

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Date: **October 2026 - First Regular City Council Meeting**

To: **Honorable Mayor and City Council Members**

From: **Travis Grimm - Chief of Police**

Subject: **E-Bike and Micromobility Community Information and Public Input Initiative**

Background:

The use of electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters, and other micromobility devices has increased throughout Central Florida, including within Belle Isle. Several City Council members have raised this issue at previous meetings, and the City has also begun receiving concerns from residents regarding speed, pedestrian safety, sidewalk and pathway use, and unsafe operation.

The City is currently working with legal counsel regarding potential local regulations. Orange County is developing a micromobility ordinance that is undergoing legal review. Staff believes it is beneficial to review the County's final ordinance and legal analysis before finalizing a Belle Isle ordinance. This approach allows the City to benefit from the County's legal review, evaluate enforcement issues identified through that process, and maintain reasonable consistency between the City and surrounding Orange County where appropriate.

Any future ordinance should be legally sound, reasonable, clearly understood by the public, and practical for law enforcement officers to enforce. Staff does not recommend rushing regulations that may later prove difficult to enforce or create unintended consequences.

Proposed Community Information and Input Initiative:

While the ordinance review process continues, staff proposes creating an E-Bike and Micromobility information page on the City website and linking the page to an online community survey. The purpose is to keep residents informed, provide a consistent location to direct questions, and collect Belle Isle-specific information while potential regulations are being developed.

The website would explain:

- That the City recognizes the growing use of e-bikes and other micromobility devices and related safety concerns.
- That the City is working with legal counsel and monitoring Orange County's ordinance and legal review.
- Why the City is taking a deliberate approach before presenting a final ordinance.
- How residents can provide feedback through the community survey.

The community survey would seek input regarding:

- Issues residents have experienced or observed and where those issues are occurring.
- Pedestrian, sidewalk, shared-use path, roadway, school-zone, park, and public-property concerns.
- Experiences and opinions of residents who use e-bikes, scooters, or other micromobility devices.

- What residents believe reasonable safety rules, education efforts, and enforcement priorities should include.

The survey would be a community-input and policy-development tool. It would not be a police reporting system or a scientific poll of all Belle Isle residents.

Purpose of Community Input:

The information collected would give staff, law enforcement, legal counsel, and the City Council Belle Isle-specific information to consider when reviewing the Orange County ordinance. Once the County completes its process, staff can compare the County's regulations with the concerns and priorities identified by Belle Isle residents and determine whether additional local provisions should be considered.

Staff Recommendation and Council Discussion Points:

Staff recommends moving forward with development of the City informational webpage and community survey while continuing to work with legal counsel and monitor Orange County's ordinance review.

Council is asked to provide input regarding:

- Issues or concerns Council would like included in the community survey.
- Specific locations or activities Council believes should receive additional consideration.
- Information Council would like staff to collect before a future micromobility ordinance is presented.
- Any additional topics Council would like staff and legal counsel to consider during ordinance development.

Suggested Motion:

I move to support staff moving forward with the E-Bike and Micromobility Community Information and Public Input Initiative and continuing to work with legal counsel to evaluate potential regulations following completion of Orange County's micromobility ordinance review.

Alternatives:

Direct staff to modify the proposed community information and survey initiative or continue monitoring the ordinance development process without launching the public-input initiative at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

Minimal fiscal impact anticipated. The initiative would primarily utilize existing City staff resources, the City website, and an online survey platform.

Attachments:

1. Draft E-Bike & Micromobility City Website Information Page
2. Draft Belle Isle E-Bike & Micromobility Community Survey