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Hello Transportation Commission,

I'm writing to comment on the upcoming discussion for e-bike regulations (and other small motorized modes of transportation).

While I'm not strictly against regulations here, I don't think they begin to address the root cause of why people are experiencing friction with increasingly popular modes of micromobility. Fundamentally, we have not built our streets to accommodate non-car traffic, and the rate of improving on this has not kept pace with adoption of new modes. The result is that these newer modes are using infrastructure that feels safe, which is causing a conflict where people are fighting over the small spaces of shared use paths and sidewalks. Instead, we should direct our attention to reclaiming space from cars to resolve this conflict.

I understand that education and enforcement efforts are cheaper in the short term, but they are not nearly as effective as engineering solutions in the long term.

Thanks for your time,
Ben Noffke