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Subject: Sanibel Muti-Use Paths

Dear City Council Members,

I am strongly opposed to changing the regulations for our multi-use paths to allow higher powered (Category 2 and 3) electric motor bikes.

There are many types of Category 1 electric bicycles available that need to be pedaled and go a maximum of 20 mph. Category 2 and 3 electric motorcycles that go faster and do not need to be pedaled are not needed. There is no speed limit on the Island greater than 20 mph, and few if any of us can pedal our bicycles that fast. Higher speeds make the paths unsafe for pedestrians. Bicycles in Florida are required to signal and go 10 mph or less when passing pedestrians. Few electric bikes comply with that rule, and the high-powered, high speed electric motorcycles comply even less.

We do not need to turn our multi-use paths into speedways! I also see some youth using the higher-powered electric motorcycles off-road on SCCF walking paths and beaches, endangering our precious conservation areas. Several neighboring jurisdictions are looking at stricter regulations for electric motor bikes. I see no reason to consider changing our already good regulations. We need to better enforce existing regulations, rather than abandon them.

Safety over speed for Sanibel!

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Subject: Changing e bike ordinance.

Hi everyone.

I oppose changing the ordinance.

Although the current ordinance is hard to enforce, it is a good guideline.

No need to add more speed capability to the SUP.

Class two and three e-bikes are very fun to ride, but they are basically electric motorcycles and belong in the road.

I have logged well over 30,000 miles on the SUP since I lived here in 2008, so I feel as if I speak from experience.

I have mentioned this before, but we need more fresh, legible stencils on the old sections of the SUP with the words "warn to pass". It's in the new state statute, but tourists don't know about this practice. They need the reminder.

My ride this evening I experienced a man go by me pretty quickly on a rental bike without saying a word. I had slowed to look at the wildfire smoke.

Also had someone drive a car at me on the path in front of Mudbugs. They couldn't find a place to park at the restaurant so they decided to head over to the vet office next door and used the SUP to do so! It's a jungle out there!

Scott

Sent from my iPhone