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Comments: The proposal for managing e-bikes is long overdue, but it seems a bit misguided. First, a vehicle that does not require the operator to physically propel the vehicle at all, class 2 e-bikes in the proposal, is a fully motorized vehicle. Such vehicles are dangerous when mixed with non-motorized and partially motorized vehicles. We do not allow motorcycles on sidewalks for a reason. We should not allow motorized vehicles of any kind to mix with vehicles that are human propelled. Any proposal that mixes Class 2 e-bikes with hikers and bicyclists, or even worse, would allow motorcycles (classic kind) to mix with those users is extremely dangerous and misguided. It will result in injuries and deaths. We know from experience that dirt bikers are not careful and injure pedestrians and animals when they ride illegally on hiking trails. Legalizing that would destroy hiking trails.

Second, there is a very large difference between class 1 and class 3 e-bikes. The top speed in most cities is 25 miles per hour. In many it is 20. Mixing a bicycle that is designed to go faster than that with hikers and regular bicyclists will cause injuries and likely deaths. I do believe slower e-bikes should be allowed, but we must preserve trails for use by vehicles and hikers traveling less than 20 mph