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I am writing in regard to the Pammel Creek Trail and my concerns about the e-bikes and scooters that are "zooming" by on the trail. The speed the riders are going is a real safety issue for pedestrians, their leashed dogs, and other traditional bike riders. My understanding is that e-bikes can go as fast as 30 miles per hour, and it appears some of these riders are going extremely fast on the trail. Often times, as a pedestrian walking the trail, I never even hear the e-bikes until they have passed. There are children on the trail that walk and run from one side of the trail to the other while observing activity in the canal and checking out flowers and birds. Pets on leashes also move from one side to the other side of the trail.

If there hasn't been an accident already, there is going to be an accident and someone or a pet is going to get hit by an e-bike/scooter rider going too fast and unable to stop. The trail also has winding curves which can limit the visibility for both the e-bike/scooter riders and others using the trail. This contributes to safety issues for all users.

An ordinance that states a "reasonable speed" on trails is purely subjective and is too vague. This language does nothing to help keep the trails safe. A posted speed limit *could* deter e-bike and scooter riders to slow down. Perhaps a posted speed limit of 10 miles per hour on trails could help. Or the speed limit the state requires for trails could be posted.

In any case, the Pammel Creek Trail has become unsafe.

Respectfully,

Carol P.