



Topic Name (Instant Poll): Electronic Assisted Bicycles

Idea Title: Yes

Number of Seconds 21

Idea Title: No

Number of Seconds 5

Idea Title: Undecided

Number of Seconds 2

Comments

Number of Comments 11

Comment 1: Keep it simple; nothing motorized either by wind, solar, bio-fuel, natural gas, gasoline, diesel, period! | By JF L

Comment 2: If the point is to decrease car use yes, but I don't think the bus system has been optimized to that effect. If they are noisy then definitely no. | By Linda G

Comment 3: Allowing elec assist (muscle assist?) bikes will result in a regulation nightmare. Opening the door for too many negative side effects. "No motorized use" (motors powered by any fuel, like electricity from a battery) creates a very comprehensible definition for anybody. It minimizes interpretation complications... i.e. it's simple. For those who believe in "One less car", certainly allow elec assist on roadways, just as a vespa scooter on Park Ave. On a topic changing segue known as "Opening the Door" that has relevance here, please note the presence of battery powered kid's scooters, jeeps, that move by electric motor quite powerfully with children piloting them down residential streets. "Gee, I thought the Farm Trail would be fun to drive in my jeep on. I do it all the time on my street. My parents bought it for me". Power limits, speed limits, rules, consequences, words, inaccurate interpretations = Administration Nightmare. Keep it simple. "Non Motorized Trails". | By Mark F

Comment 4: Learn about E-bikes first. They are governed at 18mph according to the CPSC (most) but with a flip of a switch, they can easily do close to 40mph even on the uphill. Gravity typically regulates one rider to a crawl and one fast (or neutral speeds on flat) but a normal rider descending at 35 mph and a e-bike climbing at 35 is 70mph closing speed. People don't live through crashes like that. Also, e-bike riders are typically newer riders (or at least new to



the speed) and have limited skills to handle/control the bike making them less safe.

Do you want inexperienced e-bike riders zipping down the paths at 35mph while families with kids are also trying to use the path! Sure, you can limit the speed or have speed limits, but will that really be enforced? | By Adam D

Comment 5: Enforced probaly not until something bad happened. These are motorized verticals. This town and county can't even enforce a leash and poop law already on the books. Imagine a motorized vehicle coming across a leash less dog. | By chris P

Comment 6: On straight trails like the rail trail, it might work. On curving trails,it would be too dangerous to come around a curve on foot or on a bike and face a motorized bike. | By Annie Lewis G

Comment 7: I like Chris P's idea of a power limit and I think licensing is a good idea in order to gauge the numbers and assess impacts. I think our hard surface trails are already something we expect to see a big variety of users on so it's the place to try if we're going to try. But as these trails get wider and faster (Poison Creek Trail) with even more user types, we need some reminders out there about being aware that it's a multi use trail and that we have everything from dog walkers to National Ability Center groups to the very young and very old using those main routes. So just because you can go 15 mph doesn't mean you get to or should.

| By Michael B

Comment 8: As long as the speed is limited (to say 15 mph). If the bikes get more powerful, this might need to be reexamined. | By Ann T

Comment 9: I don't see why not since they go pretty much the same speed. And why would you need a license for it? Most of those bikes don't go over 20mph, and I don't think they require any special operating skill. I don't own one but I would have no objections... | By Alexandra S

Comment 10: I think that one would need to limit the power assist to 15mph, electric bikes would require a license. Keep all types of power assisted bikes of trails and pathways. | By chris P

Comment 11: I support having regulations for electric bikes: no off road use, limit speed on flat paved trails and roads to max 20 per hour | By Raymond T