Ebike
Community Advisory Committee

Meeting #7

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March 10, 2020

Meeting Overview

➢ Welcome and Introductions

➢ Overview of CAC Summary Report

➢ Discussion of CAC Member Input and Development of Potential Consensus Items

➢ Public Comment

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Introduction to MMWD E-bikes CAC Summary Report

- **Background of MMWD Watershed Lands:** Short overview of watershed lands, trails/roads currently open to bikes/e-bikes, and input received during December 2018 MMWD E-bike Workshop

- **Overview of E-bike Community Advisory Committee (CAC):** Recap of E-bike CAC process including participant selection criteria, assessment result, and meeting topics/schedule

- **Summary of CAC Input to Date:**
  - Summary of recommendations
  - Input provided by CAC members
  - "Potential" Consensus Recommendations

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Overview of CAC Process

Date	Meeting Description
September 10, 2019	Kickoff meeting to formally convene the CAC
October 7, 2019	Current E-bike technology from Bosch Industries; overview of E-bikes in other jurisdictions presented by MMWD staff
November 12, 2019	Roads and Trails Management Plan and environmental setting presented by Environmental Science Associates
December 10, 2019	E-bike users in relation to other user groups and overview of Slow and Say Hello campaign presented by Trail Partners
January 14, 2020	Battery safety issues associated with rechargeable lithium ion devices presented by Fathom Engineering
February 11, 2020	Overview of enforcement actions and bicycling impacts to lands managed by MMWD presented by MMWD staff
March 10, 2020	Discussion of CAC member recommendations
April 14, 2020	Review final report/conclude process

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Summary of Current CAC Input

- Input heard and received throughout the CAC member responses:
  - E-bike access:
    - No consensus on allowing e-bike access
  - Limited access:
    - Minimal support for restricted/limited access
  - Rental prohibition:
    - Minimal support for rental prohibition
    - Enforcing ban specific to MMWD could be challenging- bikes could be rented in San Francisco
  - Companion Rider Program:
    - New concept with some support
    - Certification or registration to allow companion riders for persons with disabilities

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Summary of Current CAC Input (cont.)

- Registration:
    - Mixed support for a registration program
    - Requires support of industry and bicycle groups
    - Could mirror Tamarancho registration program
    - May be challenging to implement since impacts of e-bikes are likely similar to conventional bicycles, registration should target ALL cyclists or none
- Trial period:
    - Mixed support for a trial period
    - Trial period could quantify number of e-bike users to determine impacts to trail capacity
    - Physical impacts of e-bikes vs. regular bicycles could be measured
    - Conflicts with other user groups could be measured
    - Resources for implementing a true trial period could be challenging
    - Could be difficult to "end" trial period once access is allowed

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Summary of Current CAC Input (cont.)

- Education:
  - Broad support for education program similar to "enhanced" version of Slow and Say Hello
  - Increase signage and fliers and points of entry and throughout MMWD lands explaining trail closures and rules of the road
  - Partnerships with other organization critical for success
  - One participant noted resources for robust education campaign may not be available
- Enforcement:
  - Broad support for additional enforcement measures
  - Targeted enforcement impacted by available resources
  - Agreements could be signed to abide by all riders at points of entry or local bicycle shops
  - Raising fines suggested as one potential enforcement tool

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Potential Items for Consensus Recommendations

- CONSIDER: How has your position changed throughout the process?

- Education:
  - Educational campaign,
  - Signage (speed limits, trail etiquette, etc.)
  - Partnership opportunities?

- Enforcement:
  - What does more enforcement look like?
  - Warnings and education, fines currently START at $158. What does a stricter enforcement process look like?
  - Beyond fines, what other strategic enforcement measure could be taken?

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