



E-Moto Behavior & Enforcement Update



City Council Work Session

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Injury and call-for-service trends, community feedback, and notable cases

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New Colorado law, city outreach channels, and regional agency efforts

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Definitions and our strategy: dangerous behavior vs. administrative violations



Behaviors

Trends, data & notable cases

What We All Are Hearing from Residents

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"...I have had several encounters with kids around the neighborhood and around Webber/Johnson on electric dirt bikes/scooters that have almost been accidents. They drive down the middle of the street, ignoring school zone speed limits, going on the wrong side of the street, riding into on coming traffic, and taking the e dirt bikes through the school district fields.

Resident comment — Service Area Request (SAR)

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"I can't walk on the sidewalks anymore in this neighborhood because kids are riding electrical scooters, bikes, and electric dirtbike things on the sidewalks. They're clearly not driving age and are zipping around going way faster than 10 mph...I have to worry about getting hit. You can't even hear them coming. I've almost been hit 3 times..."

Resident comment — Service Area Request (SAR)

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"From our daily walks on the trail and our observations from our back deck, we have become increasingly concerned about the electric vehicles on the trail. We have observed at least a dozen different types of electric vehicles on the trail, some of which are nothing short of an electric motorcycle and go well over 30 MPH..."

Resident comment — Service Area Request (SAR)



Working Together

Coordinated response across service areas — Police, Parks, Natural Areas and FC Moves.

Shared messaging, shared data, and consistent rules across streets and trails.



Fleeing Suspects

Riders using e-motorcycles to elude officers; high speed, no plates, difficult and dangerous to follow, and against policy to pursue.



Pedestrian Struck Inside Mall

A juvenile riding a low-powered scooter struck a pedestrian inside a shopping mall.

(active case – limited details)



Old Town Behaviors

Recurring issues in the downtown district: groups riding through crowds, stunt riding and dismount-zone violations.

Serious pediatric injuries associated with e-bikes are increasing sharply in Colorado

These Are Not Simply Minor Bicycle Injuries

Speed Changes the Injury Profile

The Research Supports the Concern

How do we compare (FC vs outside municipalities)?

Why now?



**Traditional Bicycle
Speed - Child:
7-10 mph**



**E-Bicycle
Speed:
20 –28 mph**



**E-Motorcycle
Speed:
50+ mph**



Education

Community Outreach & Colorado law

Education and Training Strategy



Trails

In person education and signage across the paved trail network



Internal to PD

Briefing training and quick-reference materials for officers



Safety Education Videos

Short safety videos we are preparing to send out



City Website

One place for rules: what can ride where, by device type
(<https://www.fortcollins.gov/Services/Transportation-and-Roads/Getting-Around-Town/Electric-Mobility>)



Schools (PSD SROs)

Direct outreach to students and parents via monthly newsletter and SROs during their classroom presentations.



PSAs, Fliers & Videos Through Social Media

Sustained messaging modeled on regional campaigns

Goal: Riders and parents understand what they are buying and what the law expects before enforcement action is needed.

HB25-1197

EFF. AUG 2025 &
JAN 2027

E-Bicycle Sale Requirements (Two Phase Implementation)

- Batteries must be safety-certified (UL / EN standards)
- Sellers must disclose class, speed & wattage at sale
- Illegal to market non-qualifying vehicles as "e-bicycles"

HB26-1079

EFF. AUG 2026

Motorcycle Permit Consent

- Minors now need written permission from a parent or legal guardian for a motorcycle instruction permit
- Closes prior loophole where any adult over 21 could consent
- Applies to e-motorcycles requiring a motorcycle endorsement

HB26-1125

DID NOT PASS

Parent Penalties

- Would have fined parents who permit unlawful minor use of e-bicycles, e-motorcycles, e-scooters & e-skateboards
- Would have defined "electric motorcycle" in statute
- Shelved in committee at the sponsor's request, March 2026 — may return next session

What Other Agencies Are Doing



CDOT & State Patrol

Statewide e-bicycle safety campaign, micromobility messaging and parent-focused safety guides

Windsor PD

Public campaign on the e-bicycle vs. e-motorcycle distinction; violations go to municipal court; chief urging parents to know what their kids are riding

Estes Park PD

Micromobility safety & enforcement program involving education for riders, drivers and parents, with active enforcement

CSU Police

Required registration of bicycles, e-bicycles & e-scooters; campus dismount zones; Safety Education & Enforcement Program

Larimer County

E-bicycle study on natural-surface trails informing county trail policy and etiquette education

Lone Tree PD

Model education page for every device class with photos, wattage tiers and legal requirements in plain language

Commerce City PD

Local e-motorcycle ordinance in action. They recently cited three juvenile riders and their parents

Common thread: educate first, enforce dangerous behavior, involve parents.



Enforcement

Definitions & strategy

Definitions: Know the Difference

RIDE LIKE BICYCLES — NO LICENSE NEEDED



Class 1 & 2 E-Bicycle

≤ 750 W · 20 mph

No license, insurance
or registration

Any age can ride



Class 3 E-Bicycle

≤ 750 W · 28 mph

No license, insurance
or registration

Riders must be 16+ · helmet
for those under 18



E-Scooter

< 100 lbs · 20 mph

No license, insurance
or registration

Any age can ride

MOTOR VEHICLES — LICENSE REQUIRED



Low-Power Scooter

≤ 4,476 W

Driver's license · insurance
3-year decal

Riders must be 16+ · helmet
for those under 18



E-Motorcycle

Over 4,476 W

Motorcycle endorsement
insurance · license plate

Riders must be 16+ · helmet
for those under 18

Where Can They Ride?



	Class 1 & 2 E-Bicycle	Class 3 E-Bicycle	E-Scooter	Low-Power Scooter	E-Motorcycle
Street	✓	16+	✓	✓	✓
Bike lane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Sidewalk	✓	Varies	✓	✗	✗
Paved trails	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Crosswalk	Ride	Ride	Dismount	✗	✗

Fort Collins Traffic Code Parts 2101 & 2106 · Class 3 e-bicycles and low-power scooters: helmet required under 18.

FORT COLLINS TRAFFIC CODE 2002(40)

Wheels 14 inches or less (outside diameter)

Not designed, approved or intended for use on public roadways or off-road

Includes mini bikes, pocket bikes, kamikaze boards, go-peds and stand-up scooters.

Excludes e-scooters, off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles.



Pocket bike



Go-ped



Razor E-Punk



Scream Machine

Not built for the road and not legal on it.

THE ONE-WHEEL QUESTION

Not completely clear where these devices fall under the law.
The below is our CAO's interpretation.



TOY VEHICLE

Onewheel-style board

Small wheel · about 15 mph



TOY VEHICLE

High-power electric unicycle

Larger tire · about 40 mph Lights and
brake lights

Fits no where else within the law

Relevant laws: 1410 — skateboard/toy device where prohibited, including on the roadway · 1410(2) — dismount zones.



2025

Total Citations: 35



2026

Total Citations: 31 (Year to Date)

Total

Total Citations: 66

Most common charges for both years: Disregarding Traffic Control Device (13), Left Place of Safety (12), Drove Vehicle/Low Powered Scooter on Sidewalk (6), Reckless Riding (6), and Careless Riding (5)

Source: FCPS RMS



Dangerous Behavior

Reckless or Careless riding · fleeing officers · endangering pedestrians · motor vehicles in parks, trails & natural areas

ENFORCE: CHARGE & POSSIBLE IMPOUND



Administrative Violations

Certain trail issues · helmet violations · missing license, decal or plate

EDUCATE: WARN & NOTIFY PARENTS



Parents can be cited. FC Traffic Code 2101(1)(b): a parent shall not knowingly permit a child to violate riding laws — and as of Aug 12, 2026, minors also need written parental consent for a motorcycle instruction permit (HB26-1079).

- **Continue working across City departments and community partnerships to problem solve current and potential issues.**
- **Leverage proven processes and established best practices to achieve positive, sustainable outcomes.**
- **Actively monitor Colorado State legislation and provide input as appropriate when feasible.**



Questions?

Fort Collins Police Services