

Pre-read materials for November 1, 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting

Update on Chapter 90, Section 17c and BPC support of neighborhood efforts

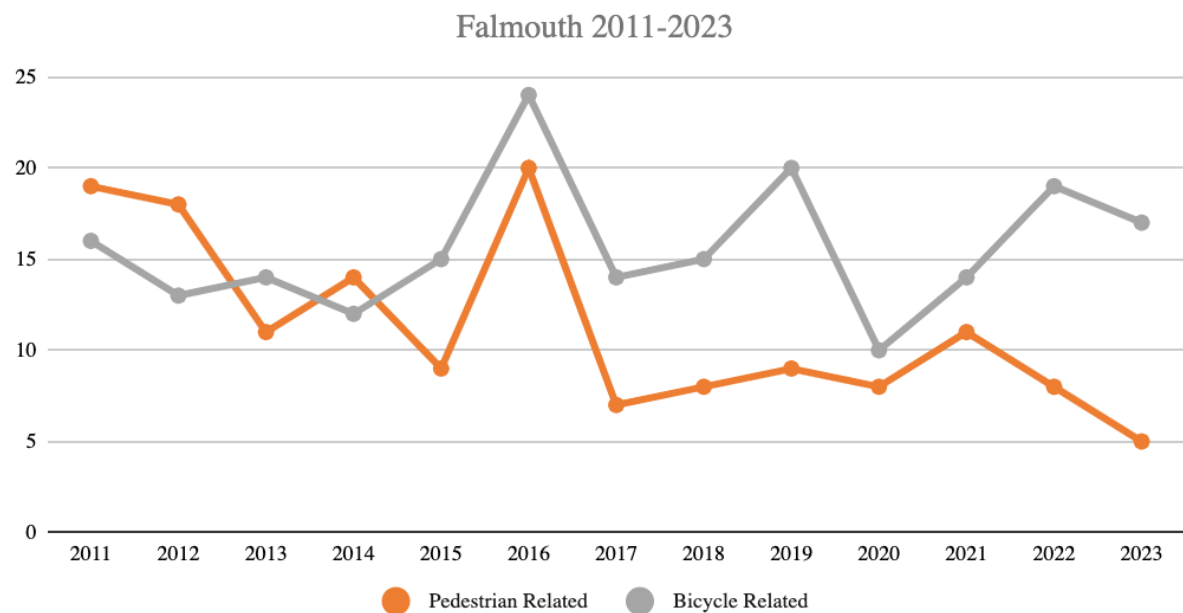
The screenshot shows a digital version of a newspaper article. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the newspaper's name 'The Enterprise FALMOUTH' on the left, a search icon, a page number '6 / 32', and various utility icons like 'Pages', 'Editions', 'Print', 'Clip', 'Share', and 'Search'. Below the navigation bar, the article's page number 'Page 6' and date 'Friday, October 20, 2023' are visible. The main title of the article is 'An Opportunity To Make Our Roads Safer For Pedestrians, Cyclists', categorized as a 'Guest Commentary'. The author is identified as 'By ROBERT M. STRIETER, MD'. The article text discusses local road safety issues, mentioning Falmouth's location and the annual Falmouth Road Race. It details a legislative proposal to create a new section in MGL c.90S17C, which would allow municipalities to opt into a 20 mph speed limit in thickly settled or business districts. The author notes that 77 towns have already opted into this section, and Falmouth is one of the towns that has. The article concludes with a personal note from the author, stating that as a year-round resident of Falmouth, he supports the initiative to enhance public safety through traffic speed control and traffic-calming measures.

3 attachments (PDFs):

- Speed limits in thickly settled or business districts: Mass.gov: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/speed-limits-in-thickly-settled-or-business-districts?_gl=1*bgpmp*_ga*ODE3MzI5NzAyLjE2OTQxOTEyNjI.*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTY5ODQwNTU2My4zLjAuMTY5ODQwNTU2My4wLjAuMA..
- About the role of speed limits: Mass.gov https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-the-role-of-speed-limits?_gl=1*15oyklq*_ga*ODE3MzI5NzAyLjE2OTQxOTEyNjI.*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTY5ODQwNTU2My4zLjEuMTY5ODQwNTY0Mi4wLjAuMA..

- Learn about speed management: Mass.gov https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-speed-management?_gl=1*99x15t*_ga*ODE3MzI5NzAyLjE2OTQxOTEyNjI.*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTY5ODQwNTU2My4zLjEuMTY5ODQwNTY4NC4wLjAuMA..

Crash data update



Tuesday, January 10, 2023	5:40 p.m.	Devis Straits and Spring Bar Rd	"reports of a hit and run involving a pedestrian. ...The pedestrian was reported to have bruised his leg and was subsequently transported to the emergency room for treatment. Officers received information from witnesses on site and the accident remains under investigation."
Thursday, January 26, 2023	5:52 p.m.	Maravista & Randolph	"where a car had hit a pedestrian. The pedestrian, who was struck while in a crosswalk, sustained minor injuries and was transported to Falmouth Hospital. The vehicle driver was issued a crosswalk violation citation."
Friday, March 31st, 2023	morning	28A & Chappaquott Rd	"I reviewed the report and it appears the vehicle stopped at the end of Old Dock Rd. It observed the bicyclist but believed he was go straight on 28A traveling North. The vehicle then turned left as the bicyclists turned left onto Chappaquott Rd. The vehicle and bike collided in the intersection."
Thursday, May 4, 2023	"before 10:30 p.m."	Palmer Ave & 55BW	"A bicyclist was seriously injured after reportedly falling off his bike in Falmouth. The incident happened on the Shring Sea Bikeway off Palmer Avenue sometime before 10:30 PM Thursday. The victim was transported to the helipad at Falmouth Hospital to meet a MedFlight helicopter for transport to an off-Cape trauma center."
Thursday, June 1, 2023		28A & Carlye	cyclist hit
Saturday, July 22, 2023	2:30 p.m.	unknown	In the third incident, a cyclist went to urgent care after being struck by a motor vehicle. Falmouth Fire was called to the scene at 2:30 PM and the cyclist was transported to Falmouth Hospital.
Saturday, July 22, 2023	11:15 a.m.	Woods Hole Road and the bike path between Mill Road and Elm Road.	Falmouth Fire was called to the scene and the pedestrian was transported to Falmouth Hospital.
Saturday, July 22, 2023	11:30 a.m.	Rocky's Gym & 28	In the second incident, a cyclist was struck by a motor vehicle outside Rocky's Gym at 11:30 AM. Falmouth Fire was called to the scene and the cyclist refused medical care.
Saturday, July 22, 2023		Shring Sea Bikeway crosswalk at Woods Hole Road near Locust Street	Mr. Cressotti said Ms. Cressotti remembers pausing at the Shring Sea Bikeway crosswalk at Woods Hole Road near Locust Street to look both ways for cars while she was out on a run. She remembers beginning to cross before hearing screeching tires and realizing what was happening.
Friday, July 28, 2023	9:46 a.m.	Falmouth Heights Rd	"a car struck a pedestrian on Falmouth Heights Road near the Island Queen Facility. The pedestrian had a non-life threatening injury and was taken to Falmouth Hospital in an ambulance"
Weds, Aug 2, 2023	12:07 p.m.	Palmer Ave	"a car struck a pedestrian on Palmer Avenue. The pedestrian was taken to the emergency room with serious but non-life threatening injuries. The incident is under investigation."
Monday, August 1, 2023	8:48 p.m.	Main St in front of Exta	A local couple was struck crossing Monday evening on Main Street in Falmouth by a motorcyclist who fled the scene, Falmouth police said Tuesday in a statement. The motorcyclist left the motorcycle on the side of the road, police said, but the person's identity was not confirmed. The couple, whom Falmouth police Lt. Michael Simonson did not name in the statement, are a husband and wife in their 60s from Falmouth. They were crossing Main Street in front of Exta Falmouth around 8:48 p.m. Monday. Simonson wrote, when the man on the motorcycle struck them. They were found injured in the road and Falmouth emergency rescuers helped them and then took them to the hospital. Their conditions were not known on Tuesday, according to the release.
Thursday, August 24, 2023	11:16 p.m.	Waquott Highway	A car struck a bicyclist on Waquott Highway. The motorist stopped to assist the cyclist, who had non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to the emergency room. Police found that the cyclist did not have any lights on his bike and the driver was not cited.
Monday, August 28, 2023	12:03 p.m.	?	A work van struck a bicyclist but the cyclist was not injured. The incident is under investigation.
Thursday, August 31, 2023	12:22 p.m.	Gifford St near Service Center	A car struck a bicycle near the Falmouth Service Center on Gifford St. The bicyclist sustained minor injuries but declined further medical care.
Saturday, September 2, 2023	11:30 a.m.	Teaticket Highway	A cyclist was struck by the mirror of a passing truck on Teaticket Highway. There was no damage or serious injury and the 35 year old Caterville driver was given a verbal warning for distraction.
Sunday, September 3, 2023	2:54 p.m.	Menahaunt & Moon Penny Lane	A pedestrian was crossing the road in a crosswalk near Menahaunt Road and Moon Penny Lane and an approaching motorcyclist did not see the pedestrian until the last second. The cyclist braked hard and laid the bike down. He was taken to the emergency room with non-life-threatening injuries and the pedestrian was not harmed. The motorcycle was towed.
Tuesday, September 23, 2023	10:23 p.m.	East Falmouth Highway	Police were called to East Falmouth Highway at 10:23 PM for a report of a crash involving a car and a man on a bicycle. The cyclist was taken by paramedics to Falmouth Hospital with what police described as non-life-threatening injuries. The cyclist was found at fault in the crash. Police said he did not have a light on the back of the bicycle.
Thursday, September 28, 2023	8:27n p.m.	Brick Kiln Rd	A driver on Brick Kiln Road reported seeing the car in front of them hit a cyclist, knocking him off of his bike, before driving off at around 8:27 PM. Officers found the suspect's car nearby and pulled the driver over. They found damage on the passenger side and the mirror was hanging by its wires. The 22-year-old Maratona Mills man driving was not intoxicated and cooperated with officers, but claimed that he thought he hit a barrel or a tree. The cyclist had minor injuries. The driver was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, negligent operation and marked lanes violation.