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I bicycle daily through the downtown paths, using both standard bikes and an e-bike. I have heard comments in the past about potentially banning e-bikes from the bike trails, or regulating them to only the e-bikes with 20 mph regulators but banning those with 28 mph regulators.

My experience is that speeding and dangerous riding on the bike path is not caused by e-biking, though it is easier to ride faster. I find the bikers who are most dangerous are on standard bikes, often the serious riders out on their workouts. Many seem to regard other slower bikes on the paths as a nuisance, and refuse to slow down in congested areas, instead weaving or cutting people off so they can maintain their 22 mph workout.

E-bikers can sometimes be nuisances and ride fast, but in my experience, the problem lies with the biker not the bike. Please don't remove e-bikes on the common trails. They are increasingly popular, particularly for parents with young kids or for professional/commercial use, and take cars off the road.

Thanks,

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