

**TO: Chair Kurth, Transportation Committee Members**  
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**Subject: The Electric Revolution – E-bikes**

This was my second year riding my E-bike in the Rhody Days parade. Last year I was the only one riding an electric bike. This year the Florence E-bike club participated with many e-bike riders, some with fat tires for riding in the dunes.

I am very pleased to see how much we are moving toward electrifying our transportation. It saves money in the long run and helps keep our environment clean and healthy. E-bikes are gaining popularity in our community. I see them everywhere.

Sales of E-bikes are vastly outpacing sales of electric cars. In 2023 roughly 40 million E-bikes were sold worldwide.

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Without safe and connected places to ride, the appeal of riding an electric bike is muted. We need to plan, build and maintain safe and infrastructure that supports cyclists and pedestrians if we want to promote the widespread adoption of electric bicycles.

The highlight of my ride in the parade was when a three year old girl came up to my E-bike and attempted to attach a colorful necklace to my basket. In many ways it will be the young who most benefit from the climate actions we take today.

It would be good if our city follows the “Good Vibes” theme of our Rhododendron Festival by investing in multi-path lanes throughout the city and surrounding area.





