarterly report.
- C. **Apex Consultants completed a report on the status of sidewalks and accessible curb ramps which was made available to the Committee.** If all sidewalks and ramp deficiencies are addressed, Apex estimates the costs would be in the range of \$61 million. Consequently, a prioritized/sequenced phasing for implementation is being prepared by

Marblehead DPW in coordination with the Town's new Planning Department. The Select Board will oversee DPW funding implications of the phased sidewalk enhancements maximizing the use of available State funding sources.

- D. DPW announced the Toole Designers report on the bicycle Master Plan will be available in March 2025.**
- E. DPW and MPD have kept the Committee apprised monthly of safety initiatives being undertaken.**

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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