



MINUTES

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) Marblehead, Massachusetts

August 18, 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 4:00 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
Amy McHugh, DPW	Present
Maggie Wheeler, Engineer	Present

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from July made by Amy McHugh and seconded by Dennis King. Gary Hebert, Dennis King, and Amy McHugh voted in favor. Maggie Wheeler voted “present.”

3. Public Comment

No comments were offered.

4. Traffic Change Requests, Chief King

Some new traffic change requests have come in recently, but none that required a formal recommendation from TSAC at this time.

Amy McHugh provided an update on a prior request for a crosswalk across Everett Paine Boulevard, at the corner of Lafayette St. The crosswalks are being painted, and ADA-compliant ramps will also be installed at some point.

5. E-Bike Presentation, Gary Hebert

Chair Hebert presented on e-bike and e-scooter regulations. Highlights include:

- There has been an uptick in crashes involving e-bikes.
- While nationally, Classes 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes are defined, Massachusetts only defines Class 1 and Class 2 categories that do not provide assistance over 20mph. Class 3 e-bikes—undefined in Massachusetts -- provide assistance up to 28 mph. Massachusetts law regulates its *defined* e-bikes like bicycles. At this time, e-bikes that can provide assistance over 20mph are regulated as motorcycles or cars, requiring a valid driver’s license, insurance, etc.
- The Committee also discussed:
 - o The benefits of E-bikes/E-scooters as environmentally friendly option.

- One of the actions Marblehead can take is to consider a maximum speed of 15 mph on the MRT or prohibiting the use of e-bikes/e-scooters on the MRT system. Public comments were also offered during this discussion, with several comments opposed to the idea of prohibiting e-bikes on the rail trail. No vote was taken during this meeting, as the Chair requested a more complete committee be present for any vote on any recommendations that may be submitted to the Select Board.
- The TSAC could remind e-bike/e-scooter operators that if they are going to use a public crosswalk for a crossing, they must stop first, look in all directions where moving traffic is coming from before crossing when it is safe to do so.
- Providing e-bike/e-scooter educational materials on State Laws and local ordinances on the Town's website.
- A discussion of potential insurance implications for e-bike riders.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 2025. Continuation of e-bikes/e-scooters discussion is to be on the Agenda.

7. Adjourn 4:48pm

Motion to Adjourn made by Dennis King and seconded by Amy McHugh. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Smyers
Secretary