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Dear Council Members,

In regards to proposed use of throttles on E-Bikes on sidewalks, please consider another approach. There are long stretches of sidewalks adjacent to busy streets with no bike lanes - i.e. Losey Blvd, West Ave., South Ave., Mormon Coulee Road, Lang Dr., Hwy 33, more...

Instead of outlawing the use of throttles in these areas, simply allow for throttle usage on sidewalks where there is no bike lane on major streets and require that (all) bikers on sidewalks must stop or walk their bike when confronted with pedestrians/other bikers/ or any other living thing.

The problem trying to be fixed is bikers meeting pedestrians and others on sidewalks. It's not that they meet, it's how the meeting of both is controlled. Simply require bikers to stop or walk when engaged with others on these sidewalks until they pass each other.

In addition, there are those of us out here in the community who have knee trouble and other issues with our legs. Having an E-Bike makes getting around so much easier and enjoyable and saves on gas. Having the use of a throttle (instead of being required to pedal) in these cases, I would classify as necessary. There is no reason to outlaw throttle usage when no one else is around on sidewalks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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