

**Minutes
Township of Falls
Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee**

March 9, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Wayne Bell
Robert Leary
Ariane Presser

Members Absent:

Ian James

Also in Attendance:

Sgt. Ray Fanelli, Falls Township Police Department
Josh Seeherman, Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE)
Nicole Radowicz, Bucks County TMA
Kevin Golden, Bristol Pike Resident
Jennifer Metzger, Resident

Sgt. Fanelli opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes from the October 13, 2025, meeting were approved with no changes.

Sgt. Fanelli discussed a complaint that had come in regarding bicycles on public roads riding at night and not having any lights. The Police Department did put out a reminder on social media that you do need a red light to the rear and a white light to the front. They also recommend highly reflective clothing. They did ask the school district to partner with us in putting out a message. There are a lot of different kinds of bikes riding all over and each has different rules.

Ms. Radowicz said TMA Bucks is using a grant to go into the middle schools and doing three assemblies on May 13, about bike safety, helmets and a BMX light show. Lower Makefield is sending a bicycle officer, and she would welcome a Falls Township officer as well.

Mr. Bell told the committee that other towns require each and every kind of bike to be registered. Mr. Seeherman said that the e-bike versus the e-moped issue is a huge problem. New Jersey has gotten very strict and you even need insurance now.

The next items discussed were the lack of crosswalks at the Oxford Valley Golf Course. The Township Manager is going to deal with this issue, and the committee doesn't have to worry about it any further.

The next issue discussed was the yellow curb painting with No Parking at Fairfax Road to assist the crossing guard. Each school has at least two adopt-a-cops. At the Oxford Valley Elementary School, the officers are Corporal White and Officer Matkowski. Sgt. Fanelli spot checks the officers to see if they are putting time in at the school. He found the two officers are doing a great job at this school. Now they have better signage, and he

asked one resident to trim a tree for a clearer sight line, and he really cut the tree way down so this area is much better right now.

The next item discussed was a complaint regarding a traffic hazard on Woolston Drive at Tyburn Road. What the complainant was saying is regarding if you are going west on Tyburn Road, at the tunnel. When cars are coming out of the tunnel, they have a double feed lane, two lanes that go straight and one lane that goes off to the right. The drivers would left turn in front of them from that straight right lane. Sgt. Fanelli said it's not so much of a perception problem as it is a lack of patience among the drivers waiting to turn left. Mr. Seeherman said eliminating a lane would queue the traffic during rush hour. It would decrease safety for cars making a left across their path because there would only be one lane to look at. It also goes uphill so you can't necessarily see the cars that are coming fast. This is a very busy intersection. It appears the storage of those cars is helpful. These crashes are failure to yield turning left. Sgt. Fanelli said a delayed green or a left turn on green arrow only would have been a better solution than limiting that one lane. When coming from Yardley, there's a big funnel chokepoint there because Makefield Road feeds off that and most people don't know to go around. The solution is more enforcement or a protected left only to make that turn. Mr. Leary asked what if we kept it protected permissive, but we went with the new signal head that has the flashing amber arrow that would draw more attention and caution. Mr. Seeherman said PennDOT loves flashing yellow because it makes people think twice before turning. That would simply be a replacement of the signal head. This committee can make a recommendation to the BOS that the township engineer draft a proposal to PennDOT to review replacing the signal head with one that can accommodate flashing yellow. Mr. Leary made the motion to draft a memo to the BOS for this, and Mr. Bell seconded the motion. PennDOT could reject this proposal. PennDOT would ask Falls Township to pay for this if they approve it. Mr. Leary said he would draft the letter to the BOS and send it to Ms. Levson.

Ms. Metzger asked if we could ask for a grant from State Farm Insurance since it may save money on accidents. Ms. Radowicz replied that a small, targeted grant like that would be hard to find.

The next item Sgt. Fanelli discussed was #7 – A complaint about vehicles blocking traffic at Tyburn Road and Trenton Road and a turn lane requested. At that intersection, there are DON'T BLOCK THE BOX signs all around. There are two times a day when it gets bad here – when the high school lets out and regular rush hour traffic. There is a lot of construction being done at the steel mill and as they come out they don't want to go on S. Pennsylvania Avenue. They would rather shoot up Tyburn Road. We have asked some businesses, such as Britton Industries on MY Lane, to not put their trucks there during rush hour. One truck is equivalent to about five cars. The complainant was concerned about coming from Lincoln Highway going to make a left into Fallsington, they would like a left turn signal put on the light. But it doesn't matter if you are blocking the box, the turning light won't help. The solution will only come from enforcement.

Nicole Radowicz from Bucks County TMA gave an update from the last time she was at an NTAC meeting. She had discussed a bit about the Septa financial crisis. Septa was able to keep the 127 bus route through some emergency funding, but that line doesn't have a lot of ridership. TMA did do the walkability audit she discussed, but they did it on the 129 bus route which was not being cut. She still has her project and is still making recommendations. When a developer comes in they should consider public transportation and public safety. She saw that the Falls Planning Commission approved a 55+ development on Route 1 where the old Lincoln Garage was and she doesn't see from the design where they are considering public transportation or pedestrian safety. She is just here as an advocate, but she can write a letter regarding this. Seniors need public transportation as they stop driving. Perhaps the 127 bus stop could be moved closer to this development. It would also be good to have some type of shelter at the stop. It could even be a tree with a bench; it doesn't have to be expensive. This is the time to get these things in motion. Mr. Seeherman said this is a great thing to bring up, but it could be outside the purpose of this committee.

Mr. Golden said we don't need more bus stops to stop traffic and make it more dangerous to traffic. Ms. Metzger said it wouldn't be an additional bus stop, but moving the current bus stop. Ms. Radowicz said perhaps this is a topic better discussed with the Disabled Persons Advisory Board.

Mr. Golden discussed Bristol Pike (where his home is) and he reported that FedEx goes down his street at 70 mph. His wall was damaged by a speeding vehicle last year. He has been living there 20 years and was born in Pinewood. He is begging his wife to move out of the township, but his children are still in high school. Mr. Bell and Ms. Metzger said they can relate because they live on Hood Boulevard and have many of these same problems. Mr. Seeherman said because the road is so straight, it lends itself to speeding. If the township owned this road, there would be four chicanes there already, but this is a PennDOT road.

Ms. Metzger asked if the Police Department attends the Touch-a-Truck event for outreach. Sgt. Fanelli reported that they do attend the Touch-a-Truck. Ms. Radowicz said the TMA does helmet checks at events. They can see if the fit is okay and they even give out helmets.

There was no other business, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.