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Dear Council Members,

I would like to comment on the proposed ebike policies for the shared-use path. First, I believe we all share the same goal of ensuring the shared-use path remains safe and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike.

However, I do not believe the methods currently being proposed will be effective in achieving that objective. After researching this issue and considering the current discussions before City Council, I recommend the following:

- **Do not implement a resident permitting program.** There are significant questions regarding how such a program would be enforced. The program would unnecessarily differentiate between residents and visitors, despite tourism being vital to our local economy. It could create unintended friction, diminish the visitor experience, and place an administrative burden on City staff. It also relies on unsupported assumptions about differences in compliance between residents and visitors.
- **Prioritize behavior and speed regulation - not method of transportation.** This approach is more practical and effective in promoting safety than regulating by mode of transportation.
- **Consider zone-specific safety measures.** Designated "no-throttle zones" in narrower or more heavily trafficked sections of the path could enhance safety in a manner that is easier to understand and enforce.
- **Remove class-based restrictions.** Allow all classes of e-bikes on the shared-use path rather than regulating access based on bike classification.

I believe this approach provides the best balance of safety, accessibility, fairness, and enforceability while focusing enforcement efforts on the behaviors that actually create safety concerns.

Sincerely,

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Sanibel Resident