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Subject: Current County electric bike or E-Bike Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Perras,

I am writing to you as it is my understanding that the current County electric bike or E-Bike ordinance will be discussed at a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

I am 74 years old and a resident of El Dorado County and have been an avid bicycle rider since getting my first bike at six-years old. I injured my back a few years ago and was unable to continue riding my bike and thought my riding days were over. Thankfully I discovered eBikes and with the assistance provided I could once again ride as much as I want. I also discovered the community that eBikes provides to older riders and those with disability issues.

I decided to share my love of the eBike and completed a course of Smart Cycling and Safety from the The League of American Bicyclists and with the assistance of my local dealer, as an unpaid volunteer, I began planning and leading year round weekly group rides in 2021. We average about 10 riders weekly and ride anywhere from 20-40 miles. A total of 65 of us have ridden over 4000 group miles. I begin our rides with a safety briefing and an overview of the route and any hazards we might encounter along the way.

Our all-time favorite trail is the paved portion of the El Dorado Trail. We are super excited to see the Missouri Flat Overcrossing almost complete. I commend everyone responsible for this project which will greatly enhance the safety and enjoyment of the trail. We also enjoy other county trails, especially in the Lake Tahoe area.

My thoughts for the future of eBiking in El Dorado County.

Just like our highways, speeding is an issue at times and also like our highways has little to do with the vehicle/bike but instead the driver/rider. Enforcement is costly so education is likely the best remedy - signage, bike patrol, etc.

Trail etiquette is extremely important to the safety of all who use the trail. More signage would help, especially focused on being on the correct side of the trail based on your mode of travel as well as control of pets.

The trail needs more parking. I suggest an effort be made at the El Dorado trailhead to work with whoever controls the Town Hall facility parking. Trail user parking is very limited and the majority of the time the Town Hall parking area is empty. I certainly understand there should be no trail user (walker/biker) parking during events at the Hall however I'm frequently there during the day and have yet to see an event. The new bike park is great but also needs parking.

The trail needs more rest room facilities - even if that is just porta-potties. The restroom facilities at the El Dorado Transit Station in Placerville are a disgrace to the County. I won't elaborate but I suggest committee members make a visit there to see for yourselves.

I encourage the Committee to continue supporting those of us who need the assistance of an eBike and make all of our biking facilities open to all riders - able and disabled.

I would like to attend the next meeting but have not seen a rescheduled date.

Thanks for your time,
Ted

**Enthusiasm is contagious.
Not having enthusiasm is also contagious.**

**Ted Duley
Chief Fun Officer
Life is Fun
Pedego Ambassador**

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