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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your efforts to increase safety for all by addressing e-bike safety. As stated in the staff report, e-bikes provide important transportation and mobility benefits, particularly for students traveling to school and short-distance trips within the community. Additionally, the more bike riders, and safer bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, the fewer vehicle trips overall and the decreased traffic, and parents dropping off and picking up kids at school and other activities. The many health benefits of increased cycling include greater attention and fitness. The education program at New Brighton sounds like a great step.

Like many residents, I frequently witness unsafe walking and riding behavior. Night riding is especially dangerous as I often see pedestrians and cyclists dressed in black, usually only paying attention to their phone, bikes with no lights, riding wrong way, or every which way.

My neighbor was hit and injured by a kid on e-bike while walking his dog in Jade Street Park (not reported). I recently witnessed a kid about 8- or 9-years old riding a tiny e-bike on the sidewalk at 44th Ave and Grace Street. and crossed a driveway (no stop signs for either). He was almost hit and didn't even know it. Luckily the van driver saw him, surprisingly, since the rider wasn't more than 3-feet height like the surrounding walls and shrubs and he was moving much faster than a pedestrian. If I was not driving to an appointment I would have followed him home to talk to his parents. I can't believe a parent would allow their young child to ride a fast bike like that on the public street and unsupervised. This makes the point of how important bike safety education across the board for all ages.

Sincerely, Paula Bradley