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**EXTERNAL**


Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Please consider a one year pilot project on using ebikes
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Andrew Fitzgerald
City of Residence *	San Jose
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	Please consider the 1 year pilot program to study ebike usage on select trails. A class 1 or 2 ebike is very similar in terms of impact as an unassisted bicycle. Ebikes allow people of various fitness levels and physical abilities to get out and appreciate the trails and open spaces. Thank you

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	E-bike use on trails
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Arvind Ganesh
City of Residence *	Fremont
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	As a bike commuter, being able to use e-bikes to ride to my employment in the Shoreline area would be welcome. E-bikes take the same space as a regular bike, so I don't see why this should be disallowed.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Allowing E-bikes on Improved Trails and Roadways
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Alon Golan
City of Residence *	Los Altos
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	In order to encourage more people to switch from deadly, polluting and space consuming cars to responsible and sustainable transportation, I support creating as much safe infrastructure as we can for push bicycles and electric bicycles.

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**From:** [alane@muschott.com](mailto:alane@muschott.com)  
**To:** [Clerk; General Information](#)  
**Subject:** Larry Hassett - Ward 6 - Board Contact Form  
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Name \* Alan Muschott

Select a Choice \* Larry Hassett – Ward 6

Email \* 

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) Menlo Park, Ward 6

Comments: \*

Hi Larry,

I would like to know your position as to permitting the use of class 1 electric mountain bikes on trails where mountain bikes are currently permitted. As a mountain biker who recently turned 58 years old, it has become apparent to me that if I am going to remain active in this sport for many years to come, it is likely that I am going to need the electric assist provided by an e-bike. I love the sport of mountain biking almost as much as I love our beautiful open space preserves. Therefore, this issue has become very important to me (as well as my riding group of a similar age).

I look forward to hearing from you.


Thanks,

Alan Muschott

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	E-bikes pilot project, R-20-89
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Bill Bushnell
City of Residence *	Sunnyvale
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

**Comments to be read into the record \***

I applaud the Board's action to initiate this pilot project of sanctioning e-bike use on certain District improved trails and roads. Yet, I think the project is too timid and the timeline too stretched out.

As District staff are probably aware, and as a frequent visitor myself to district lands, visitors on e-bikes are already enjoying many of the District's trails and roads with little or no ill effect. Even though I take an interest in other visitors' bikes and have some knowledge of them, I cannot these days always identify from a distance whether a passing bike is an e-bike or not.

In 2016 the State of California added Section 312.5 to the California Vehicle Code, defining an "electric bicycle". The intent of this legislation was to encourage more bicycling/e-bicycling and less driving by allowing e-bikes that meet the definition of an electric bicycle under Sec. 312.5 to use existing bicycling facilities.

Consistent with that legislative intent and to encourage preserve visitors to avoid car trips to limited trailhead parking, I advocate treating e-bikes equivalent to human-only powered bicycles District-wide, subject to the same regulations.


Regulation of bicycle use in District preserves should focus more on behavior and less on equipment.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	e-Bikes
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Basim Jaber
City of Residence *	San Jose
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

**Comments to be read into the record \***

I am pleased to hear the Board of Directors is moving forward with this trial, but not pleased with the selection of trial trails. Ravenswood is flat and of no desire for e-bikes (eMTB – e-mountain bikes). As for Rancho, it too is of no desire as the parking there is horrendous and the trails are notoriously infested with far too many hikers.


It would be a far better trial to choose some actual trails where e-Bikes would make better use and demonstrate a safe record of operation. Namely, Sierra Azul (Kennedy, Limekiln, Priest Rock, Woods). The trails there are predominantly wide double-track and ideal for eBikes. Also, eBikes would allow riders to get in and out of the trails quicker and run the risk of getting caught in the preserves after sunset or run the risk of dehydration, etc. As for speed of the bikers, a 200-lb rider on a 30-lb conventional bike produces no more speed than a 180-lb rider on a 50-lb eBike. The potential for speed issues has always been present, even for conventional bikes. So introducing eBikes doesn't introduce any speed issues. Even when traveling uphill.

I ride conventional mountain bikes in Midpen preserves and eBike has passed me many times... all very safely (uphill and downhill).

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	ebike trial at preserves
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Christine Fisher
City of Residence *	NEWARK
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record \*

As an ebike user with disabilities, this technology is my only way to still enjoy the outdoors. The elderly and us otherwise-disabled folks are a subset of the nature-loving community that need to use these devices to join our friends and family in some nature time or to get any significant distance from the parking lot. Please consider regulating user behaviors (speed limits, noise limits, banning jumps, staying on trails, yielding to other users) rather than banning technologies. Lots of folks pass me using only pedal power, ride in ways with harder impact on the soil, and make more noise with their radios than my motor will ever make. Please allow me to access these trails. Thank you.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	Allowing E-Bikes
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Catherine Sheu
City of Residence *	Palo Alto
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record \*


As a 40 year old mom of 2, I had issues giving birth and ended up with 2 cesarian c-sections, diastatis recti, and an umbilical hernia. I hadn't ridden a mountain bike in 8 years and hoped to get in shape. I bought an e-mtb bike thinking it would help to reinvigorate cycling knowing that I'm the weakest and most broken I've ever been. I've had the chance to ride the bike in Tahoe (on blue trails) and went further than I ever could even at my peak fitness in my 20s. Not only was I excited to go outside and get exercise but uphill became fun rather than demoralizing. I hope that you will consider allowing safe e-bikers. NOTE: I'm not trying to bomb down hills and break trees with my bones. I just want to be excited about riding again. I hope you will consider opening up more preserves. Thanks for your time.



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Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1-year pilot project (R-20-89)
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	David Hunt
City of Residence *	San Mateo
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	<p>I support designating select trails at Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve and County Park where bicycles are currently allowed as open to class 1 and 2 electric bicycle use under a 1-year pilot project. Allowing electric bicycles will increase accessibility of the trails to people that may not be able to use the trails currently. Increasing accessibility means more people will be able to appreciate the natural environment of these spaces.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my comment.</p> <p>– Dave</p>

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1-year pilot project (R-20-89)
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Diana Tashjian
City of Residence *	Fremont
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	In favor...

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	5
Subject *	Electric Bicycle Policy
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Fred Schindler
City of Residence *	Sunnvale
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)

Comments to be provided to the board of directors \*

Hello Midpeninsula-Regional-Open-Space directors,

I really enjoy the Open Space Preserves and add my voice to the support of allowing class 1 and 2 e-bikes on trails open to regular bikes.

I normally hike over 10 miles a week but have moved to biking because of COVID-19 related crowding of trails. I am 60-years old and have recently started eMTB (e-mountain-bike). This has been life changing. I am now riding over 100 miles per week. The support provided by the e- bike permits me to ride to parks rather than drive to them and the e-support reduces strain on my knees. Data collected by your organization shows that e-bikes are no more detrimental to the environment than non-motor-assisted bikes but offer significant advantages that enable more people to enjoy beneficial exercise. Many of the concerns raised about e-bikes are related to inappropriate behaviors of bikers rather than e-bikes. Remaining concerns have been addressed by attachments collected by the district staff or will be more fully addressed by the proposed pilot project.


We are in Silicon Valley and should support e-bike use and innovation.

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	20200812
Subject *	Ebikes
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Guy Shuman
City of Residence *	Mountain View
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

**Comments to be read into the record \***

In considering banning/allowing of ebikes, I believe the board is off base in banning Class 3 ebikes. There is no difference between Class 1 and Class 3 ebikes other than "possible" maximum assisted speed. Simply because a bike is capable of going faster is not a reason to ban it. Riders riding on a Class 3 ebike are no more or less likely to go at a fast speed. Class 2 ebikes are the ones that should be banned, as a Class 2 ebike operates like a motorcycle with a throttle. On a Class 2 ebike the user does NOT have to pedal.

I recommend the board substitute the words "Class 1 and 3 ebikes" when referring to which ebikes are allowed.


Thank you for the opportunity to resent my views.

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Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1-year pilot project
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Juliette Johnson
City of Residence *	Fremont
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	I am strongly in favor of allowing e-bikes on select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas under a 1-year pilot project. E-bikes are a great option for people of all abilities to ride for exercise, ride to enjoy nature and ride for transportation. Thank you for your time.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	allow electric bicycle
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	James Takasugi
City of Residence *	Sunnyvale
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	I'm in favor of increasing accessibility to our trails by allowing Class 1 and 2 ebikes as proposed in the trial period. I request that the specific evaluation criteria and process be made public prior to the start of the test period, then results publicly posted.

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Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1-year pilot project (R-20-89)
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Larry Plaza
City of Residence *	Fremont
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	Ebikes open recreation to many seniors. Otherwise reaching / experiencing recreation destinations is unattainable.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Ebikes
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Laurie Della Porta
City of Residence *	Madera
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	My husband and I are in our 60's and being able to Ebike parks and preserves on designated roadways and paths enables us to enjoy nature at its fullest.


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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Ebike piolet project
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Michael McHenry
City of Residence *	Sunnyvale
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	I am 78 years old and enjoy biking in the parks. I had a heart attack 3 years ago while biking. For this reason I purchased a class 2 ebike so i could continue riding. I. hope that this item is approved.

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From: [M. a. Vandeman](#)  
To: [Jennifer Woodworth](#)  
Subject: E-bikes  
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2020 10:30:24 PM

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Allowing e-bikes is NOT exempt from CEQA! An e-bike obviously increases the range of a human beyond that of a mountain bike, which in turn is greater than that of a hiker. That destroys habitat, by flooding the parks with more humans. Please don't implement any such "pilot project". We already know the outcome, and it's not beneficial! If you think that flooding parks with humans is a good idea, you need to take a class in conservation biology. Or simply use your head.

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I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help?  
(I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

Wildlife must be given top priority, because they can't protect themselves from us.

Please don't put a cell phone next to any part of your body that you are fond of!


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Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	eBikes
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	N Fong
City of Residence *	San Mateo
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	Ebikes provide those with physical limitations, a real biking experience. Please consider opening up to them. They should be subject to the same speed limitations as other bikes.

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Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	Allowing E-bikes on Improved Trails and Roadways
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Paul Charell
City of Residence *	Los Gatos
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	E bikes allow access to Outdoor public resources that would otherwise be unavailable to senior citizens, such as myself, With reduced physical stamina that is would be unable to ride a conventional bicycle in these locations.

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Agenda Item Number *	Allowing E-bikes on Improved Trails and Roadways
Subject *	Allowing E-bikes on all Improved Trails and Roadways
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Patrick Noon
City of Residence *	Los Gatos
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	I have an ankle disability from my service as a local fire fighter that prevents me from hiking and long walks. Biking is my only means of cardio exercise. Hybrid bikes allow me to see an enjoy more of the outdoors than a standard bike a non-disabled person might use. There is little safety difference between hybrid bikes and a bike a non-disabled person might use. I encourage the board to allow unfettered access to all trails and roads to all bikes, hybrid or standard – disabled people or not.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	item 5
Subject *	R-20-89 Item 5 Ebike Policy
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Roy Dumlao
City of Residence *	San Jose
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	<p>Please vote in favor of the Ebike policy. I am outside enjoying exercising, being happy, seeing nature in the open space preserves, not using gas because of the benefits of riding a ebike. I am older and my past injuries to my ankle and knee prevent me from hiking on foot for distances. By using a ebike I am able to use the open space preserves.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Roy Dumlao</p>

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	E-bike allowance on trails
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	walter levison
City of Residence *	Millbrae
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)

Comments to be provided to the board of directors \*


Directors:

I am a regular class 1 asphalt trail bicyclist who uses a road bicycle on a very frequent basis on trails throughout the Bay Area. Over the last 2 to 3 years, I have had numerous negative experiences with E-bikers using electric bikes on class 1 trails. These users typically ride at speeds far in excess of the 15mph posted speed limits, and often swerve around walkers and non-electric bike users in a dangerous manner. It is my opinion that E-bikes are not appropriate for use on non-motorized bike trails, given that they are capable of speeds that are too fast for the trail conditions, creating unsafe situations for other users. Also, given that they are heavier than non-electric bikes, I suspect that if a non-electric biker were to be hit by an E-biker, the bodily harm would be far worse than if one were to be hit by a standard bike. On a final note, it is my understanding from speaking with rangers at Sawyer Camp Trail in Millbrae that E-bikes are actually not supposed to be allowed on that trail, but that County of San Mateo has simply not yet posted that restriction in the form of any signage at the trailheads.

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Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1–year pilot project (R–20–89)
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Alex Liston
City of Residence *	Menlo Park
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	As a native of the peninsula I've been enjoying hiking and biking the preserves my entire life. I hope to extend my enjoyment of our Open Space by use of an e–bike as I get older. Please approve this 1–year pilot program so we can assess the usage and impact. Thank you.

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Electric Bicycle Use
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Alan Muschott
City of Residence *	Menlo Park
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

**Comments to be read into the record \***


I have been regularly riding mountain bikes in our preserves for many years. Now that I am in my late 50s, it has become apparent that I need an electric bike (e-bike) to continue to enjoy riding in our preserves. I fully support permitting class 1 e-bikes on all trails in the Midpeninsula Open Space preserves where other bicycles are permitted. On November 20, 2019, the Board made the decision to move forward with a pilot program to allow class 1 e-bikes on unpaved trails. I am very disappointed to find that consideration of this program has been delayed until July 2021 – June 2022, with implementation happening sometime after that date (likely 2 – 3 years after the Board’s initial action). If agenda item 4 can be passed this year, it seems that a pilot to permit class 1 e-bikes on all trails where analog bikes are currently permitted, should be able to be passed in short order. I urge the Board to do so. Additionally, can the Board please provide guidance as to the exemption of the current ban on e-bikes under the District’s Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) policy for persons with mobility disabilities? It seems we are in a catch-22 because anyone with sufficient mobility to ride a class 1 e-bike (which requires pedaling effort by the rider) would have sufficient mobility to keep them from qualifying as having a mobility disability under the policy. Thank you for your consideration.

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Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	20200812
Subject *	E-bike usage
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Brian Mullins
City of Residence *	San Bruno
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	I suggest the board seriously consider e-bike usage on preserves with the more steep terrain where e-bikes are most needed like El Corte de Madera. I love riding these trails but I'm 70 years old and finding it more difficult to climb out of these areas. I use to do 15 mile rides, where, now I'm lucky to do 5-6 miles. I'm a skilled rider and have been ride this area since the early 90's. Being able to use an e-bike would greatly enhance my riding experience with less exhaustion. A class 1 e-bike would be my choice. Thank You. Brian Mullins

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89 Number 4
Subject *	E bikes
Please check one: *	Neutral
Name *	Carole Bridgeman
City of Residence *	San Carlos, CA
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	<p>I am OK with the trial period at the 2 preserves, but am concerned about a next phase. I am an equestrian so am concerned about safety for me, my horse and a bike rider. Not all trails are safe for passing, especially with how quiet the e bikes are. Line of sight is important. Everyone knows who gives to whom on the trails.</p> <p>Will there be another trial on multi-use trails in a few areas to start another evaluation? If there won't be another trial period, then I am opposed to this agenda item.</p>

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	E-Bikes
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Dave Erskine
City of Residence *	Mountain View
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	Motorized travel of any sort; e-bikes, scooters, powered skateboards, uniwheels, etc) should not be allowed anywhere in the parks except in the parking lots.

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	Can't quite seem how to find that.
Subject *	"Allowing E-bikes on Improved Trails and Roadways"
Please check one: *	In Opposition
Name *	Jason Roesslein
City of Residence *	Los Altos
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I am submitting a comment to be provided to the board of directors. (no limit)
Comments to be provided to the board of directors *	Board of directors,  First, thank you for your service. The places humans can go and be away from motorized vehicles grows fewer by the day; please consider keeping the few places we do have the way they are – nonmotorized.  Much appreciated, Jason

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	E-Bikes Pilot Project
Please check one: *	Neutral
Name *	Jerry Wittenauer
City of Residence *	Los Altos Hills
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

**Comments to be read into the record \***


Good evening. I am providing a comment regarding Agenda Item #4: E-Bike 1-year Pilot Project. I am speaking as an equestrian, representing both myself as a frequent rider and the ETRAC organization. Two comments this evening: (1) The principal concern that equestrians have with e-bikes is that we perceive an increased risk due to the speed that E-bikes can reach beyond what a typical Mountain Bike can reach. We are accustomed now to the risk of a Mountain bike coming down hill at speed, and E-bikes coming downhill do not add to our risk. However, the motorized bikes will now be capable of reaching 20 mph speeds going uphill, and this is a new risk for the equestrians. We strongly advocate for the use of speed monitoring as E-bikes are introduced, including in this pilot study. Looking forward, we advocate for development and enforcement of uphill speed limits, consistent with what a typical un-motorized mountain bike can accomplish. (2) The 1-year Pilot Study does not incorporate any data-gathering with respect to equestrian / E-bike interaction. It is part of the Pilot Study that a follow-on phase will be formulated for broader implementation of E-bikes at the conclusion of the 1-year study. We strongly advocate that the follow-on phase should include a further trial period in a trail area that includes equestrian usage so that additional insight can be gained that might shape a safe introduction of E-bikes to the broader MidPen Trail Network. Thank-you for your consideration.

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4. Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1–year pilot project (R–20–89)
Subject *	e–bikes
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Kevin Wang
City of Residence *	Santa Clara
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	<p>Please allow ebikes. My wife has asthma, and on a flat asphalt trail she can only maintain 10 MPH. Uphills are basically impossible for her. An ebike lets her keep up with me.</p> <p>I know people are concerned with speed; I am! But if the problem is speed, focus on that: restrict the speed, not on the tool (i.e. bike, ebike, dirt bike).</p>

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	Consider designation of select preserve trails, roadways, and parking areas to allow electric bicycle use under a 1-year pilot project
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Lada Adamic
City of Residence *	Mountain View
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record \*


Thank you for recommending the use of the new Ravenswood Preserve section of Bay Trail for class 1 and 2 e-bike use. I have been awaiting this trail segment for close to 8 years as I have been bike commuting from Mountain View to Menlo Park. In absence of this trail extension, I have been biking on Pulgas and Bay, but they are much higher stress than a separate ped/bike path. Before getting my class 1 e-bike, I could only commute by bike half the time due to amount of effort and time required. My e-bike allows me to commute the 25 miles round-trip all five workdays, keeping my car off the roads. Being able to enjoy the wonderful nature of the baylands while commuting is always a highlight of my day (pre-covid, as I am working from home temporarily). To sum up, I would love to ride the new trail segment on my e-bike, and would be grateful if the pilot program could be run. Thank you.



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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	4
Subject *	Electric Bicycles
Please check one: *	Neutral
Name *	Peter Huston
City of Residence *	Mountain View
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)

Comments to be read into the record \*

MidPen Directors,

This is regarding agenda item 4 at your upcoming meeting on August 12, 2020. I agree with the General Manager that e-bikes are a great alternative to gas powered motor vehicles. Just to clarify the General Manager’s summary, e-bikes, while they do not directly emit greenhouse gases, depend on electricity to charge their batteries. It really depends on how this electricity is generated to determine how much greenhouse gas is emitted. I agree with encouraging visitors to arrive using methods other than cars. What I’m now seeing are people driving their e-bikes on car racks to the preserves where there is a lack of signage making it clear e-bikes are not allowed on the trails. I hope the budget that covers costs related to replacing or updating signs includes signage where motorized bicycles are not allowed as this is basically the only form of enforcement I’m currently observing. So far I’ve only seen one sign related to e-bikes at the preserves. The General Manager’s summary states “District rangers have also reported a rise in e-bike use on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) preserves.” This is due to a lack of proper signage. I don’t think people on motorized bicycles understand these vehicles aren’t allowed on preserve trails and I’ve observed sales people in bike shops telling customers they are. Please don’t make the same mistake Santa Clara County Parks made by eventually allowing these motorized bicycles on preserve trails.


Respectfully,  
Peter Huston

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	R-20-89
Subject *	Designate select trails at Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve and County Park where bicycles are currently allowed as open to class 1
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Pejman Khosropour
City of Residence *	Campbell
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	I have been mountain biking in MidPen and Skyline open space reserve for more than 20 years. I use to drive to these area for biking but with my class one Electric bike I can now pedal and bike and pedal back home (assuming if it will become open to class one bikes). Both State of California and Santa Clara country area are open to class 1 e-bikes. I think it is about time midpen should also open up. Study after Study has shown Ebikes present no more danger to the trails or nature than mountain bikes. it is time to open the area to Ebikes

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	5
Subject *	Electric Bicycle Policy
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Pejman Khosropour
City of Residence *	Campbell
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	<p>E-bikes allow people to cover long distances quickly and efficiently, opening up new areas for outdoor recreation, while also allowing others to access outdoor recreation that may have previously been limited for them by physical factors.</p> <p>Those who are against the ebike simply argue that ebikes may violate trail speed limits (same with regular bikes), it opens up trails to novice (not really an argument). With every new technology comes the time of hesitation to adopt something new (I remember the same argument for Mountain bikes)</p>

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Meeting Date *	August 12 – Board of Directors Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	Yes
Agenda Item Number *	20200812
Subject *	Ebike usage
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Patrick Mullins
City of Residence *	Daly City
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	I would like the board to consider allowing Class 1 ebikes (no throttle, pedal assist only, and maximum assist speed 20mph) on trails, especially in places like the El Corte de Madera trail system where the elevation difference makes it difficult for older riders like myself to climb back to the parking lot. I have been riding these trails since the late 90's and find it increasingly difficult to enjoy this beautiful area. A class 1 ebike would give me the assistance to make getting back up to the parking lot much easier for us older riders. Thank you for your consideration.

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Meeting Date *	August 25 – Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
Is this a comment about a specific board item? *	No
Subject *	Ebike
Please check one: *	In Favor
Name *	Lili Esfahani
City of Residence *	Campbell
Email *	
Select a Choice *	I want my comment to be read into the record during the board meeting. (250 word limit)
Comments to be read into the record *	Allow e-bike to ride vote in favor of R-19-155 and R-20-89.