Talbot County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Members Present: Bob Burgner, Bob DeGour, Lt. James (J.R.) Dobson, Heather Grant, Jessica Lister, Brian Naranjo, Phil Starkey

Members Absent: Howard Callahan, Ava Ellett, Ed Heikes Sr., Mike Owens

County Council Liaison: Pete Lesher

Staff: Emily Gilmer, Kristen Goller

Guests: Ted Bautz, Jon Korin, Chief Lowrey, Richard Marks, and Mike Murtagh
Note: Mike Owens has retired from the Talbot County Board of Education, so he will be contacted to determine his interest in continuing to serve.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2026

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed via email for review in advance of the meeting. Mr. DeGour made a motion to approve the minutes without edits, which was seconded by Mr. Dobson. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Updates:

a. **USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application Update:** Ms. Goller relayed that a grant agreement was drafted and submitted for the Safe Streets for All Grant. Preliminary feedback was received, and since then edits have been made to the agreement. It has been re-submitted, and we are now awaiting further word.
b. **Dashboard:** Ms. Grant notified the group that a link will be shared with the group for review.
c. **MDOT Intersection Review Request:** Mr. Lesher updated the commission on a request received by the Talbot County Council to review the intersection of Route 322 and Oxford Roads. It is on tonight's council agenda.

III. Committee Assignments and Confirmations

Data Committee – Meeting Aug. 31, 2026
Purpose: Provide the information needed to understand risk, track progress, and guide safety decisions for people walking and biking.

Duties: tracking key crash and injury indicators; supporting development and maintenance of a public safety dashboard; and using findings to inform priorities and recommendations.
Current Volunteers: Heather Grant, Bob DeGour, and Ava Ellett

Grants Committee – Meeting Sept. 14, 2026
Purpose: Support successful implementation of the Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant.
Duties: monitoring grant milestones; reviewing consultant work products and engagement activities; supporting coordination among partners and agencies; and translating grant outcomes into actionable next steps.
Current Volunteers: Heather Grant, Jessica Lister, Pete Lesher, Kristen Goller, Mike Murtagh, Jean Weisman, Steve Cohoon, Emily Gilmer

Education Committee – Meeting Sept. 8, 2026
Purpose: Promote safer travel through public awareness and education.
Duties: identifying priority audiences and safety topics; developing and supporting education and outreach efforts; coordinating with schools, community groups, and partners; and evaluating effectiveness to refine messaging.
Current Volunteers: J.R. Dobson, Heather Grant, Bob DeGour, and Mike Owens.

IV. Guest Speaker: Jon Korin, President of Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (Bike AAA)

Mr. Korin provided an educational presentation, differentiating between e-bike and e-motos. Ms. Grant distributed a rack card produced by Talbot Thrive related to the topic.

Chief Lowrey provided details on a survey recently undertaken by the Town of Easton, which was open May 11 – June 20, 2026. The survey received 374 responses, gathering resident's opinions on trail and sidewalk policies. Results are being used as the Town undertakes a complete code review. Discussion ensued, with Chief Lowrey noting that BPAC may be consulted in the future for feedback as they move their efforts forward. A sub-committee was suggested, with Heather Grant and Bob DeGour volunteering.

V. Comments from the Board

Mr. DeGour asked to revisit safety concerns at certain Route 50 intersection, specifically Route 50 and Dutchman's Lane. Conversation followed with potential paths forward discussed. Suggestions included the installation of red-light cameras, rumble strips, stronger police presence, etc.

VI. Comments from the Public

N/A

VII. E-Bike Demonstration

After the meeting adjourned, members were invited to the parking lot for an e-bike demonstration with Easton Cycle & Sport

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. DeGour made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Starkey and approved unanimously.