



MINUTES

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)
Marblehead, Massachusetts**

September 15, 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 4:02 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
Jason Gilliland, Fire Chief	Present
Maggie Wheeler, Engineer	Present
Rick Smyers, Resident	Present via Zoom
David Kucharsky, Resident Present	Present via Zoom

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from August made by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Dennis King. Gary Hebert, Rick Smyers, and Jason Gilliland voted in favor. David Kucharsky voted “present.”

3. Public Comment

Michelle Bell described a crash in which her friend, a 70-year-old woman, was hit by a driver while cycling and suffered a serious injury. She noted that the police report did not record this as a serious injury crash, since her condition was unknown at the time, and asked for some sort of supplemental reporting for cycling crashes.

Al Jordan noted that the speed feedback sign on West Shore Drive at Shorewood Rd has not been working. He also asked when the new RRFBs would be installed.

Pat Adams expressed concerns about cars stopping in the middle of the crosswalk on Village St. outside of the Village School. She asked for reminders for drivers about school drop off and pickup. She also asked for consideration of a mid-block crosswalk on Humphrey St between Broughton Rd and the High School and asked for the pavement markings in the Community Center parking lot to be repainted.

4. Traffic Change Requests, Chief King

Some requests have come in for “No parking here to corner” signs, and they will be installed.

Another request came in for a crosswalk on Tedesco St at Tedesco Pond Rd. It will be reviewed against the TSAC crosswalk guidelines.

5. E-Bike Discussion, Gary Hebert

Chair Hebert presented some updates to the presentation on e-bike and e-scooter regulations.

- He clarified that the slide on crashes with e-bikes did not intend to imply fault.
- "Class 3" e-bikes are not defined in MA and are therefore regulated as motorcycles or cars.
- The Marblehead Rail Trail has an improved surface rather than a natural surface, and therefore e-bikes are permitted on it by default.

The Committee discussed the need for an educational campaign on e-bikes and e-scooters. Some members of the Committee noted that engineering changes are unlikely to be adequate, especially in the short term, and aggressive enforcement of e-bike laws is unlikely to be practical, so education would be a good approach. Chief King, Rick Smyers, David Kucharsky, and Maggie Wheeler offered to help gather materials.

6. Annual reorganization, Gary Hebert

Chair Hebert noted that his term as Chair is ending. Thatcher Keezer recommended electing new officers for terms that expire on June 30, to align with other town boards and committees.

Dennis King nominated Rick Smyers for Chair. Maggie Wheeler seconded. All in favor.

Maggie Wheeler nominated Dennis King for Secretary. Gary Hebert seconded. All in favor.

7. Other updates

Amy Drinker, Chair of the Charter Committee, provided a draft charter for the TSAC to review. TSAC is not specifically included in the Charter, but Gary will distribute for review and comments.

There will be a workshop on Open Meeting Law on October 15. TSAC members are highly encouraged to attend.

There will be a public meeting about improvements to the Lynnway on September 17th. More information is available on the town website.

The Complete Streets Committee decided to prioritize ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps instead of the Beach St redesign which the TSAC had discussed previously.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20th, 2025.

9. Adjourn 4:48pm

Motion to Adjourn by Jason Gilliland and seconded by Dennis King. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Smyers
Secretary