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Subject: Missing relevant legislation from TPB 7/18 meeting attachment on "Speed Policy on Shared Use Paths"

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The attachment "Shared-Use Paths User Feedback, E-bike Usage, Path Speeds & Etiquette" (<https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11063307&GUID=C7D7F805-1ABC-4BF4-9919-CB05A3764FBB>) is missing an important piece of Relevant Legislation from the Department of Natural Resources.

[WI DNR NR 45.05 \(3\) \(em\)](#)

(em) *Motor bicycles.*

1. A motor bicycle as defined in s. [340.01 \(30\)](#), Stats., may be operated on trails listed in s. [NR 51.73 \(1\)](#) and subject to this chapter that are otherwise open to bicycles under any of the following conditions:
 - a. When equipped with an electric motor: at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour while the motor is engaged.

This law is summarized at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/recreation/biking>:

ELECTRIC BIKES

Electric bicycles are allowed on some of the straight (linear) bicycle touring trails, but must observe a 15 mile per hour speed limit. (Note that any electric bicycle *capable* of more than 30 miles per hour is, under state law, a motorcycle and not a bicycle, and may not be ridden on any state trails that do not specifically allow motorcycles). Electric bicycles are not allowed on any other bicycle trails other than those indicated in the table below. Electric bicycles used without the motor engaged are allowed on all bicycle trails.

In the Madison area, this e-bike speed limit applies to the fee portion of the Capital City Trail west of Lake Farm Park, the Badger State Trail, and the Military Ridge State Trail. It does NOT apply to the Hwy 12 trail northwest of Middleton.

Please amend the meeting packet with this information, or distribute it to TPB members in some other fashion.

-Craig Weinhold