

E-bike Recommendations from Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee June 20, 2024 Meeting to City Council for Discussion on Draft Legislation at July 16, 2024 Meeting

1. *Should we continue to allow Class 1 e-bikes on the shared use paths?*

No additional discussion at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee as City Council reached consensus at the June 4, 2024, meeting in support of continuing to allow Class 1 e-bikes on the Shared Use Paths.

2. *Should Class 2 and 3 e-bikes also be allowed on the paths?*

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend allowing Class 2 e-bikes on the Shared Use Paths.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend not allowing Class 3 e-bikes on the Shared Use Paths.

3. *Should e-scooters [electric personal assistive mobility devices] be allowed on the paths?*

No additional discussion at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee as City Council reached consensus at the June 4, 2024, meeting in support of continuing prohibition of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices on the Shared Use Paths, consistent with Ordinance 19-011.

4. *Should the paths have speed limits knowing that speed limits could cause some cyclists to move to the roads creating other safety issues?*

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend not instituting speed limits on the Shared Use Paths at this time. The Committee is strongly in favor of prompt implementation of 'courtesy campaigns' and education efforts for all Shared Use Path users.

5. *If yes on speed limits in general, should different limits apply in different areas, for example, 20 MPH on San-Cap, 15 MPH everywhere else?*

N/A - Based on the response to question #4.

6. *Should we continue the current requirement that e-bike riders have to be eighteen years of age or older?*

No additional discussion at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee as City Council reached consensus at the June 4, 2024, meeting in support of lowering the age requirement for e-bike riders to 16 years of age.

*NOTE: The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to review the ordinance relevant to e-bikes again in June 2025 to evaluate the following:

- Newly collected data (2025 Shared Use Path Counts, Sanibel Police Shared Use Path Accident / Incident Reports, etc.);
- Effectiveness of new signage, digital & print education materials;
- Effectiveness of in-person education efforts such as 'courtesy campaigns' with the Sanibel Rangers and other potential volunteer groups;
- Any additional emerging issues or concerns relating to the Shared Use Paths.