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**From:** Clark Cochran <clark.e.cochran@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 1:01 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** E-Bike Safety for Youth Letter

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I fully support your letter to our State Representatives. I would however suggest you include an additional point. An e-bike is considered by the California DMV to be a motorized vehicle by its definition. As such, all riders should be required to carry identification. E-bikes are not using only bike lanes anymore, but are on streets with automobiles. In case of an accident with an automobile when the e-bike is at fault, it should not be the up to the automobile driver to pay uninsured coverage deductible though his insurance. Without identification of any sort it could be difficult to confirm e-bike insurance coverage to protect the automobile driver. Further, warnings and citations have little value if they are issued to an unidentifiable e-bike rider.

Thank you for your consideration on this point.

Sincerely,  
Clark Cochran  
Capitola home owner and full time resident