

DATE: 2/18/2020

TO: Mayor Troxell and Councilmembers

FROM: Youth Advisory Board of Fort Collins

RE: Letter of Support for the E-Bike Implementation

The purpose of this letter is to express the Youth Advisory Board of Fort Collins' support for the implementation of e-bikes with provisions outlined below.

The City of Fort Collins Youth Advisory Board supports the proposed policy allowing class one and two e-bikes on paved city trails before the sunset of the e-bike pilot program with one caveat. This is that it eventually be adjusted to permit higher class electric bikes with regulating software on paved trails within the city maintaining the safety of our citizens. The current policy allows for only class one and two e-bikes to be permitted on paved trails.

Class 1 e-bikes are defined as pedal-assist only bikes, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph. Class 2 e-bikes also have a maximum speed of 20 mph but are throttle-assisted. The Youth Advisory Board would like to see permittance of Class 3 e-bikes, bikes with pedal assist and/or a throttle regulated up to 28 miles an hour, if they can be capped meeting at 20 mph meeting the requirements for a Class 2 e-bike.

The current protocol does not allow programmable class threes because it believes that they are out of the reasonable price range for general citizens, however the youth advisory board believes that they will quickly become available to our citizens and would like for this protocol to be quickly adapted.

Sincerely,

The Fort Collins Youth Advisory Board