



E-Bikes in Parks, Trails, & Open Spaces Survey Responses Report

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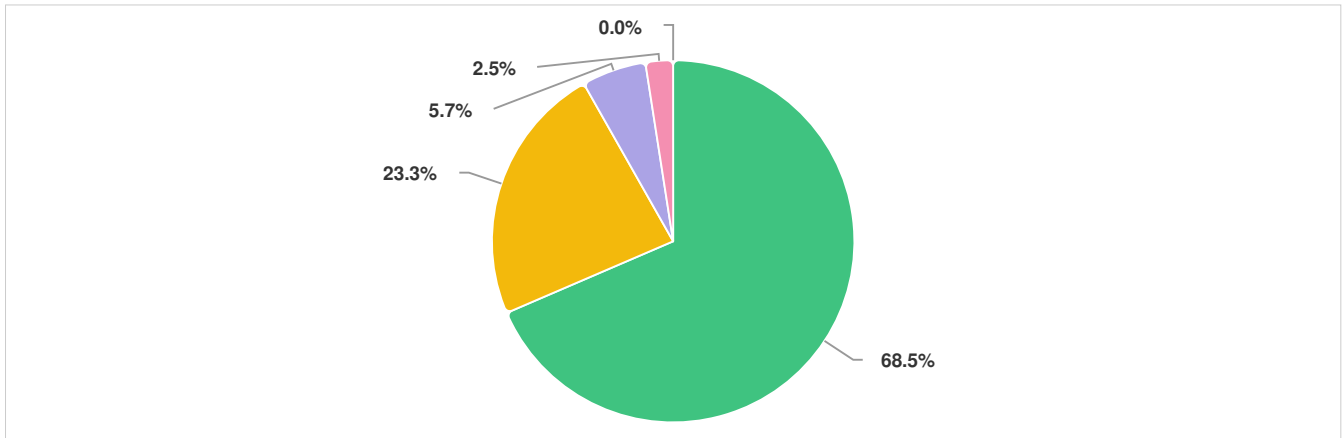
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Methodology

The goal of the E-Bikes in Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Survey (Survey) was to seek public input on where and what type of e-bikes can be used in parks, trails, and open spaces. The Survey was hosted on the City's Let's Talk platform. The Survey was open from May 12, 2026, through August 31, 2026. The Survey included up to fifteen multiple choice questions, as well as three open-ended short answer questions. The total number of questions a respondent received depended on the answers they selected.

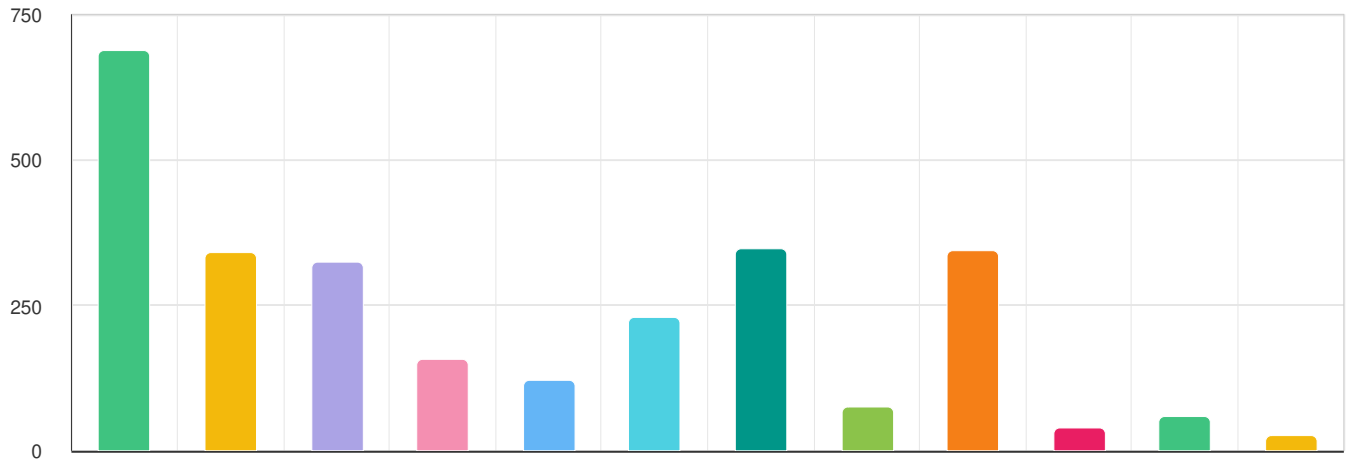
Q1. How often do you visit a Mercer Island park or open space?

Question options	responses	%
2-3 times per week	501	68.5
At least once per week	170	23.3
About once a month	42	5.7
A few times a year	18	2.5
Do not visit	0	0.0

Optional question · 731 responses · 9 skipped

Question type : Dropdown Question

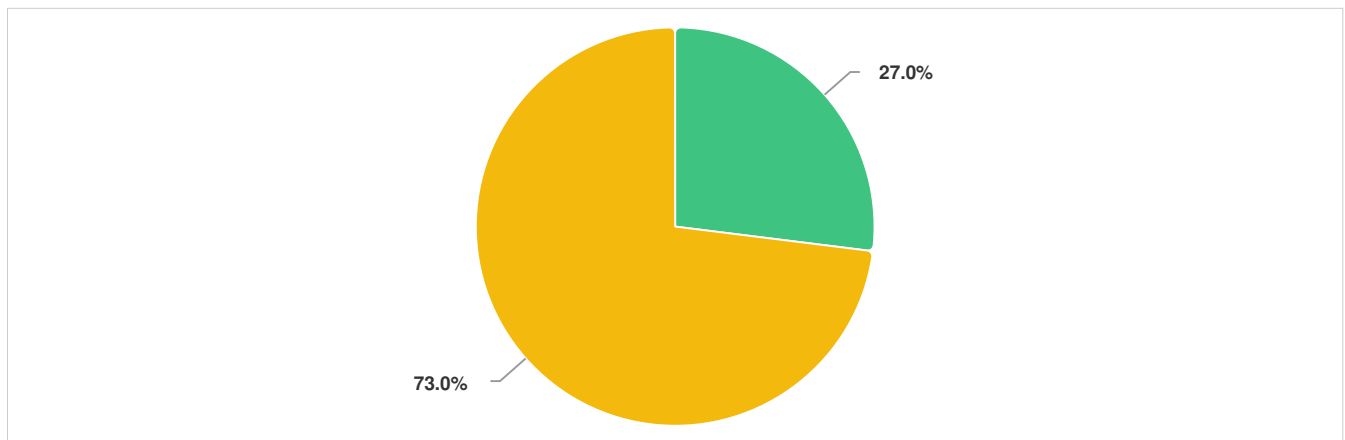
Q2. When using a Mercer Island park or open space, which amenities do you generally utilize?
 Select all that apply.



Question options	responses	%
● Trails	687	93.6
● Beaches	339	46.2
● Athletic Fields	323	44.0
● Tennis/Pickleball/Basketball Courts	158	21.5
● Skate Park/Bike Skills Area	120	16.3
● Picnic Tables/Shelters	229	31.2
● Playgrounds	347	47.3
● Fishing Dock	74	10.1
● Restrooms	345	47.0
● P-Patch	40	5.4
● Boat Launch	60	8.2
● Other (please specify)	27	3.7

Optional question · 734 responses · 6 skipped

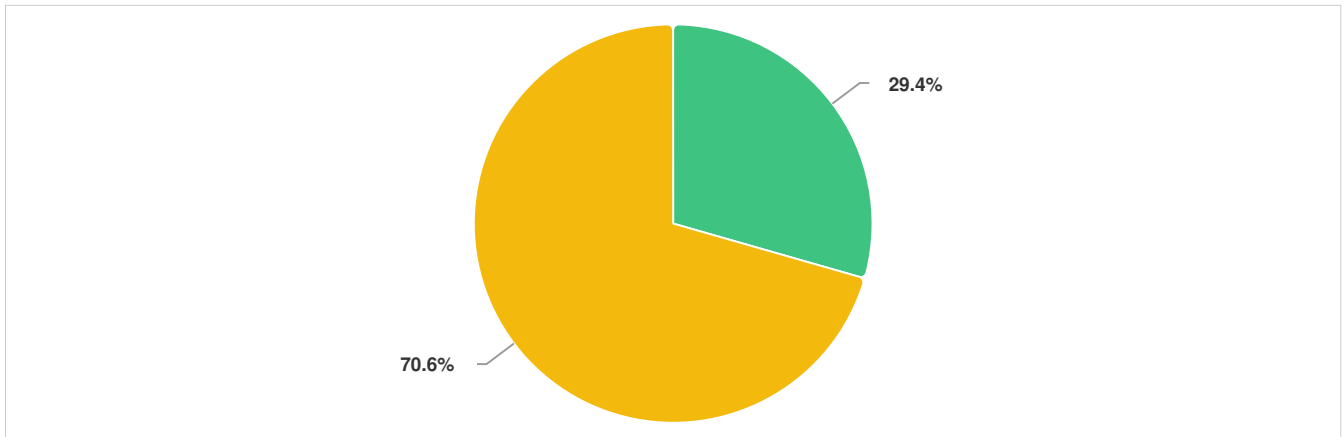
Question type : Checkbox Question

Q3. Do you currently own or rent an e-bike?

Question options	responses	%
● Yes	198	27.0
● No	536	73.0

Optional question · 734 responses · 6 skipped

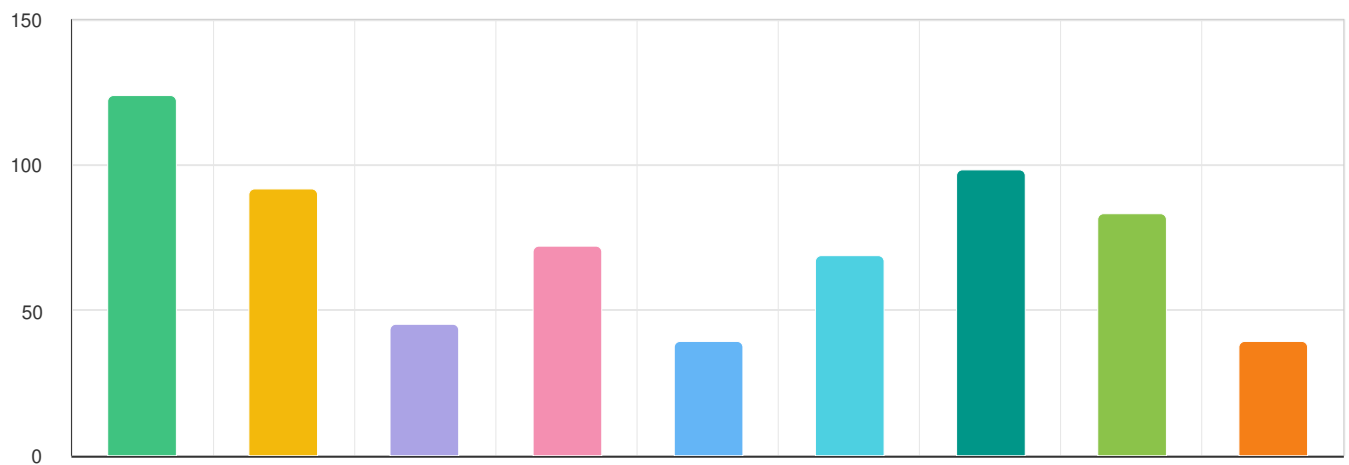
Question type : Dropdown Question

Q4. Is an e-bike your primary mode of transportation to/from school or work?

Question options	responses	%
● Yes	58	29.4
● No	139	70.6

Optional question · 197 responses · 543 skipped

Question type : Dropdown Question

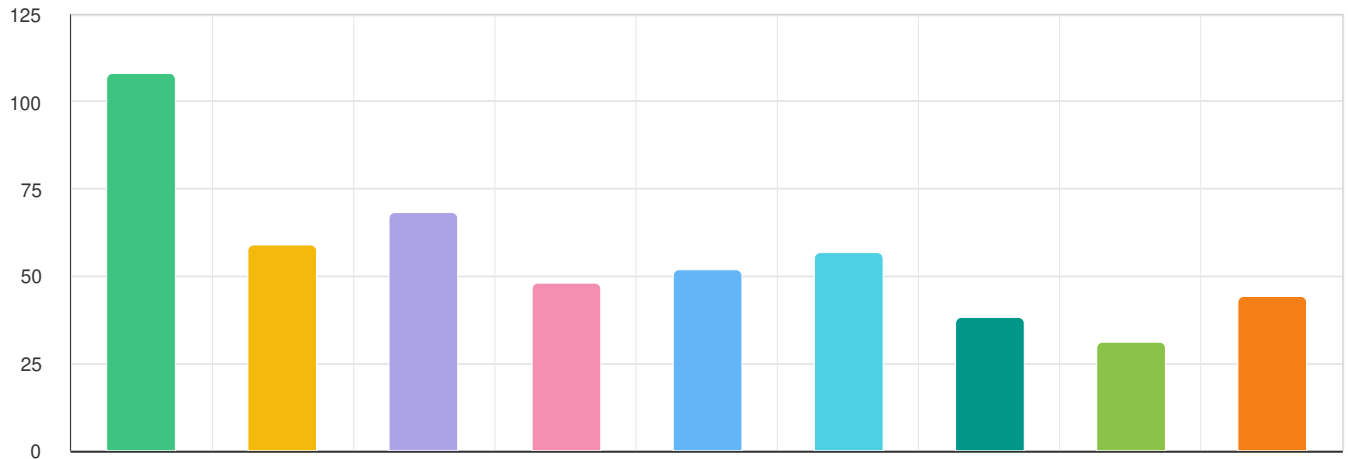
Q5. Why did you purchase or rent an e-bike? Select all that apply.


Question options	responses	%
● To ride more trails and/or longer distances in my available time	124	63.3
● To increase fitness	92	46.9
● To keep pace with friends and family	45	23.0
● To access park and open space locations	72	36.7
● A health problem made an e-bike more pragmatic than a traditional bike	39	19.9
● For environmental reasons	69	35.2
● Cost effective form of transportation	98	50.0
● To commute to/from school or work	83	42.3
● Other (please specify)	39	19.9

Optional question · 196 responses · 544 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

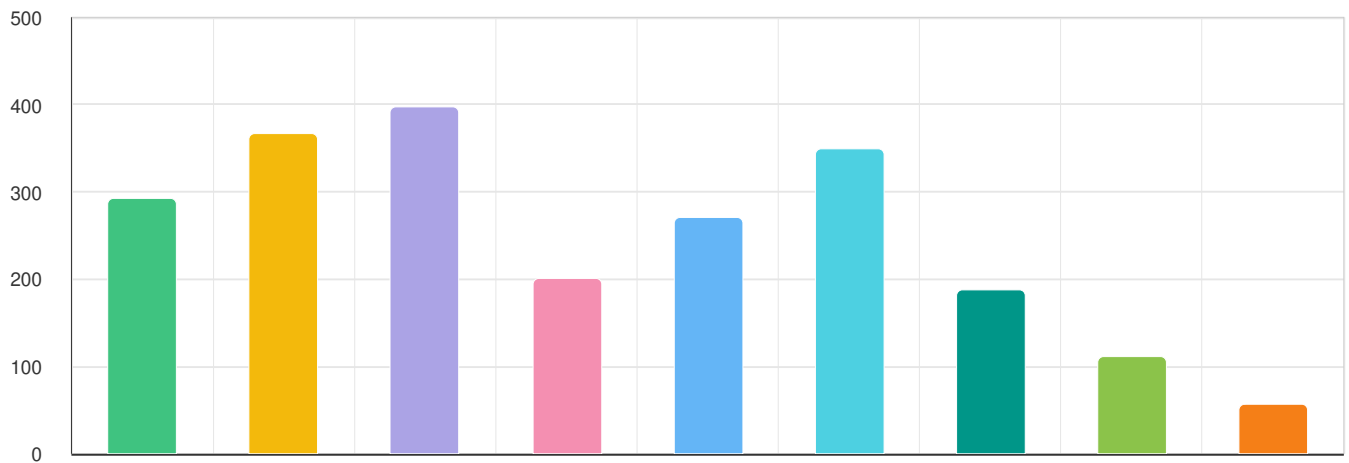
Q6. Which park, trail, or open space locations do you typically ride your e-bike? Select all that apply.



Question options	responses	%
● Aubrey Davis / Lid Park (I-90 Trail)	108	60.7
● Pioneer Park	59	33.1
● Luther Burbank Park	68	38.2
● Upper Luther Burbank Park	48	27.0
● Island Crest Park	52	29.2
● Mercerdale Park	57	32.0
● South Mercer Playfields	38	21.3
● Ellis Pond	31	17.4
● Other (please specify)	44	24.7

Optional question · 178 responses · 562 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

Q7. Which park, trail, or open space locations do you typically visit? Select all that apply.


Question options	responses	%
● Aubrey Davis / Lid Park (I-90 Trail)	292	54.5
● Pioneer Park	367	68.5
● Luther Burbank Park	397	74.1
● Upper Luther Burbank Park	200	37.3
● Island Crest Park	271	50.6
● Mercerdale Park	350	65.3
● South Mercer Playfields	187	34.9
● Ellis Pond	112	20.9
● Other (please specify)	56	10.4

Optional question · 536 responses · 204 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

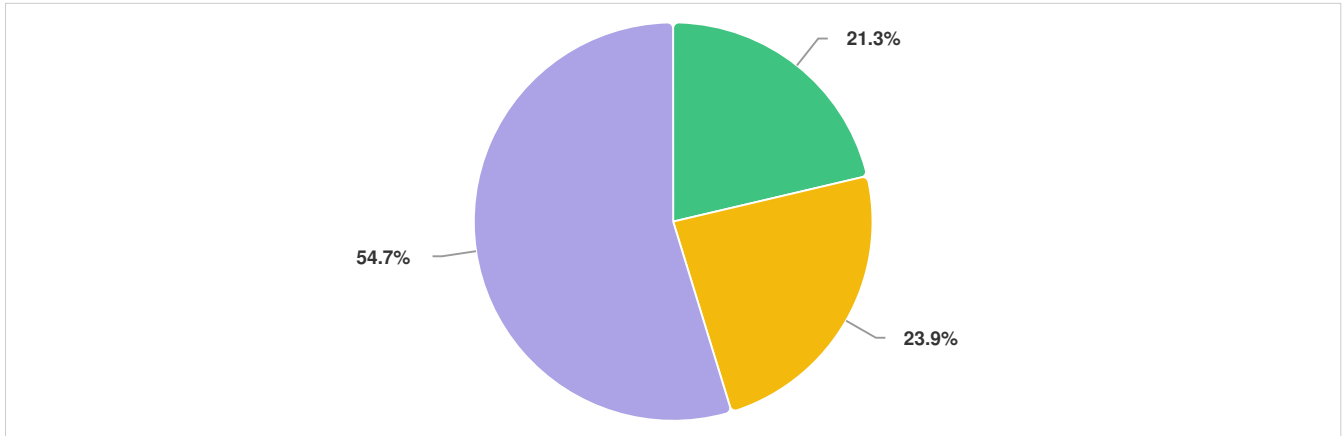
Q8. Which types of e-bikes should the City of Mercer Island allow on trails in parks and open spaces? Please rank by priority (1 being highest priority, 5 being lowest priority).

Question options	Avg rank
No e-bikes should be allowed	2.27
Class 1 e-bikes	2.37
Only class 1 and class 2 e-bikes (top assisted speed of 20mph)	2.79
Only class 1 and class 3 e-bikes (only provides pedal assistance)	3.11
All three classes of e-bikes	3.63

Optional question · 708 responses · 32 skipped

Question type : Ranking Question

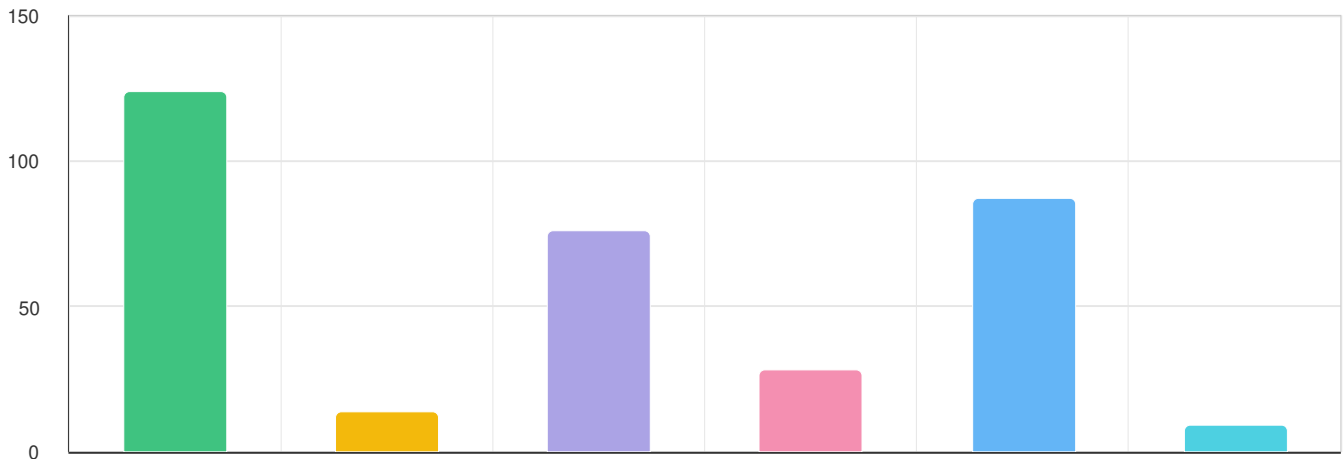
Q9. When and where should e-bikes be allowed on City of Mercer Island managed trails within parks and open spaces? Select one.

**Question options****responses %**

 On a case-by-case basis, but not on every trail or trail system in parks and open spaces.	155	21.3
 On every trail or trail system that currently allows bicycle use in parks and open spaces.	174	23.9
 E-bikes shouldn't be allowed on City of Mercer Island trails in parks and open spaces.	398	54.7

Optional question · 727 responses · 13 skipped**Question type** : Radio Button Question

Q10. Previously, you selected that City of Mercer Island should allow e-bikes on trails on a case-by-case basis. Under what scenarios should e-bike use be allowable in parks, trails, and open spaces? Select all that apply.

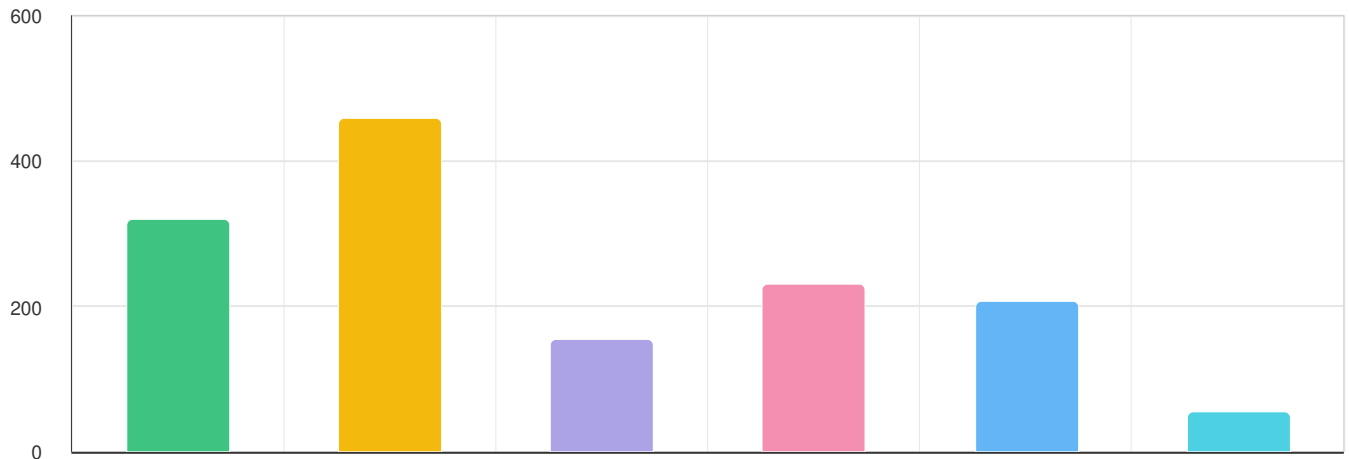


Question options	responses	%
● On trails or trail systems designed and built for bike use.	124	80.0
● On natural surface nonmotorized trails and trail systems.	14	9.0
● On paved trails and trail systems.	76	49.0
● On sidewalks.	28	18.1
● On a trail-by-trail basis after evaluating the possible environmental impacts and effects on the experience of other user groups (horseback riders, hikers, etc.).	87	56.1
● Other (please specify)	9	5.8

Optional question · 155 responses · 585 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

Q11. Previously, you selected that the City of Mercer Island should not allow any class of e-bikes anywhere or only on a case-by-case basis. What are your concerns with allowing e-bikes in all or some of the Mercer Island parks, trails, and open spaces? Select all that apply.



Question options	responses	%
● Potential impacts to park/trail conditions	319	57.9
● Trail safety and the speed at which e-bikes can go	458	83.1
● An increase in park/trail use and more crowded parks/trails	155	28.1
● Riders should not use assistance to access non-motorized trails	231	41.9
● All of the above	208	37.7
● Other (please specify)	55	10.0

Optional question · 551 responses · 189 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

Q12. Would allowing e-bikes affect your decision to recreate in Mercer Island parks, trails, and open spaces?

Screen Name Redacted 5/12/2026 07:28 PM	Yes. If I cannot take my bike, I will not go as often
Screen Name Redacted 5/12/2026 07:38 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 06:27 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 09:55 AM	The city should focusi on how to appropriately share the park with all users and eliminating poor behaviors, not regulating a set of users out of the parks, particularly when safe alternative routes don't exist.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:17 AM	Yes. E-bikes are just bikes. Really sorry that some kids purchased electric dirtbikes and upset folks, but that is a different problem. Should not be solved by banning all e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:23 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:33 AM	Go after the source of the issue and enforce the e-motorcycles riding the island. https://www.mercerisland.gov/publicworks/page/e-bike-e-motorcycle-safety
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:51 AM	Yes. I don't want to have to avoid irresponsible users of e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 12:03 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 12:39 PM	EBikes should 100% be allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 12:56 PM	It would diminish my comfort level and put city at some increased liability
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2026 09:40 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2026 12:02 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2026 03:57 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 08:27 AM	No but will make it safer for kids and pets to run around. The same goes with regular bikes actually. Bikers need to slow down when there are on a shared trail.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 10:15 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 12:55 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 02:19 PM	Not if I am walking alone; however, I would advise families with young children or toddlers to recreate somewhere else
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 05:31 PM	No

Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2026 05:59 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:14 PM	YES. I HAVE ALREADY BEEN NEARLY HIT BY EBIKES IN THE LID PARK MANY TIMES.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:23 PM	Not any more than regular bikes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:26 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:45 PM	Yes, I would no longer use mercer island parks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:50 PM	Yes, e bikes cause danger to pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:53 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:57 PM	E-bikes are a danger to seniors, children, pets, and adults. They are too fast and too dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:01 PM	Yes. E-bikes only add a potential danger to pedestrian injury.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:09 PM	Yes- but we need a good bike trail all the way from South end Mercer Island along ICW to the light rail station to access all the parks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:10 PM	Yes! Have already seen near accidents on trails and pathways with e-bikes almost hitting pedestrians and forcing walkers off the trails/pathways. Too dangerous!
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:24 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:25 PM	I would not like to walk on trails where e-bikes were present
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:49 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:03 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:45 PM	No, but I recognize it could result in some conflicts.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:35 PM	Yes. I would avoid parks that allow e-bikes of any sort. They do not mix well with pedestrians like me.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:38 PM	Yes should these e-bikes create a more dangerous situation, I like the trails for peaceful quiet, and enjoying nature
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:08 PM	Yes. We need police on bikes on the trails. Enforce speed and safety.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:34 PM	Yes, if I don't feel safe walking on trails for fear of being hit by a bike

Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:34 PM	Yes. It is already affecting my usage. I tend to avoid the main I-90 trail as much as possible. It was bad enough with the fast pedal cyclists and now it's worse with fast e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:51 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:52 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:04 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:29 PM	No, but I worry about safety of small children, the elderly, and people with mobility issues.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:41 PM	No, but it has to do with rider safety. The bikes can be used safely, but if the rider is violating whatever rules are put in place for safe use, they or their guardian should be fined.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:55 PM	Yeah I don't own a conventional bike. Only class 3 e bikes. I think safety is about how you drive it, not how fast it can go. We don't segregate cars by their top speed. We just have speed limits.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 11:35 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:35 AM	Maybe if I feel unsafe
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:34 AM	I would stop using the space when a significant number of e-bikes are present.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:10 AM	No. We need to encourage more people to use this mode of transportation
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:24 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:04 AM	Somewhat
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:15 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:48 AM	Yes. There are packs of pre-adolescent and adolescent boys who ride on the city sidewalks when there is a bike lane on the street. They terrorize pedestrians and are very dangerous
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:04 AM	I'd be concerned about safety when walking on trails
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:12 AM	No. I would continue to use parks, trails, and open space regardless of if they are allowed or disallowed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:19 AM	Yes. I would be afraid of my kids getting run over.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:21 AM	Yes

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 09:53 AM

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 10:38 AM

No, but I hope that if a rider hits a pedestrian that the rider be prosecuted and sued.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:33 AM

Yes - and with more traffic is more trash and more cost to the island

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:38 AM

Yes. Many bike riders are not careful of dogs and children; they go too fast.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:40 AM

YES, safety of walkers is my chief concern - it will be impossible to control speed of kids on E-bikes on park trails.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:51 AM

No, as long as they are respectful. Just like all the mixed-use trails elsewhere in King/Pierce/Snohomish counties

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:52 AM

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:56 AM

Yes, if the misuse continues and the safety issues are not addressed, and existing laws not enforced... which they are not consistently at the present... I will have to go elsewhere. This is not safe for me, my aging parent and dogs.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 12:31 PM

Not allowing e-bikes would make me use the parks more because it would be safer for kids

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 01:07 PM

MOST ebike users are irresponsible and fail to respect other trail users

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 01:21 PM

Yes would upset me, can't bucket class 1/2 with dirt bikes that kids go 50mph with, it's plain wrong!

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 01:23 PM

Yes for safety concerns and enjoyment of the peaceful environment.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 01:49 PM

Yes- would not recreate with e-bikes in recreational spaces- but DO think they should be allowed on streets for commuting.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 01:57 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 02:06 PM

Yes

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 02:11 PM

I would use the parks less to avoid the dangers of ebikes

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 02:14 PM

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 02:17 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 02:42 PM

I would be very unhappy if e-bikes were allowed in our parks trails and open spaces

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 02:42 PM

Yes. I walk a dog. The E bikes have poor etiquette. I'm afraid I'll be hit as well as my.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 03:04 PM

Yes, I would be scared to walk because most riders show no care for pedestrians.

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:11 PM	I would ABSOLUTELY avoid trails that permitted ebikes of any kind. I might be tempted to use a trail where ebikes were permitted if I was very certain no ebikes would be on the trail (ie during the school day) .
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:54 PM	Doubtful. But depends on how many e-bikes and other users of the trail, esp dogs.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 04:30 PM	No. I think it is important to allow e-bikes of any class to use trails and have safe places to ride. I would prefer to have options for my kids and adults to ride e-bikes on island instead of having to ride off island.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 04:51 PM	Not too much because I mostly ride on roads, but some of the trails are nice to get away from cars.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:00 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:03 PM	No, I think e-bikes are useful and futuristic mode of transportation for the island
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:11 PM	These smokes are fast and dangerous and most kids haven't been properly trained or taught by parents how to be safe for themselves or more importantly others
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:20 PM	Yes, as a safety concern for pedestrians and conventional (non-motorized) bike riders
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:22 PM	E bikes suck,. the users are awful and they are dangerous. I can say so in-person. One passed me on Island Crest and I was going 40mph.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:33 PM	Yes - we may move if e-bikes are not allowed
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:20 PM	Yes. It would become more dangerous to walk on trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:28 PM	Yes, hazardous to kids, seniors and all family
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:32 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:45 PM	Yes. It is a safety hazard and belong on roads only not even sidewalks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:11 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:40 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:14 PM	Yes. It puts people who are walking or older at a greater risk due to speed and lack of knowledge and common sense or courtesy for others.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:22 PM	Likely yes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:39 PM	The issue is t E-bikes themselves. It's the irresponsible manner in which people use them.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:47 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:51 PM	Yes. If they weren't allowed, I would not use them as often.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 08:56 PM

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 09:29 PM

Not at all; actually i believe e-bikes are a wonderful thing that encourages both adults and children to spend more time outdoors and is a great thing for general physical and emotional well-being. Ofcourse, the assumption is that they are used responsibly

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 10:16 PM

Yes people drive them too fast

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 10:16 PM

Yes, I would avoid going.

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 10:35 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

5/21/2026 11:12 PM

Not if they are respectfully used

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 05:14 AM

As an older person who walks regularly. , I think e-bikes belong in the streets and bike lanes. Too risky for pedestrians. Especially when kids are riding them.

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 06:11 AM

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 06:25 AM

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 07:10 AM

Yes

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 07:23 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 07:59 AM

It would make me feel less safe for myself and dogs. I wouldn't use parks where there are frequent motorized vehicles often driven by kids with bad judgment for safety

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 09:23 AM

Yes, I have been so close to being hit with speeding Ebikes when I walk the 1-90 trail. I am sure to be hit if regulations aren't put into place. These trails are so popular with off island folks that those of us who walk the trail will be unable to do so

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 09:24 AM

Most likely once I had a bad encounter with one.

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 10:07 AM

I would avoid trails where there is more use w/ e-bikes

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 10:07 AM

E-bikes make trails and walkways dangerous to dogs and pedestrians due to their speed and undisciplined riders. Especially riders under 20 who disregard pedestrians and stop signs. of age.

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 10:36 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 01:09 PM

E bikes need to be differentiated from E motorcycles or non pedal assisted 2 wheel vehicle's. Then no

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 02:47 PM

Yes

Screen Name Redacted

5/22/2026 02:59 PM

I avoid parks, trails, and open spaces when e-bikes are most likely to be there, especially after school. The southend shopping center parking lot isn't part of this survey because, I'm assuming, it's on private property.

Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 03:50 PM	Possibly? I have a lot of concerns about kids doing tricks on bikes (most owners are adolescents, including my son, btw) on the same trails where community members of all ages walk. It feels like an accident waiting to happen.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 04:13 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 08:20 PM	Yes. If there were too many e-bikes I would feel unsafe walking with my small children on certain trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:00 PM	100%. We've almost been ran over by kids in bikes twice already. Once my poor pup ended up in the bushes. Could have been a lot worse... and kids at Mercerdale keep destroying the lawn. In CA a kid killed someone with their e-motorcycle.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:02 PM	No.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:34 PM	Absolutely, yes. I would use the open spaces less.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:59 PM	It wouldn't stop me from going to parks etc, but it would significantly diminish my enjoyment of these public spaces and their safety. E-bikes seem to be most often ridden by children/teens without parental supervision or consequences for breaking the law
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 11:44 PM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:39 AM	Yes - my class 2 e-bike helps me access and enjoy parks due to health issues
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 05:42 AM	No but it's an issue with common sense kids do not understand how or where to ride..
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 08:20 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 09:34 AM	Yes. My dog was run over by a biker going down a dirt trail and although my dog was not hurt I never took her back on that trail. My dog was on a leach but the path was narrow and visibility limited (bend and trees) collision was unavoidable
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 10:28 AM	Not me, but I'm athletic. It's the older people that I'm concerned about.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 10:47 AM	Maybe. I have 4 small kids and often kids ride by dangerously and it's scary with little kids who are slow to react and unpredictable
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:05 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:06 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:13 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:14 AM	When teens are driving at high speeds through the parks it makes me feel unsafe. Definitely needs to be regulated and controlled would you want people riding dirt bikes through our public parks?
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:24 AM	Yes, they make me feel unsafe and I rarely use MI open spaces anymore because of them.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:30 AM	

Screen Name Redacted

5/23/2026 11:42 AM

Screen Name Redacted

5/23/2026 11:57 AM

Potentially

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Yes - would feel extremely unsafe for myself and my children with bikes ripping up/down trails!

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Yes. Will look to safety.

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Yes. They are not safe for young children and older adults

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No. I don't mind the use of e-bikes. I ride appropriately when I'm in a park and when there are other presents. You will always have people that break the rules. Let's not ban all e-bikes because of a few rules breakers. Regular bikes can go fast too

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I have almost been hit by kids on e bikes multiple times, especially on the island crest way sidewalk. It's dangerous and scary. They do not yield to pedestrians in most cases.

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Yes, as I would fear being stuck by an e-bike

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Yes. As a parent it has brought me great joy to see the increase in independence and outdoor time e-bikes have given our youth. At the same time, I have experienced uneasiness about my toddler's safety in open spaces and trails where e bikes are present.

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Yes. E-bikes are so dangerous for walkers and pet walkers. They should only be allowed on the street or bike paths. Not sidewalks or paths.

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Yes

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My concern is the SPEED of the bike + the AGGRESSION of the rider. Someone is going to get hurt.

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Yes, it would make me less likely to use

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Possibly. I've got kids and they've already almost been mowed over by bikes at parks. Safety fist!

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5/23/2026 09:07 PM

Yes. I will stop using our parks.

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5/23/2026 10:02 PM

Yes I don't want to recreate with motorized vehicles or equipment. I don't care if they are gas or hectic, they are equally motorized and don't belong in our parks or on our trails.

Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 10:55 PM	Safety is my top concern. Young roses
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 12:27 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 01:07 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 01:18 AM	Yes, I find it unsafe when I peddle and have to dodge that "vehicles" that acts like a bike but the user isn't peddling/using efforts to ride.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 06:21 AM	Yes, I have hip problems and forbidden ebike would prevent me to ride. I got e-bikes and ee take daily bike rides with the kids. My kids have e-bikes and we take the time to ride with them to teach them how/ehat to do
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 07:09 AM	The kids riding e-bikes in our neighborhood have not been considerate of neighbor's private property or of people walking along the streets. There is no need for e-bikes to be ridden on trails where people and dogs like to walk
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:12 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:47 AM	Yes, I have dogs that are scared of e bikes and it would make walking in the park impossible for them
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:51 AM	It would affect my continuing to live here. One of the attractions was being able to walk in the woods without the sound of motorized vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:03 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:11 AM	Yes. It would defeat the entire reason I'm choosing to spends time in the parks and on the trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:14 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:59 AM	Yes. And it would prevent me from letting my kids go alone.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:03 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:18 AM	Yes, I woudl go
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:23 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:25 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:48 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 11:05 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 11:08 AM	Yes I think it's very dangerous, especially with our wooded trails. My kids walk to school in these trails. It's likely a teenager or even adult could hit them by accident. E-bikes need to stay on roads with 25mph speed limits

Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 11:46 AM	Yes. E bikes would create a safety issues and allowing one means of me you will allow many. Many people resort to E bikes because it is less physically taxing. The volume will make for unsafe conditions, especially for walking pets. I am against E bike
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 12:19 PM	Yes!
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 12:42 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 01:01 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 01:10 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 02:33 PM	I certainly am more aware now when walking in the park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 03:04 PM	No. I walk my dog in LBP every day.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 03:32 PM	Yes. I think they are dangerous. I'd gravitate to places where we're not allowed
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 04:21 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:58 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:22 PM	Yes. I would be like likely to choose the parks and trails where I would expect to encounter e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 09:01 AM	Already encounter e-bikes at Island Crest park; some kids go fast without much consideration, especially for older people. I'm most concerned about safety, especially if e-bikes grow, and also about trail conditions because it's clear to see trail damage
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 10:38 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 11:01 AM	Yes. As a senior I've been startled by e-bikes on trails and think they can lead to falls and collisions puts children and animals at risk
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 02:00 PM	Yes, mostly I see them used by school aged kids who are not riding safely
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 03:11 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 03:17 PM	It might. Because i like to walk and often have my noise cancelling earbuds in, I am at risk of being hit from behind by cyclists of all types, but at least non-electric bikes aren't generally going so fast they can't avoid pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 03:53 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 05:00 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 06:58 PM	Yes. Being a teen on Mercer island is hard enough with so many parties, drugs, and alcohol use. This is an activity that does not harm my son and to take it away would be wrong.

Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 07:54 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 11:27 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 12:17 AM	Yes, we would avoid areas that are heavily used by e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 09:08 AM	Yes, just the same way I do not recreate in the streets: to avoid getting run over.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 12:49 PM	Yes, teens on e bikes come close to hitting toddlers walking at Pioneer Park all the time
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 01:05 PM	Yes, I would avoid using trails and parks heavily used by e-bikes
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 04:05 PM	If it's more dangerous! High speed isn't safe where there are pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 07:13 PM	Would be more concerned about safety
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2026 07:44 AM	Yes, I probably would not utilize these areas.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2026 11:26 AM	No, but it would force me to be more careful and vigilant. I don't think there will be a large increase over the current level of usage. Many e-bikes really aren't designed for single track, natural surface trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2026 11:09 PM	It would affect my comfort allowing my young (elementary and younger) children to roam ahead and freely. With fast moving e bikes I would not want them to be out of reach. Similar to crossing a street.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2026 07:40 PM	Yes. The woodsy Island Crest trails with bridges and streams are meant to be a sanctuary for residence and wild lives. No machine, please. (Question #5 - Priorities are confusing)
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2026 11:18 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/01/2026 10:47 AM	Yes. I've had several close calls being hit by kids on e-bikes while walking on sidewalks around MI.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 11:04 AM	If the trails became more crowded, it may impact whether I bring elderly or very young family members to walk on particular trails that are not wide enough to accommodate a suddenly oncoming passing bike.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 02:57 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:21 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:22 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:32 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:52 PM	Possibly, if it becomes dangerous or crowded with bikes.

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6/04/2026 04:03 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Probably
6/04/2026 04:14 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	
6/04/2026 04:23 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	No
6/04/2026 04:30 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	No, I'd probably use them more often.
6/04/2026 04:34 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes. It ruins the experience
6/04/2026 05:05 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes - my safety
6/04/2026 05:07 PM	
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6/04/2026 05:19 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes. I would not go because I'm afraid e-bike riders will hurt me, my children, and my dogs.
6/04/2026 06:33 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	It depends on how bad it gets. I have a dog and a newborn and if I felt like either were in danger, I wouldn't use the trails
6/04/2026 08:11 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	No but I have concerns about safety for my kids.
6/04/2026 08:38 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	No.. I'm not *that* old!
6/04/2026 08:40 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes. I would not support the parks in a levy if e-bikes are allowed to be used in the parks.
6/04/2026 10:49 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	No
6/05/2026 12:00 AM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes
6/05/2026 09:36 AM	
Screen Name Redacted	
6/05/2026 09:46 AM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes
6/05/2026 11:53 AM	
Screen Name Redacted	
6/05/2026 01:52 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes
6/05/2026 07:44 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes, I will continue to use them, and increase my use. I can get further on my bike. And, in absence of safe bike lanes - the parks allow me to avoid busy street
6/07/2026 03:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted	Yes
6/08/2026 11:22 AM	
Screen Name Redacted	E-bikes should are allowed anywhere bicycles are allowed.
6/19/2026 04:21 PM	

Screen Name Redacted 6/20/2026 11:05 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 03:16 PM	No, but some trails are more suited than others for multiple users.
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 04:18 PM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 05:11 PM	Would not affect my use of parks, trails, and open spaces
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 07:45 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 06:18 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 08:34 PM	Separate trails
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 09:58 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 11:23 PM	No (well, only a little bit)
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 08:21 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 10:16 AM	I am fairly careful around them.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 10:38 AM	The trails allow ebikes now and I ride them. It would negatively impact my use of the parks if they were not allowed
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 01:57 PM	No, but it will degrade the experience.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 06:55 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 08:23 PM	No, it would be helpful if there were rules of the road for e-bikes, including speed limits.
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2026 07:08 AM	No.
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2026 09:02 AM	Not presently, but I expect to acquire an e-bike in the future and I will want the ability to use it responsibly on trails.
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2026 10:07 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2026 07:11 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/27/2026 03:36 PM	Yes. I use my e-bike to bike into these spaces from our home to take my kids to the playgrounds. I should not have to drive and pollute the environment to take my kids to the park. My older child also bikes to school through the parks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/28/2026 09:44 PM	I would have a harder time getting around if I weren't able to use my e-bike in the Lid park, at least
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 11:15 AM	

Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 02:45 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 05:00 PM	It would be terrible to disallow them given that Mercer Island does not do nearly enough to support fully protected bike lines along roads as it is.
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 05:21 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 06:09 PM	Yes, I would not walk or hike on trails that permit e-bikes
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 07:43 PM	Yes, I often walk while listening to a podcast and would worry about a fast moving bike racing up behind me and hitting me. Many e bike riders do not know biking etiquette and are a danger to people and pets walking and enjoying the open spaces
Screen Name Redacted 7/13/2026 10:14 PM	Yes after a negative interaction.
Screen Name Redacted 7/14/2026 12:27 PM	Yes, if I felt there was an increase risk of being injured by an E bike on certain trails I would have to stop using them which is unfair but necessary
Screen Name Redacted 7/14/2026 07:57 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 7/16/2026 01:53 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 7/21/2026 05:21 PM	Yes, I have difficulty walking, being passed by a kid on ebike on sidewalks is bad enough but on a trail in Pioneer pk would be worse
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 12:11 PM	I sure hope not!
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 07:10 PM	Maybe
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 08:49 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 08:50 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 7/24/2026 08:39 AM	No. I would still use them just the same.
Screen Name Redacted 7/27/2026 09:04 AM	Absolutely. When they are permitted in open grassy spaces, I can't safely walk/play with my dog in those spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2026 07:01 PM	Yes! I walk in our parks every day. When a non electric bike comes down the hill at Aubrey Davis, they generally give a verbal warning or wring a bell. There have been many near accidents on trails that children and pets also use.
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2026 07:02 PM	Yes. My experience when encountering e-bikes in parks and on trails shows that e-bikes travel at a higher speeds and are not safe. Additionally, e-Bike operators are sometimes quite young (under 16) and should not be allowed to operate e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2026 07:53 PM	Yes it would. If they are allowed, I will be more apt to stay away as I don't want to get run over like I already almost have been on an M.I. sidewalk.

Screen Name Redacted 7/31/2026 11:33 AM	Yes. It's concerns me with young children and a dog that the e bike riders are not considerate of speed in parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2026 08:55 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 10:31 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 11:03 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 11:03 AM	Yes. Kids are out of control in these think. I have NEVER seen an adult on an e-bike on a Mercer island trail
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 11:05 AM	Yes. Dangerous to me, my family and my pets
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 11:25 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 11:50 AM	Yes, most definitely.
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 12:45 PM	Yes I would worry for the safety of my young children
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 01:11 PM	Yes, the e-bike riders make it feel unsafe to allow my children on the trail system as they are not always aware enough to dive out of the way of e-bike riders going fast on the trails. We have had several near misses already on the narrow forested trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 01:21 PM	Yes. Careless dangerous speeds with 250 lbs of mass
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 03:03 PM	Yes - if trails have e-bikes moving by quickly, it makes it less enjoyable to walk as a family. E bikes can use the road.
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 07:17 PM	Yes as they make the trails more dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 07:22 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 07:27 PM	No, unless it is the dirt bikes. Those are the problem.
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 12:46 PM	Probably not, but it would decrease my enjoyment of the space
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 12:57 PM	Yes. Fast riders are a hazard to casual walkers.
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 01:50 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 05:14 PM	Yes. There is no reason for an e-bike to be on any park, trail or open space
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 08:44 PM	No . If people are respectful there should be no problem
Screen Name Redacted 8/11/2026 08:51 AM	Yes. My observation is that e-bike riders do not observe laws and practice courteous behaviors (i.e. calling out "on your right", or observing right of way, not change course and expect pedestrians to jump out of their way.

Screen Name Redacted 8/11/2026 04:23 PM	Yes. We would be afraid to visit the parks. It's a real safety issue for 3 year old toddlers. They like to wonder off into different areas and the only e-bikes I've seen have been speeding getting from one destination to the next ASAP.
Screen Name Redacted 8/12/2026 12:28 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/15/2026 11:45 AM	Absolutely! It is a safety hazard that is not necessary to create.
Screen Name Redacted 8/15/2026 01:24 PM	Yes. It is a safety issue.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:06 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:06 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:07 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:07 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	Allowing e-bikes improves access because that's the primary way to get to the parks and open spaces. Without them, my kids won't be able to access parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:09 PM	Absolutely, already walking on sidewalks has become hard and there is zero oversight on e-bikes. Letting them go on trails would ruin the MI experience.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:09 PM	I've seen how fast some of the kids go on these spikes and it would not be safe to walk on the trails with these bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:12 PM	Yes if I frequently felt unsafe due to reckless e-bike behavior in parks
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:14 PM	Yes. They are unsafe for the rider and pedestrians and the children I see riding them are not qualified to operate them. It's disgusting to see such gross negligence.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:16 PM	Yes. I would be incredibly angry that I pay property tax for safe trails but this is disregarded by the city. I would actively campaign against every city council member who voted for this and seek to remove any MI city employee who approved it.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:18 PM	Likely
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:18 PM	Probably not but I need to be extra aware for my own safety. And that of my dog. Especially since young kids (especially those who don't have a drivers license) just don't have the awareness they need to use them safely.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:37 PM	Yes, collisions between pedestrians and e-bike riders are very dangerous for the pedestrian or animal. If the trails were open to children or adults on electric bikes that can travel up to 20 mph the atmosphere becomes very dangerous.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:40 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:44 PM	It would be a deterrent to my family
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:44 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:45 PM	Yes I would be more hesitant to let my young kids learning to hike and ride bikes share those trails and open spaces
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:11 PM	Yes, they detract from the beauty of the nature, the safety of the space and are degrading youth from participating in actual recreation and nature which is critical for development. They are on abomination.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:14 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:17 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:18 PM	Honestly, no, I would still use the parks and trails. But I would be very unhappy to share with the eBikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:19 PM	Yes. Ebikes make me feel unsafe and the usage I have seen is dangerous to both the rider and pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:20 PM	Yes absolutely as I don't want to die or get seriously injured
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:24 PM	Yea
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:29 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:36 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:40 PM	It will make be mindful of where to go, we have children <14 years old and don't want them to be run over.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:41 PM	I pay taxes that help fund and maintain these parks and trails, and I should not have to feel unsafe or avoid using them because of irresponsible e-bike use. These are public spaces intended for everyone.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:44 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:05 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:15 PM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:39 PM	I think it is the future of bicycles. Restricting them isn't going to prevent them. I don't believe e-bikes meaningfully affect the safety of pedestrians when compared to traditional bicycles. e-motos, and other powerful motor vehicles, do require more po

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:46 PM	Probably depends on the trail but yes, I imagine it would
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 04:22 PM	Yes, groups and high speeds can be dangerous and destroy parks and surfacing not intended for e-bike use.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 04:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 04:54 PM	No. I have young kids so I need to be able to go to parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 05:01 PM	Yes. Even irresponsible bike riders are risks to others.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 05:55 PM	Yes, it could become too dangerous to walk in the park.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:03 PM	YES! The problem is two fold: The bikes go too fast (safety) and are rough (I've watched the grass torn up when e bikes are ridden on the grass). Our parks and trails are not designed for motorized bikes. Second, the RIDERS are impulsive and unsafe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:24 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:26 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:27 PM	Yes. If they are allowed I will stop going to the parks and stop supporting the parks and the government.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:31 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:32 PM	Yes. Unfortunately, the kids riding the bikes don't seem to be concerned with public safety. They often ride across the grass, playgrounds and on the track where people of all ages are walking, running and playing.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:37 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:38 PM	Absolutely. I would be more likely to use them if I felt they were welcome
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:38 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:40 PM	Yes I don't want to get hit
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:40 PM	Maybe
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:44 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:44 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:45 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:45 PM	Yes. E bikes are dangerous. Most kids are not even wearing helmets and they travel at high speeds. E bikes or parks and trails are dangerous.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:46 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:46 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:46 PM	Ebikes allow those with mobility issues access to parks. We want an inclusive Island!
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:49 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:49 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:50 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:50 PM	Yes, last night we were out walking and the emoto bikes were driving really fast through the trails with my young kids near by.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:51 PM	Yes. E-bike do not belong on the trails or in the parks. The kids are very disrespectful and dangerous on their e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:53 PM	Yes... I would not want to use a trail when someone could come wizzing round the corner. Separate places
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:53 PM	It would especially at the skatepark I would begin going off island because those kids put my safety in danger as I use the skatepark for its intended purpose and I'm one of the only people who does.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:54 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:54 PM	Yes especially with my kids, elderly parents and dog
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:54 PM	Yes - the fast ones are insanely dangerous and as a mom of 2 tween daughters begging for them, please cut the fast ones out completely.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:55 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:55 PM	It might
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:56 PM	Potentially. We have 4 little kids and had a few close encounters where some of them got almost injured.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:58 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:59 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:00 PM	No. Govt should stay out if. Question #7 makes zero sense - very confusing the way it is written.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:01 PM	No

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:02 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:03 PM	Yes. I consider the e-bikes to be hazardous due to their weight and speed. We wouldn't allow a gas motorcycle to be driven in these spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:03 PM	Yes, I use my e-bike in MI parks frequently.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:06 PM	Yes . I am
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:09 PM	I live on North Mercer Way & use that trail daily. I am afraid for my safety daily because of the speed & carelessness of the riders, especially the youth— many well under 16 years old. They seem to almost be threatening to pedestrians, with disregard.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:13 PM	Yes, I take my children and dog in these areas and they provide significant safety risks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:14 PM	Yes. This might attract visitors from remote areas and increase residents safety risks for youth and families.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:24 PM	Yes. E-bikers often travel at high speed that can injure unexpected children and older adults
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:25 PM	Yes, it directly allows youth and families to affordable access these places. For me specifically I would probably stop support local businesses on Mercer Island if the law was that hostile towards ebikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:25 PM	Yes, I would worry that my dog could be hit by a higher speed user.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:28 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:28 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:29 PM	Allowing e-bikes would change the experience of my use of trails from enjoyable to offensive.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:32 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:34 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:38 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:38 PM	Yes, they speed and are dangerous to pedestrians. They put others in dangerous situations. I have experienced this more than once.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:39 PM	Yes, they are not safe for both adults, and my children
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:45 PM	I live on Mercer island and recreate in the parks and trails regularly. E-bikers have had a negative impact on my experience.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:51 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:51 PM	Allowing them would make me more likely to bring mine out for picnics and recreation.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:53 PM	Yes, I am concerned for the safety of my children and dog. Trails are crowded and many riders do not follow safety rules.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:56 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:56 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:57 PM	Its more the user than the bike...kids do not understand the rules of the road and their parents can't be bothered. If a bike riding permit were issued and the kids had proper training then I would agree to access...but until there is a ridership course.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 07:58 PM	Yes, it would make me nervous personally, and make me nervous to have my elementary aged kids on their own there
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:03 PM	Absolutely. How preposterous to call our Island an environmental 'jewel' then allow underage humans to destroy paths, create pollution, and interrupt wildlife. 1 step forward, 2 steps back with presence of E-bikes. Discourages youth physical walking
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:04 PM	I spend a lot of time with my two young daughters and my dogs in our parks. I would be very concerned about any of them (or me) being hit by anything going 20 mph, assisted or not.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:09 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:09 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:13 PM	Absolutely. My young kids have been in numerous near-accidents with e-bikes on trails this summer. They go too fast and the drivers tend to be reckless.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:13 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:17 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:20 PM	Yes. Running and walking in trails with e-bikes is less safe and less pleasant.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:21 PM	Yes. These bikes are disproportionately driven by young and inexperienced people. Ok if needed for commuting to school and activities, but unsafe and obstructive in recreational areas
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:24 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:27 PM	I would worry about the safety of elderly and children on trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:27 PM	Yes, the riders of these bikes often seem to lack judgement about speed and proximity to pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:31 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:37 PM	Yes, they are not safe. There's no need to go as fast as they go.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:39 PM	Not sure

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:40 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:40 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:42 PM	Yes. I constantly see teenagers or elementary kids in e-bikes ruining the fields
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:42 PM	Yes. Several times I have been able to prevent being hit by an ebike and disaster could occur. MI should enforce all rules for E bikes and motorbikes- only ride if hold a license, register the bike over 20 miles and ride on street. enforce
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:44 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:45 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:46 PM	Yes, and for my children to go on their own, too, because they don't have the same awareness of e-bikes as adults.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:54 PM	No, I use my e-bike mainly on roads, I walk on the trails mostly.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:56 PM	I don't distrust the e-bikes themselves. I distrust the people riding them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:56 PM	I have witnessed numerous near-collisions between reckless, usually underage e-bike riders and pedestrians in our parks. As a frequent runner and walker in the parks, I would fear for the safety of e-bikes were present and would have to relocate.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:01 PM	Yes, and I wouldn't be able to walk my dog in these spaces either
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:02 PM	Yes, they make me feel unsafe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:05 PM	Potentially would limit use if specific rules and regulations did not protect non e-bike park users.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:07 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:11 PM	Yes, I think it's a huge safety issue.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:14 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:33 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:54 PM	Only if they go too fast
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:57 PM	Yes, if more e-bikes are used in Mercer Island parks, it will increase the chance of accidents, especially to younger kids and/or elder people, if the bike riders lose control or just ride too fast.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:58 PM	Maybe
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:03 PM	E-bikes make parks unsafe for all.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:07 PM	Probably not
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:10 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:13 PM	YES, they are awful and dangerous and almost hit me.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:25 PM	Yes because the kids ride too fast and aren't careful
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:26 PM	No.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:37 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:02 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:11 PM	Absolutely. Am an avid bike (regular and e-bike) and e-bikes should only be on roads or bike trails (i90) not in parks or open spaces
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:21 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:48 PM	Bike riders with or without assist are a general hazard to themselves and others. However, we dont need more nanny government rules that won't stop the bad actors.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 04:42 AM	Not too much
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 06:53 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:12 AM	Yes - it's already annoying to see 3 e bikes riding on one wheel down streets while kids joy ride. On a trail to see one when you're expecting peace and quiet would be obscene.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:18 AM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:18 AM	Yes, if there a lots of high speed bikers going through I would feel unsafe
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:43 AM	Nope
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:45 AM	Yes!!! it has been difficult at times even on the lid where bikes are allowed. Some riders are dangerous when passing people who walk
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:52 AM	Yes, it would force me and my family to avoid places where e-bikes are allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:06 AM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:33 AM	No, as long as restrictions such as a speed limit were enforced to keep everyone safe
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:37 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:38 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:43 AM	Yes. It is not safe to use the trail. I have 2 small kids. I have to constantly watch for e bikes coming. They don't want to limit their speed. The should be using the toad finance they go 20 mph and up!
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:02 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:12 AM	Yes, it's dangerous to allow motorized bikes on sidewalks and trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:18 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:18 AM	Yes. my child will not get to use parks if they are not safe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:27 AM	Maybe it would become unsafe to walk.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:08 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:32 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:34 AM	Yes, if an area felt dangerous for kids under 10
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 11:51 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:01 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:37 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:40 PM	Yes. E bikes can go so fast and can be harmful for little children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:55 PM	Possibly. Kids that ride e-bikes at unsafe speeds would be a hazard for people and dogs.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 01:19 PM	Yes, I would not let my children have any independence at the park if ebikes are allowed. They are too powerful to be allowed where children play
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 01:56 PM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 02:04 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 02:31 PM	It would not bother me except when the e-bikes are going much faster than typical bikes or if the motor is loud.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 02:59 PM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 03:15 PM	Yes, I would be worried for my own safety as there are many blind turns that are primarily used for walking and running. E-bikes do not allow sufficient reaction time to prevent collisions with foot pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 03:21 PM	Yes. I would feel less safe. I have witnessed accidents and have been hit. I have also witness vandalism by youths digging holes in dirt and rubber surfaces with their tires
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 03:57 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 04:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 04:40 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 05:19 PM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 05:21 PM	I don't think we need to put money into recreating parks, trails and open spaces for e-bike. E-bike belong on the road.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 05:44 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 06:20 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 06:59 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:40 PM	Potentially, there are a variety of E bikes being used on trails and parks around Mercer Island in such a way that is dangerous given the speed, and also user inexperience. It is a hazard for all park users, especially children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:45 PM	It depends - if rules can be established to maintain safety, it would not affect my decision to use MI parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:57 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:40 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:04 PM	Yes. I have on multiple occasions been nearly run over by children on e-bikes. I am also worried about children on e-bikes running over and seriously injuring senior citizens who enjoy walking on our public trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 09:19 AM	No, as long as people who ride them are not intimidating, or going too fast near walkers
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 09:27 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 09:54 AM	I would be less likely to use the parks. I use MI trails for running and dog walking. Many of those trails are too narrow to share with motorized vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 10:17 AM	No

Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 12:14 PM	Yes, especially my young children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 12:31 PM	Yes, its not easy to share space with people using ebikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 02:56 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 02:57 PM	E-bikes move quickly, causing significant risks to pedestrians, pets, and children near playgrounds. I would support recreating spaces that are for e-bikes and ensures safety to those around them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 03:23 PM	Yes, I believe all e-bikes make these recreational public spaces dangerous to children like my own. I've seen kids riding dangerously in areas where small children are supposed to be free to play.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:07 PM	It's already bad enough with cyclists ignoring slow signs and removal of all speed bumps and bollards. E-bikes just make the problem worse.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:33 PM	Yes. EBikers are too dangerous to elderly walkers and to the peace in the trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:35 PM	Yes less likely to walk on those trails or ride my non-e-bike on them
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:39 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:48 PM	Yes too dangerous. I can't risk an injury or a fall
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:53 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	It would potentially make it less peaceful, more dangerous and less enjoyable. E-bikes do NOT belong in trails, parks and open spaces. I have already witnessed young e-bikers riding dangerously and fast on roads, sidewalks, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	Yes! They are unsafe for me, my dog, elderly, and young people alike. Kids especially are dangerous and don't have the common safety sense to even be using these, let alone in close proximity to others.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	Yes. E-bikes on the trails would cause is to avoid using them or use them very early in the morning to avoid the e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:56 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:59 PM	Yes, obviously a safety hazard, read about an incident almost daily
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:04 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:08 PM	No - I would prefer e-bikes on the trails and not on the road
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:08 PM	I don't want to share trails with E bikes

Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:11 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:23 PM	Yes, I would use the parks less.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:25 PM	I have to walk way over to right since bikes come fast
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:30 PM	They should use streets only, not trails with walkers, dogs, children, elderly.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:31 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:48 PM	It depends on my experience with them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:51 PM	For the most part I would refrain from using the trails during hours the e-bike riders are practicing their motor vehicle skills. Trails are like a street or sidewalk but actually are neither.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 06:13 PM	I would be less likely to recreate in MI parks if e-bike users are allowed to ride rampant.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 06:23 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 06:32 PM	No. I ride on the road with my class 3 ebike UNLESS I'm carrying my children. If I think using park trails is SAFER than the road, I'm going to continue to do so regardless of the rules. I'm not going to follow rules at risk to my kids lives.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 06:56 PM	Yes, I would use them less
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 07:13 PM	Yes if the walking /running trails are not safe
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 07:24 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 08:06 PM	Possibly. Or it might change the time of day that I go.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 10:02 PM	Yes, I am especially concerned about my young children's safety if e-bikes are allowed on MI parks, trails and open spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 10:08 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 10:10 PM	Yes! I ride a non motorized bike often and get startled when suddenly e-bikes zoom by me out of no where. Don't go as fast as me and block my passage since they're much bigger than regular bikes. Don't follow road rules
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:08 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:28 AM	They are simply dangerous due to speed. We wouldn't allow gas powered vehicles to use the trails so there should be no acceptance simply because it is powered by a battery. The danger is the same
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:02 AM	As I age, I might not walk in parks and on trails. I almost collide daily with e-bikes. They do not announce when they come up behind me or they are too close and driving to fast for me to get out of the way. .

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:19 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:30 AM	I hope not! I walk the trails daily with my dog. We have a 14 year old son who has a Class 2 e-bike. But I see older people on the trails who are moving slowly, and my concern is an accident between a kid riding fast and an older citizen out walking.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:33 AM	Yes. Would avoid
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:08 AM	Yes, we have special needs kids that we trailer and need an ebike to do so
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:15 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:38 AM	I'm at the lid park daily with my dog and walking with other people. The usual speed of the bikes on the paths are about 30mph. It's frightening how fast and reckless they go. The city needs to regulate the bikes or loss of life and lawsuits will happen
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:12 AM	As the parent of small children, yes. If there was a park that became known as popular with e-bikers, that would no longer be safe in my eyes and we would stay away. These bikes belong on the road and bikes lanes only.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:19 AM	YES!!!
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:19 AM	Yes, I will no longer feel safe about letting my toddlers walk freely in the park
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:22 AM	Maybe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:35 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:43 AM	Yes, elderly and frail people can be seriously injured or killed when involved in ebike crashes, and dogs/wildlife are reactive to them. They are too fast, too dangerous, and the people who ride them are irresponsible
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:05 PM	Yes, I would avoid bringing my small children to a park with e-bikes being used in the pedestrian areas.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:35 PM	Yes. As a Mercer Island resident who uses our parks and trails daily, allowing e-bikes would undermine safe use of these spaces and substantially diminish the peaceful enjoyment residents currently rely on and expect. It would make parks unusable.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:42 PM	Yes, I would avoid those areas more
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:08 PM	If they become common on the trails, I would stop walking. And open spaces and trails were some of the main reasons I moved here.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:21 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:26 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:29 PM	I'm being confronted by zoned out kids on bikes now heading straight for me. If it gets worse I might not go to the park.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:54 PM	Yes. as a senior walking for exercise I often fee; threatened by e bikes speeding or ridden erratically especially by young riders

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:59 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:07 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:11 PM	No. I do believe there should be some bike laws out in place such as 100% requirement to alert people you are approaching and another requirement to slow down when there are others nearby sharing the trail space.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:13 PM	Yes - easy to hurt a pedestrian.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:21 PM	Yes, I've had to dodge bikes and almost been hit. I also see the trails being wrecked, widened and they are riding off the trails in most of the wooded parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:40 PM	It would make them a lot more enjoyable and make it easier for me to go to them with my family in a safe way that doesn't require a car.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:51 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:02 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:05 PM	Absolutely. I was almost hit by a speeding e-bike
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:19 PM	Yes, accidents and conflicts of greater concern.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:08 PM	Yes!!! I have seen multiple close calls of people or dogs being hit by middle school aged kids both in Pioneer park and in my south end neighborhood!! I walk my dog daily in the park and have had multiple close calls!!
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:11 PM	Yes, would be careful which spaces to visit.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:53 PM	Yes! As a 70 plus year old woman i am constantly being jeopardized when i walk as they go too fast and have often come very close to hitting me.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 05:04 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 05:35 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 05:56 PM	Yes. Especially when written by young riders with limited training, judgment and experience, I think they are dangerous.,
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:27 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:34 PM	Yes - strongly. They are incredibly dangerous and I've witnessed both accidents and close calls that could result in serious injury or death. It shouldn't even be a question whether or not a motorized bike that goes over 25mph+ be allowed anywhere.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:15 PM	Yes it would because I wouldn't be able to get to as many recreation locations without an E-bike.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:54 PM	It is already scary to have kids riding ebikes with pedestrians and dogs on pathways

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 08:41 PM	Yes. I would avoid using trails. As it is walking in our neighborhood has become annoying because of individuals on ebikes both young and old who are not considerate of people walking.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 08:50 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:23 PM	In my experience e-bike riders travel too fast on the trails and majority of riders are teens who don't realize the danger they pose to people walking on trails & sidewalks . It's their riding mentality.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:25 PM	Yes. I would avoid use at times when kids are out of school is smokes are allowed on MI trails and in parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:46 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:59 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:01 PM	E bikes should be allowed everywhere regular bikes are. E motorcycles should not
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:01 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:04 PM	Yes! Id be more likely if e bikes were allowed
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:13 PM	Yes, I would help fund legal action against the city if they were restricted
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:37 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:41 PM	It would not have an effect on my park use, but ebikes can be accessibility aides for folks who can't ride a pedal bike, and limiting them from trails is ablest and bad policy
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:48 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:50 PM	Yes. Some of the roads paralleling the I-90 Trail are too dangerous for me to consider biking on and there is no practical alternative non-trail route.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:13 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:32 PM	It would encourage me to visit mercer island more often
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 12:21 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:02 AM	It would make the trails more accessible, especially to those who aren't driving to the trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:26 AM	Yes. As a sudden cardiac arrest survivor, I wouldn't be medically able to bike.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 04:47 AM	Allowing e-bikes would make me more likely to use public spaces. I go to the park to see other people and to avoid isolation at my age, and I like seeing people enjoying the park on their bikes who previously maybe didn't go outside at all.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 05:41 AM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 05:42 AM	Yes. If e-bikes were banned, I would not be able to go to many parks due to physical limitations.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:15 AM	No, e-bikes increase accessibility for so many visitors to Mercer Island parks and trails. Seeing them on trails reflects a diversity of uses, including commuting and accessible recreation for those less able to ride conventional bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:23 AM	Yea. My e-bike allows me to go to places I wouldn't otherwise including parks, trails and open spaces on MI.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:37 AM	Yes, absolutely
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:59 AM	Quite possibly it will. There are already are enough issues between regular bikes and pedestrians in the parks. As a senior enjoying walking in our parks and on Mercer Island streets, I frequently am almost hit by a bicyclist.. If they stick to bike only
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:05 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:05 AM	No. Banning them would affect my decision to go to Mercer Island for any reason, including shopping. You literally cannot get onto Mercer Island except by a highway, boat, or trail.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:23 AM	Yes, depending on which trails were restricted. E-bikes are wonderful and replacing cars and should be encouraged in that capacity.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:52 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:08 AM	No, it would just impact my safety
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:18 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 AM	Yes - would go to bellevue or further
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 AM	Eventually I will be hit by someone (probably a teen boy) and that will affect my ability to use the park, trails, and open spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:55 AM	Yes. I wouldn't be able to take my child to the parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:00 AM	Potentially. I just encountered class 2 bikes on an Upper Luther Burbank trail. While the kids on the bikes were courteous, I had to consider their presence the entire time (they came up fast and silent around blind curves). I decided to turn back early.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:01 AM	It would keep me in my family, happily enjoying these spaces in all the different ways we do, running, biking, walking.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:02 AM	Yes, if they put pedestrian safety at risk
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:15 AM	They are allowed now, correct? So, no.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:33 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:53 AM	Yes

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 11:43 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:05 PM	I would not be able to use Mercer Island trails if e-bikes were fully banned.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:08 PM	Banning ebikes from the 90 trail would block off the whole Eastside from Seattle and vice versa. I would be unlikely to recreate in MI at all if e-bikes were banned.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:21 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:17 PM	Yes, full use of our e-bikes would allow my friends and family to enjoy even more time in Mercer Island parks, trails, and open spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:29 PM	Yes I would be more likely to use the trails and parks if I could bring a legal ebike. Ebikes do not stop me from using public spaces as long as they are the legal ones and being ridden responsibly. I find most legal ebike riders are polite to pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:33 PM	Yes, disallowing them would make travel on the Island very difficult for me as I access it exclusively via ebike
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:42 PM	100%... they make the areas unsafe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:05 PM	No but the faster models need to only use the street they are dangerous and many of the riders can't control the bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:30 PM	Yes. I have been accosted by the arrogant and underage riders by self and in packs. No respect and no license as well as not old enough for a driver's license. When in parks intimidate. Why don't these people don't have to obey the laws passed almost troy
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:47 PM	Yes, e-bike enable young people to travel in an unsafe manner too easily. I already run into youths on regular bikes going too fast for conditions. E-bikes would make it worse.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:49 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:51 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 04:22 PM	No, I'll use the parks regardless of outcome. I just want them to be a bit safer
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:07 PM	Safety concerns would make me less likely to recreate
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:46 PM	Maybe!
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:37 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 09:45 PM	Yes, the spoiled users would ruin our wonderful parks

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 09:52 PM	Ebikes are another obstacle for joggers. As a jogger, I already work around dogs.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:29 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:33 PM	Yes- the speed and velocity is a danger to the rider and public.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:43 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:48 PM	It means a lot to me that you included "a health reason makes an e bike more pragmatic." I know evokes can get a bad rap sometimes, but they have made biking accessible to me. Instead of regulating e-bikes yes or no, just enforce a bike speed limit for all
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 11:15 PM	Yes, my family loses access to park without ebikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 07:25 AM	Absolutely. I see these bikes in use daily. Speeds are unsafe, being rode on sidewalks, in the road with cars, no awareness of anyone else. Trails etc are for walking, exercise, and enjoying our beautiful area. There is no need for bikes that go 20 mph.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 08:02 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 09:24 AM	Yes. Don't want to be run over. Walking is our primary exercise and allowing these on sidewalks is bad enough.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 10:30 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 10:47 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 12:18 PM	Yes. The main problem is youth riding e-bikes in open spaces (e.g. Mercerdale). It is unsafe and terrifying when toddlers are jutting in an out. They are destructive to the grass. Riders can walk the bikes or stay on the road.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 04:28 PM	Yes, the speed variance between walking and biking is so high and e bikes if allowed should be required to be close to walking speed on shared pathways.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 06:39 PM	Yes, due to safety concerns. I have been nearly hit by irresponsible e-bike riders on multiple occasions.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 06:13 AM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 07:48 AM	Yes, safety for smaller children
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 09:30 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 10:56 AM	Yes, particularly as I age. I'm aware and agile enough now to move myself and my dogs off trail when a pack of e-bikes whiz through the park, but all of us are getting older and losing vision and reflexes to stay safe
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 11:48 AM	Yes. We walk the lid park daily (we have a dog). It's difficult enough to stay out of the way of regular bikers that speed through. The e bikers are generally younger and do not necessarily care that others have a right to use the trails too.

Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 01:48 PM	Yes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 02:33 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 02:55 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 03:57 PM	Allowing e-bikes would make me less likely to use MI's parks and trails. Motorized bikes increase speed, conflict, and safety risks for walkers and children and would fundamentally change the peaceful, pedestrian-focused character of these shared spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 07:20 PM	Yes, if I felt unsafe. I had an experience one week ago at Pioneer park where a class 2 rider flew past me while I was running. They used no signal and were within inches of me. I observe riders of e-bikes on trails dont regard safety as high as std bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 08:25 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 09:08 PM	Whoever created this rating system should not be considered to do any others. Just too confusing with the rating system and hard to change answers once a box is checked. Can't you do this in a more clear way?
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 07:45 AM	Yes, wouldn't feel as safe to walk or ride a regular bike. Especially with my younger kids. e-bikes go fast - and sometimes the person riding the bike is riding at a higher rate of speed.
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 11:58 AM	Yes. They will be less safe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 01:24 PM	Maybe
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 03:25 PM	Possibly - poses significant safety concerns not only for the rider but also others including other cars
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 03:32 PM	Absolutely. I am against the use of e-bikes on public spaces without a formal license.
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 04:11 PM	Yes. I would adjust my hours and potentially when/how often I bring my children. This would be to minimize safety issues to me/my children with regards to encountering e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 09:33 PM	Yes. Enjoying nature would be adversely affected by E-bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 06:19 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 08:32 AM	Yes, because I have a younger sibling who has been nearly injured due to kids on e-bikes in the parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 08:47 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 11:43 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 11:51 AM	Yes

Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 06:08 PM	I don't think so as long as riders remain considerate and aware
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 10:14 PM	Currently, certain e-bike riders buzz through the trails with little regard for walkers and pets. Besides the risk to those not using the bikes, there is the destruction of the peaceful nature of walking the trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 10:33 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 11:18 AM	These bikes go too fast and young people are riding them like a mini-motorcycle. On trails, this is just an accident waiting to happen. The owner of the e-bike will be sued as well as the city.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 12:50 PM	Not yet, but may in the future if e-bikes become more prevalent
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 02:14 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 03:21 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 03:44 PM	Likely. In particular, there are a small number of, in truth, young boys, who ride ebikes in a very unsafe manner on the streets and at high speeds. Their bikes have been modified. If they also start tearing around on the trails, there will be injuries.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 04:24 PM	Yes! It would be a huge safety issue!
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 04:34 PM	Yes. I love to walk on our trails and I access the trails at least once every day. I also walk my dog on the trails and I have had several near misses with e-bikes almost running into me or my dog.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 05:26 PM	They already do.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 05:51 PM	Yes, kids should not be allowed to operate e-bikes. I have almost been hit and injured multiple times and the kids don't wear helmets. I have seen police try to chase them in their cars, but the kids ride away. e-bikes are motor vehicles, period.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 06:03 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 07:23 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 07:34 PM	Yes, it would. These vehicles are essentially an electric version of gas motor-scooters as well as motorized bicycles. We don't allow those on pedestrian trails because they're motorized- electric bikes should be in the same legal category as gas-power.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 07:43 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 07:49 PM	They are already on the I-90 trail and as an older walker, I have have some near misses
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 09:26 PM	No

Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 04:05 AM	Yes! I have two kids and always afraid of careless e bikers which in my opinion should require age limit and license for the driver given how fast it can go. They should be treated more like motorcycles rather than traditional/regular bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 06:37 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 07:31 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:57 AM	Yes. However, my main concern is safety, and not just in parks on or on trails. E-bikes should be subject to the rules of the road for all vehicles. Seeing children on motorcycles who don't know the rules of the road is frightening and shouldn't happen.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:59 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 11:15 AM	Yes, having a dog, child or carrying a load (such as wheel barrow at pea patch) is more difficult and dangerous when a quiet, fast moving e-bike comes buzzing by unexpectedly. Please limit all bicycles to bike lanes only.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 11:27 AM	No. It would just make me mad as do dog owners who walk their dogs off leash. "Oh my dog is friendly". Not!! :-)
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 12:19 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 01:55 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 02:11 PM	Yes, they are generally not operated in a safe manner
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 02:51 PM	Yes, they are motorized vehicles. They should be on roads/paved surfaces only.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 03:00 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 05:29 PM	Yes, I don't want to deal with the threat of getting run down while trying to walk
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 05:50 PM	Yes, so much so that would consider whether living on the island was the right choice.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:00 PM	No. Teenagers can be just as dangerous on any vehicle. The E-bike has nothing to do with it.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:03 PM	Yes, very negatively.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:34 PM	Yes, e-bikes are dangerous to pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 08:55 AM	Yes 28 mph is about the speed of elite bike racers on time trials. To allow this speed on a foot trail with families, pets, elderly people, especially young riders with an immature capacity for judgement, would be highly irresponsible.
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 10:14 AM	E bikes are very dangerous to people walking in parks and on trails. Only allow ebikes on roads.
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 02:52 PM	Yes. It has been unsettling to be run off the trail by herds of young e-bike riders on the otherwise quiet trails in Luther Burbank and Pioneer Park. I'd rather go somewhere else, including off island to enjoy nature and tranquility.

Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 05:51 PM	Yes. Safety concerns are paramount.
Screen Name Redacted 8/30/2026 11:02 AM	It could - many ebike users are younger folks that are unaware of rules safely guiding use in populated areas, like sidewalks and trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/30/2026 11:14 AM	It already has! I worry about being hit by motorized bikes on the trails I use in Luther Burbank Park. I've encountered them often as well as a person on a motorized scooter platform with 2 wheels.
Screen Name Redacted 8/31/2026 12:13 PM	Yes - significantly diminishes the safety and experience of walkers, especially with pets and small children, on narrow winding trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/31/2026 02:22 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/31/2026 06:08 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/31/2026 08:47 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 8/31/2026 11:59 PM	

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Q13. Please share your experience or encounters, if any, with e-bikes in Mercer Island parks, trails, and open spaces.

Screen Name Redacted 5/12/2026 07:28 PM	I am a frequent e-bike rider on MI streets and trails. I have never had a problem.
Screen Name Redacted 5/12/2026 07:38 PM	Not much
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 06:27 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 09:55 AM	When the city was determining how to use the \$500K grant to improve Aubrey Davis Park trail safety, city staff could not provide a single instance of bike/pedestrian accident. However, an off leash dog interfered with adult cyclist riding near the tennis courts in Aubrey Davis Park causing an accident that sent the cyclist to the ER with severe head injuries. When cycling in riding the park, pedestrian groups, dog walkers or pedestrians on cellphones/earbuds block the trails, can't hear bike bells or alert calls. This sometimes creates situations where pedestrians are startled and irritated. Wider or separated trails would reduce these incidents. As a pedestrian I'm delighted e-motos are being outlawed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:17 AM	It is virtually impossible for anyone to sport the difference between an ebike and a regular bike. The main exception might be the Saurons/e motorcycle... but again that is not an "ebike". Unfortunately this question is really misleading. I am an avid cyclists and can barely spot an ebike!
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:23 AM	I have found your approach to this confusing. And I have watched the committees meetings only - you seem confused. Note: Class 3 bikes aren't riskier than Class 1 bikes just because they have a higher assisted speed. Their riders really do NOT ride them faster, based on my extensive observations. And the issue with either isn't speed. The real problem is untrained, over-adventurous riders on the class 2 bikes that are exploiting the fact they can ride somewhat erratically on a bike that requires zero pedaling. 95% of the hazardous behavior I see from e-bike riders is on these kinds of no-assistance bikes. The reason I think you're confused is reflected in the questions here - you're asking people to rank class 1 vs class 2 vs class 3. The issue isn't the assisted speed difference; the issue is people on bikes that are 100% throttle-driven. If you want to slow bikes down, set (and enforce) a speed limit - don't try to engineer it by regulations the differences between class 1 and class 3 bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:33 AM	Observed e-moto's in parks and bike park, in my view e-motos need to be the emphasis and enforce the adopted regulation vs. adding more rules.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 11:51 AM	Most users of e-bikes on trails are respectful and responsible. I usually only see e-bike riders on streets or sidewalks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 12:03 PM	Glad to see this new mode of access and transportation able to take advantage of our parks, and increase parks use
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 12:39 PM	EBikes are fantastic and make the island more accessible. I see nothing negative allowing an eBike - eMotos are a different story and should not be allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2026 12:56 PM	Have had a few close encounters while I was walking with my wife and young boys zoom past without being careful. Better that city focus on safe bikeways near middle and high schools

Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2026 09:40 AM	I have ridden both non-ebike and ebikes on dirt trails on the Island and rarely encounter other cyclists
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2026 12:02 PM	All very positive
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2026 03:57 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 08:27 AM	Usually been ok but middle school kids and high school kids need to be more responsible when they have access to these powerful machines. Probably education/enforcement from parents and ok for the cops to pull the kids aside to provide a stern message if they are being a nuisance to others. I personally have used type 1 bike to commute from Mercer Island to Seattle downtown for 4 months last year and the benefits are there but it should not be misused and rules must be enforced
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 10:15 AM	Children on E-bikes are occasionally frustrating, but they are more frustrating on the street than they are on trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 12:55 PM	Speeding by ebikes impacts my every day jogging. Reckless ebike riding on roads is a safety issue for car drivers and pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 02:19 PM	I observed a pair of riders speeding who startled a family with young children and forced them to jump off the trail.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2026 05:31 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2026 05:59 PM	I have had no issues either riding them or encountering them.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:14 PM	THE WORST AREA ARE THE TRAILS IN THE LID PARK TO THE TOWN CENTER BECAUSE THEY HAVE INCLINES AND GROUPS OF EBIKES RIDE VERY FAST IN BOTH DIRECTION. IT MAKES WALKING IN THE PARK VERY STRESSFUL, AND YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ON GUARD. THE TRAILS EAST OF THE PARK AND RIDE AND BY ALJOYA ARE ALSO BAD.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:23 PM	Generally, the e-bikes I have encountered have been respectful and similar to (and often slower than) regular bikes passing through trails. I more concerned about some e-bikes traveling on the roads.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:26 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:45 PM	Almost being hit, almost having my dog run over while wlkng on leash.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:50 PM	Reckless ebike riders, ebike riders drive up behind you while you are walking and cause fear and stress. they go too fast in parks and streets
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 04:57 PM	They ride too fast and would not be able to make quick stops. They do not understand that pedestrians have the right of way and pets and kids maybe suddenly turn or run to see wildlife or chase a butterfly etc. Parks should be a safe and peaceful place. E-bikes belong in the street with cars not on trails with people.

Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:01 PM	Kids on sidewalks with e-bikes. Whizzing by and not obeying traffic laws. School children aren't paying attention, even looking at cell phones. No signage with QR reminders. The island is not an amusement park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:09 PM	Bike lanes are "hit and miss" along ICW - so kids ride bikes on the sidewalk along ICW for safety so they don't have to ride on the street with cars going up to 50 mph. We need designated bike lanes- the whole way- from the south end, Island Park MS, to the train station in the north.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:10 PM	Traditional cyclists are careful on roadways and generally do not ride on trails/pathways. E-bike riders are reckless and ignore rules of the road and courtesy on the paths. Dangerous also for horses in Pioneer Park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:24 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:25 PM	Only in North Luther Burbank before the bike area was removed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 05:49 PM	The only people using e-bikes are teenagers that are not old enough to drive. If they have a disability there are other assisted devices. Otherwise they can pedal.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:03 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:27 PM	I have frequently seen kids riding E bikes at Islander Middle School track when kids are having sports practice. E bikes should never be allowed on tracks
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:45 PM	I have not generally observed them except during normal commute times.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:35 PM	If e-bikes are on a trail, I get off the trail.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:38 PM	Several encounters with teens on e-bikes, ignoring stop signs, riding on the sidewalk then the street then back to sidewalk. This brings concern about what riding on a trail would look like...doing jumps, riding fast around corners where there are many walkers of all ages, plus horses and dogs
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:08 PM	Lid parks trail. Going too fast. Narrow trail. Looks of pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:34 PM	Even if some parks or trails allow e-bikes, there will be challenges monitoring adolescents who don't understand rules of the road. This is currently happening on city streets. If bikes are allowed in any capacity, young people who are not yet driving and don't have fully developed pre-frontal cortex may be more likely to make risky choices and not consider harm to others. It's all part of teen development, but I don't know that we can expect e-bike safety if they are allowed on trails and we expect youth to know and follow the rules. And for repeat offenders, the parents who are providing the bikes without oversight are part of the problem.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:34 PM	E-bikes on the I-90 trail are always moving very fast, including on hills where regular bikes slow down.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:51 PM	

Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:52 PM	I see many young people recklessly riding these bikes. Popping wheelies, going too fast, impatient, not being considerate of others, leashed pets, kids, sharing trails nicely and slowing down
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:04 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:29 PM	I have witnessed them traveling way too fast, especially on trails around Aubrey Davis park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:41 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:55 PM	E bikes are fine. E motos occasionally a problem. Tbh my biggest complaints are kids at the middle school riding e bikes on the sports fields and the track in unsafe ways, rather than anything I've seen on the trails. Some conventional bikes rip down the i-90 trail pretty quick. Of late - possibly with the construction - I do think the faster e bike riders opt for north Mercer rather than the trail which is appropriate. If you want to exceed 20, take the road. But just bc my bike can exceed 20, I don't think I should be forced to take the road when I'm carrying my kids and I'm happy to stick to 15. I don't think we should lower limit to less than 15 anywhere, given that it's possible to run that fast.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 11:35 PM	I worry about pedestrian being hit with heavy ebikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:35 AM	Close encounters on bike paths with riders going too fast
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:34 AM	On rare occasions the e-bike riders are aggressive and force walkers to change course to get out of their way. Should walkers get aggressive?
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:10 AM	All positive. Everyone has been safe and respectful
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:24 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:04 AM	Have seen kids flying through Mercerdale Park (and city streets). Way to fast to slow down for pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:15 AM	Nearly run over, rudeness and arrogance, total lack of concern for pedestrians etc.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:48 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:04 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:12 AM	I've seen them, I have not had a problem with them, but I understand the potential issues that could arise.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:19 AM	I saw a e-bike rider almost get hit by a truck by Mercerdale park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:21 AM	Several close encounters of being hit while walking or running in Luther Burbank, Pioneer Park, trails along Island Crest
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:53 AM	

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 10:38 AM	I think that the trails should be set up for walking, by this I mean that the efforts to repave and make smoother trails encourage motorized vehicles to go faster on these trails. As I have been walking on the trails, I've heard someone on a bicycle come up behind me and say something (possibly "left") and then blaze past. As I've been startled, sometimes I've turned and if I had something in my hand, that turns with me and it has at times been a close call as I've almost hit the rider. This is unsafe.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 11:33 AM	Too fast and out of control. Also, it's hard to tell what kind of bike they are actually riding. How is a pedestrian to know? How would you enforce any bike policy on trails?
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 11:38 AM	In Pioneer Park, a group of about 6 bike riders almost hit my dog when they came around the corner fast. They didn't slow down even after that
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 11:40 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 11:51 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 11:52 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 11:56 AM	Very dangerous and almost hit multiple times, no regard for others. both as a pedestrian and while driving car on roads near open spaces, riders are not following rules of the road either. This is a very serious issue the city needs to address to ensure that as our community grows, and more people visit the island we have a safe place for all to enjoy. not just ignoring the issues...
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 12:31 PM	The riders of e-bikes do not leave sufficient clearance with pedestrians. The riders are often teenaged kids who think they are leaving enough clearance, but greatly underestimate the potential for a crash. Often they brush by pedestrians and do not account for small children who may unexpectedly step in the way of an e-bike.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:07 PM	They scare me
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:21 PM	There is respectful and disrespectful people i would focus police on reprimand who breaks the law ie dirt bikes going 50mph or kids doing wheelies
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:23 PM	While I was walking through the Dean's Children park where many young preschoolers were playing, a group of older kids zipped through the playground area on their e-bike w/o regard for anybody.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:49 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:57 PM	They ride too fast when pedestrians are present
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:06 PM	Kids go wild, somebody is going to get hurt
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:11 PM	I've nearly been hit by an ebike while in my car on numerous occasions. My kids have a friend who collided with another e-bike and the child had fractures and needed plastic surgery. E-bikes should only be allowed in motorized areas such as streets. If e-bikes are allowed in parks then the zoning and development standards should be changed for the parks zone to allow redevelopment of the parks in such a way that non e-bike users can be separated and kept safe from e-bike users.

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My son races motocross. I ride motorbikes as well. The people riding on Mercer Island simply don't have the skills on their bikes relative to the Risk they're taking. They're endangering motorists and pedestrians. I'll simply use Bellevue trails and forgo using the parks here. It simply wouldn't be safe.

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Thankfully I have not yet encountered an ebike on a trail, but I have seen ebikes doing wheelies, minors riding several abreast, riders ignoring traffic laws and signals/signs, and other reckless and dangerous riding. I don't want the peace of walking on trails disturbed by ebikes. I do not want to have to be wary of careless ebikers.

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Haven't had much experience, I ride an acoustic bike through the trails and my kids ride their e-bikes on some but mostly sidewalks and streets.

My experience has always been positive. As a parent of teenagers and grandparents finding ways to be healthy outdoors, I want healthy outdoor activities and outlets on the island that they can be a part of. It takes all of the community to provide safe outlets for every age group. E-bikes are how kids and adults travel to school, work, to extra-curricular activities, to spend time with each other. Kids and young adults may need to use this as a mode of transportation. Being someone who has lived here for over 40 years it is important to provide this to our community and despite what some may say this is part of our world now with technology on the rise creating new inventions. There are ways for the city to allow e-bikes and still create a safe environment for all. We can all share the road and trails in our community. For my kids and their peers, they follow safety rules and this outlet for them is truly important and a way for connections. With a lot of negative things in the world, I want to make sure my family, friends, and extended family still have an opportunity to use e-bikes where I live.

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In Pioneer Park some bikers can be aggressive, but it's not a huge problem.

E-bikes have been an opportunity for kids to out in the open, mingle and help with groceries. This builds connection, confidence and independence.

Hope MI appreciates the need for our kids to ride ebikes

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Have almost been hit and seen others nearly hit on many trails especially after school and on weekends. Pioneer park and Ellis pond are very dangerous with ebikes

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:20 PM	Walking in Pioneer Park I have several times had to abruptly step off a trail to avoid being hit by a young person riding too fast on an e-bike. Riding my conventional road bike on the road by the Lid Park I have had to brake to avoid an e=bike rider crossing the road from one part of the park path to another without looking for road traffic. No harm resulted in either situation but I'll also note that the e-bike riders did not have helmets on.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:22 PM	Already said. Dangerous.. They suck. No responsibility and they even pass me on Island Crest
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:33 PM	They are a wonderfully accessible, environmentally-friendly way to move around the island. Common sense limitations make sense - but bans do not!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:20 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:28 PM	Out of control, dangerous behavior, typically young adults and kids with no regard for others safety
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:32 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:45 PM	Many times where people are riding e-bikes and don't care if people are there and run you off the trail or sidewalk. Not following rules and coming right in front of you.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:11 PM	E-bikes going fast in the park narrow path and almost causing me to fall
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:40 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:14 PM	Mostly, it's kids who don't know how to ride and are being reckless. There are many kids who play on the skate park with their bikes and don't consider that there are younger people there who could get injured. Then I'm a turn enough to think about the consequences of being reckless, to themselves or others. I've walked the trails when bikes have come up quickly behind me and try to get by on a very narrow trail. Also, I've come across kids who can't control the bike and have come at me on a trail and I've had to jump out of the way. It's frightening and dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:22 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:39 PM	I have not had a bad e- bike interaction in a perk - yet. My concern is the correlation to e-motorcycles island youth bomb around recklessly on public roads. Seems inevitable a serious injury or death will result from this reckless behavior. Need to get ahead of this same issue - irresponsible riders - for e-bikes in parks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:47 PM	True e-bikes are fine. Non pedal cycles cross the line and are motor cycles.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:51 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 08:56 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 09:29 PM	All pleasant; matter-of-factly.. just like encounters with regular bicycles, and in a lot of cases i have found e-bike riders to be a lot more thoughtful about not hogging the road than regular bicyclists do. Regular recreational/sports bicyclists are often completely blocking traffic behind them and often act like they own the road

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Several experiences with unlicensed youth at a high rate of speed breaking traffic laws, doing wheelies. Many experience of them either blocking traffic as well as going over the speed limit. They are a dangerous nuisance.

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No problems with them. E-bike riders have been friendly and courteous.

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It is mostly children riding e-bikes on the trails. They don't have adequate judgment to operate what are clearly motorized vehicles. They often have two kids per bike and feel that they have the right of the way regardless of who is walking or whether they have animals. It is not isolated to just E bikes. Scooters should also be included in this questionnaire. I refuse to give up spending time in our parks, but I'm afraid that either my dogs or myself will become injured. Even worse, I fear that a child is going to be become seriously hurt.

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Kids get too close to people, rowdy and too fast, cutting through grass and plants. Reckless behavior. Also a nuisance.

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5/22/2026 09:23 AM

As an Ebike owner I am furious when Ebike's roar past me on the trails and act like they own the place. They show no regard to following the rules of the road by announcing they are on your left and disregard all walkers regardless of their age. I seem them riding with 3 across basically making it so no one can walk without being hit. Please keep Ebike's on the streets as there are so few places left to walk and enjoy nature without worrying about falling.

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Where trail intersect with streets I've had one near miss of being hit by a fast moving e-bike.

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Almost run over by a 12? year old going full speed on sidewalk next to north QFC.

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Usually adults are fine. Unsupervised children can cause Erik's to themselves and others. Less so on class 1 & 3 e-bikes. Much more so in class 2 and motorbikes.

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E Bike riders are generally just like normal bike riders. E motorcycles and non pedal assisted drivers tend to be more aggressive and less careful

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Youth riding at speed without regard to people

Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 02:59 PM	I have clocked e-bike riders going close to 35 mph before and after school along ICW paved path. I have almost been hit by e-bike riders on MI trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 03:50 PM	The only place I regularly see them right now is Island Crest Park. I also walk in 2 of the 3 quadrants of Pioneer park almost daily with my dog and rarely - if ever - see them there.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 04:13 PM	On vehicle roads and lanes, bikers show no consideration for drivers, riding side by side on the road even though there is a bike lane, do not stop at intersections, speed down hill toward intersection, litter tossing their bottles and cans in people's property and along street ditches. Ebikers are no different from bikers.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 08:20 PM	I have had at least two encounters where e-bikes (seeming to be unassisted) almost ran into me while walking
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:00 PM	As mentioned earlier, we have almost been ran over twice! Once my dog ended up in the bushes... the kids apologized but we could have been very badly hurt... a man was just killed in CA by one of these. We have friends who go to mercerdale Park and they constantly tell us of how the kids, despite being told not to, keeps riding full speed on the lawn and destroying it... but worse, they could potentially run over the smaller kids playing. I've been behind teens doing wheelies in first hill... I kept my distance because I was too scared they would fall of and I did not want to run them over... that is not sharing the road, that is annoying.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:02 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:34 PM	There have been several encounters with mainly teenagers going far too fast on paths without protection. I've either had to step off the trail or get buzzed. Also, there was a near miss on 68th leaving the trail from island crest park headed towards pioneer park, and another walking trail near the high school. In both cases, teens speeding and sprinting into trail areas without hitting the brakes or demonstrating any defensive driving at all. Near misses.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:59 PM	I have frequently seen teens ride e-bikes / electric motorcycles on fields which rips up the grass and ruins the space for everyone else. Trails are unsafe when there are motorized bikes zooming past pedestrians and pets. At the north end of the island in downtown, I have witnessed unsafe e-bike riding on the roads which will inevitably result in the injury of someone's child. Children and teens ride e-bikes, e-motorcycles, and e-scooters on sidewalks with no regard for pedestrians or oncoming traffic. I was almost hit by a group of teen boys on e-motorcycles who came speeding around a blind corner on the sidewalk as I waited to turn on to the road. Many of our neighbors in downtown/town center are elderly and simply cannot move out of the way of these reckless teens and children.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 11:44 PM	The speed of e-Bikes is excessive and they are often operated by younger people who do not wear helmets or pay sufficient attention. This jeopardizes the safety of my small child and the riders themselves. When I see e-Bikes on paths and in the bike courses, my child and I generally stop using these features.

Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:39 AM	99% good encounters - Rules and laws should state: All bikes, e-bike, scooters, e-unicycles should be cautious about and not interfere with pedestrians and dogs. Ring bell when approaching from behind. Stop or slow to avoid interfering with pedestrians. Must stop and dismount if pedestrian traffic and/or width of trail makes riding an unreasonable inconvenience. Signs should be posted to indicate wheeled vehicles must yield to and notify pedestrians, must dismount and walk if riding would interfere with pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 05:42 AM	Issues with kids riding in tge streets and not following traffic laws...running stop signs not waiting their turn etc...pulling out in traffic etc.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 08:20 AM	Their to fast and not safe for walkers
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 09:34 AM	As a parent I would want my child to be safe on a bike. This means a paved trail with a bicycle sign on it. Currently I have seen that ebikers often have no respect for pedestrians, i see them stopped in groups in the middle of dirt trails and going beyond trails looking for jumps without respect for the environment. I often see older people hide behind a tree or change the course of their walk to avoid rambunctious e-bikers.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 10:28 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 10:47 AM	Nuisance as they ride through train park/mercerdale, close to small kids.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:05 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:06 AM	I have experienced and seen out of control or too fast e bikes nearly knocking walkers over..very dangerous and scary
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:13 AM	Just kids going too fast
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:14 AM	I have had a few instances of young teenagers riding recklessly through parks or coming out of Luther Burbank going high speeds in front of my vehicle. I have also been driving and noticed teenagers going faster than the cars zooming around the streets by Walgreens.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:24 AM	Too many close encounters to describe or count. I would really like to see something done about these before there is a fatality or more serious injury. Let's go back to non-motorized bikes please.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:30 AM	Kids frequently ride e-bikes recklessly around Mercer Island
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:42 AM	They are awesome
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:57 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:01 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:56 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 01:00 PM	Close to accidents

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As a fellow e-bike rider I've always had good interactions with pedestrians and bikers. I ride Slowly in the parks and when people are present. I've lived my last 44 years on this island and find there are always the loud people that complain about everything. Kids are on screens too much. Well now we are complaining about them being outside on e-bikes. Before banning anything let's learn to all enjoy our spaces. The city could always provide a class on how to safely ride in parks if they wanted. But to ban all e-bikes because of a few bad riders isn't fair. I find people on regular bikes fly through the lid but we aren't calling for them to be banned in our parks. I ride my e-bike respectfully and teacher my daughters to do the same with their e-bikes. People complain that they are on the roads, but then want to ban them in the parks too. They can't ban them completely so where do they want us to ride? Our parks are our shared space. We need to learn to share it and not expect everyone to stop what they are doing because a group of people don't like the e-bikes. That's ridiculous. There are many respectful, kind young riders on Mercer island that share the space with others and shouldn't be banned. I love that e-bikes give our kids something to do other than being on their screens in our quiet community. Regular bikes are great but we live in a very hilly community and an e-bike makes our terrain more accessible especially for kids. Let's keep e-bikes and learn that we can all share our park space respectfully. There are some bad dogs out there that I run into in the parks off leash. We don't ban all dogs from our parks and trails because of the few that aren't well behaved.

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Children not understanding right of way and/ or not reacting quickly enough with good control of ebike

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I have been very concerned for the safety of our youth on e-bikes as well as my own small child's safety and the safety of those who are more physically fragile and can't evade a motorized bike. As I said before, I have loved seeing the independence that these e-bikes have brought our youth. At the same time, most of the riders that I have observed also are not at of an age in which their frontal lobes are fully developed, and it shows. I have observed many riding without helmets, zooming through the open Green space at Mercerdale Park, riding near playgrounds where small children are coming in and out constantly, pulling out onto ICW I'm front of incoming traffic without looking both ways or stopping, zooming dangerously close past people in wheelchairs/ walking with canes/walking with Walkers/Walking with strollers. I don't like that on our very safe and peaceful Island I feel that I have had to have a heightened awareness when out in a park setting or Trail setting with my own toddler. I believe our pre-teens and teens (and most importantly their parents) are dangerously lacking education of how to use these bikes appropriately, safely and considerately, and the potential consequences awaiting should they fail to do so. I don't know exactly what the solution is and I have appreciated all the efforts put forth so far - but I do fear that our island will experience a tragedy if we don't get smart about this QUICKLY.

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E-bikes speed past me walking my dog without using a bike bell or calling out to alert me. It's very startling! Some of them bike so quickly that if they hit me I would definitely get injured.

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Almost hit and bike and over dog lease

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Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 02:33 PM	I have almost been run over many times, as my dog has, too. Again, e-bikes are motorized vehicles and should be on the street or bike lanes.,
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 02:35 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 02:48 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 05:19 PM	Today, 5/23/26 @ 4:15 ish, I walked my dog to Mercerdale park. Parents and TODDLERS were enjoying the green grassy field. 5 or so e bike (or whatever class they are) riders were tearing up and down the grassy area. I yelled, Bikes off the grass. They drove up and down, up and down to intimidate me and my dog. Parents of toddlers had to leave because of aggressive bikes on the grassy area.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 06:20 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 06:25 PM	My kids and I have almost been run over numerous times by kids on bikes.
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Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 12:27 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 01:07 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 01:18 AM	I ride/walk with my child and often am avoiding kids pulling wheelies on their e-motorcycles (they don't peddle and sometimes where bicycle helmets) on First Hill. I also see them being used on the Mercerdale bike/skate park and this is just unacceptable.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 06:21 AM	<p>The problems are not the e-bikes, the problem are parents that give it to the kids and don't teach them how to ride and be safe.</p> <p>I have seen multiple preteens around IMS and northwood school doing wheelies or not wearing helmet. I am not sure a parent would let these things happen. I do not think it is fair to forbidden the e-bikes from trails and parks because of these people. I would be very sad to no be able to ride a bike anymore around the city and run my errands by ebike. That is the only way I can bike. I take the kids to parks, schools, extra curricular activities often by bike allowing my kids the opportunity to learn how to use them and exercise at the same time. MI has many hills and it is hard on a regular bike.</p> <p>The cops need to enforce the helmet rules and be on the kids. Often I see police around the kids and they do nothing.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 07:09 AM	<p>Only that I've watched them ride around on the grass completely unaware of others.</p> <p>Also, it can't be good for the grass.</p>

Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:12 AM	No issue as long as riders, like normal cyclists, are aware and considerate.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:47 AM	People going to quickly by without paying attention to pedestrians, dogs scared by e bikes and the sound and speed which the approach (this could be applied to humans hard of hearing as well enjoying the park), people leaving their e bikes in walkways or in covered areas as they don't want them to get wet and treat them as vehicles they don't want anything to happen to in outdoor weather, fast parking lot/road/trail transitions without regard for other park goers
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 08:51 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:03 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:11 AM	When going faster than, say, a runner, they come around corners with the momentum and speed to cause dangerous collisions with pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:14 AM	I own a class 1 e-bike and enjoy riding on bike paths, roads around the island, and occasional on outer trails at Pioneer park. Last month I was hit by a class 2 e-bike rider while crossing East Mercer in the crosswalk. He was traveling about 25 mph and struck me when I was crossing legally with the light. He was not paying attention to where he was going and claimed he never saw me. He did not stop for the red light. My fall gave me a concussion and bruising. All bicyclists should have to stop at red lights! It's dangerous when they don't.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 09:59 AM	I've seen kids riding and being incredibly unsafe in both speed and inattentiveness. If cars aren't allowed - e bikes should be either.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:03 AM	I think the question about highest and lowest was confusing. What did 1 mean? And what did 5 mean? Like did 1 mean no e-bikes or did 5 mean no e-bikes. In general I think if they can go only up to 20 with assistance that is fine but other than that they should not be allowed. Or have separate paths for bikes and pedestrians. Even regular bikers are dangerous for pedestrians. But the issue o have in general with e-bikes that it tends to be people who are not experienced bikers or paying attention to surroundings.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:18 AM	I have not had any in parks , in the street, I feel that kids should get a license to drive them
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:23 AM	They go way too fast & don't look where they're going - all too often.
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Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 10:48 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 11:05 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2026 11:08 AM	It's very frightening and dangerous. In the woods, they come out of nowhere and have narrowly avoided hitting me/kids. Even on the road a lot of younger riders are unpredictable and it makes driving dangerous for everyone.

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My experience with E bikes is that they move quickly and at high speed. It's hard for them to maneuver around people, in fact, it's typically the pedestrians that are impacted because of the rate of speed in which the E bikes work. Pedestrians and their pets are constantly bouncing back-and-forth on the trail. I often find people with E bikes are also less understanding and empathetic to pedestrian on the trail and even sharing the trail at all at the high rate of speed even vocal directions won't matter. I do worry about lots of accidents. I also see the trails here at mercer island, which are community base trails, losing their essence of peace if you are constantly having to worry and think about whether E bikes are following in your footsteps. It takes away the essence of what our parks are supposed to be about which is peace, calm, and relaxation.

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I care about our kids and our parks. There are so many safety issues and i have witnessed extraordinarily unsafe behavior. I think it is only a matyter of time if children continue to ride them that something devastatingly awful will happen.

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The kids riding the electric motorcycle (class2?) are dangerous. I've seen kids riding all over (including parks) going at unsafe speeds and doing wheelies. It is unsafe for pedestrians.

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I haven't seen very many in LBP thankfully. There is a Segue user that whizzes past me fairly regularly. I have heard many stories or near misses or scary behavior by young people on MI.

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Come up quickly behind me and scare me and my dog

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No issues. There seem to be people upset about the kids doing wheelies on their e-motorcycles, and general safety for kids riding equipment they're not old enough to ride properly is an issue, but this has no little bearing on the trails discussion because e-motorcycles already require licensing.

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A band of teenage girls were diving around first hill park in their e-bikes, generally being obnoxious, riding around the playground area despite young children and toddlers were playing around.

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Often they pass me walking, sometimes close enough to require me to jump out of the way. Overall I associate e-bike riders with people who do not show respect for others or the parks/trails, or even those who enjoy scaring or bullying others.

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5/25/2026 09:01 AM

Fairly frequently see e-bikes, mostly kids but some adults. I always try to step aside on the trail, especially for those who are going at high speed without pedaling. I am a senior and walk often, at least 3 days a week, and see lots of other seniors, and am concerned about safety if e-bike rules are further expanded. That said, many of the children are polite. Thing is, at Island Crest park, posted rules say cyclists should yield to pedestrians, but that never happens. Cyclists always keep cycling past walkers.

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I walk my dog in the parks and I'm concerned when a group of kids with e bikes come flying by.

Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 11:01 AM	In pioneer park I have been startled/ frightened several times. It's always teens/ preteens who don't appreciate dangers to others
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 02:00 PM	Too many kids in my neighborhood ride too fast, no helmets, don't obey traffic laws, and frequently do wheelies and other tricks. E-bikes should also not be allowed at the skate park by mercerdale
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 03:11 PM	They should only be allowed on streets and follow traffic rules
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 03:17 PM	I can't specifically recall encounters in the parks; but on sidewalks it's particularly concerning to have someone race up along side you on an e-bike
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 03:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 05:00 PM	I have seen dangerous behavior on e-bikes many times. If nothing is done, a child will die or hurt themselves or another on an e-bike.
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 06:58 PM	Most teens are trying to be courteous
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 07:54 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2026 11:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 12:17 AM	I often take my 2 young kids to bike around Mercerdale Park. They are beginning bikers and use the loop to bike laps around the park and occasionally use the skate/bike park. The majority of kids biking/scooting at Mercerdale are beginners, there are even toddlers there practicing on strider bikes. There is no scenario where those kids should be sharing a space with an e-bike that can go 20+ mph. Nearly every time we go to Mercerdale we see e-bikers speeding through the park, across the fields, not following paths nor slowing down when asked. It puts everyone in the park in danger.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 09:08 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 12:49 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 01:05 PM	E-bikes speeding on the sidewalks and and trails along Island Crest Way have almost hit us several times during our daily morning walks. We cannot hear them coming and they rarely warn pedestrians and dog walkers ahead of them. We must travel on Island Crest Way to reach other neighborhoods and parks. Unlike the grade school children on their regular bikes, e-bike users (including middle schoolers) generally do not act with consideration regarding pedestrians and dog walkers sharing the sideways and trails. They are dangerous to other users.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 04:05 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2026 07:13 PM	Most e-bike riders do not signal or communicate change in direction, and ride too close to pedestrians, and scare dogs
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2026 07:44 AM	None - only on East Mercer & West Mercer Way - potentially vvery dangerous encounters. Riders (usually quite young) seem oblivious to the rules of the road and usually ride in an unsafe manner.

Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2026 11:26 AM	I have encountered a relatively few regular cyclists but only one e-mountain bike rider on park trails. The rider verbally signaled his presence and I let him pass. I have not noticed heavy bicycle use--electric and regular--on natural surface walking trails.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2026 11:09 PM	I've found that bikers want to be going quickly and are expecting others to get out of their way. This leads to a mental load while using these spaces, instead of relaxed recreating.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2026 07:40 PM	Many Island Crest trails are narrow and next to steep slopes. Walkers traveling in opposite directions have to stop and yield to each other. Bikers typically want to balance themselves instead of dismount when passing on coming travelers. I have encountered dangerous high speed bikers and e-bikers numerous times leaving deep track marks on the trails. Safety aside, the tranquility and environmental are destroyed..
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2026 11:18 AM	I commute via traditional bicycle to and from downtown Seattle and I have not experienced any dangerous situations with e-bikes but am 100% positive they travel faster than the typical 15 mph limit on trails in the region. Frankly, I consider scooters to be more dangerous
Screen Name Redacted 6/01/2026 10:47 AM	As a pedestrian, I've had kids on e-bikes almost hit me on sidewalks. As a driver, I've had many experiences with kids on e-bikes on the MI roads not following the rules of the road. Sometimes, the e-bike riders don't even look if a car is coming while they blow through stop signs. I'm afraid someone is going to get really hurt.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 11:04 AM	As a parent, I've seen e-bikes drive through playgrounds at high speeds, which has concerned me. I think if there were particular routes that bikes in general can take along with walkers (and that are reasonable routes, i.e. that bikes will have incentive to take them) it would be ideal for the safety of walkers and bikers. For example, I rarely see bikers in the NE and SE quadrants of Pioneer Park so I don't mind allowing bikes in those. But I regularly see them on the playfields and some playgrounds. I think the city should just set up bike/walk friendly routes so people know if they're walking on a particular route, they need to look out for bikes. I don't see much difference between bikes and the slower e-bikes in the safety risks they pose to walkers/kids/playgrounds.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 02:57 PM	They are always going too fast!
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:21 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:22 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:32 PM	I rarely if ever, see an e-bike in Pioneer Park, where I walk daily
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:52 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 04:03 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 04:14 PM	I haven't encountered ebike users on MI trails but have in other communities. Bike/animal encounters are more dangerous, cyclist generally ride at speeds that make a quiet peaceful walk with a friend or kids make it uncomfortable for all. Seems like exiles should be used on paved trails only in this very limited and small community.
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Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 04:30 PM	No issues
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 04:34 PM	All positive. No issues.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 05:05 PM	Very dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 05:07 PM	Poor and dangerous operation causes risk to walkers
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 05:19 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 06:33 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 08:11 PM	The children who use these are not mindful, speed around and often don't wear helmets. It's dangerous for us and them (and I'm only 35 years old! So I'm not some old grump!)
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 08:38 PM	I am really frustrated by how fast kids go on e bikes with little regard for small children and the elderly.
	Additionally I am concerned for their own safety as sometimes I see them worn without helmets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 08:40 PM	I think we're trying to solve the problem of poor middle schooler judgment, not a problem of whether e bikes are good or bad. Yes, bands of 12 year olds on e motos is cringy when they're doing wheelies through the park, but there is also a lot of good e bike usage out there. I also question how we'd be able to regulate rules that are based on bike class. I'm old enough to remember when skateboarding on MI got everyone all worked up...
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 10:49 PM	I frequently get out of the way for groups of 3-7 e-bikes doing wheelies or going at high speeds. It is not reasonable that I need to collect my toddler and my dog, then scoot everyone out of the way as e-bikes (essentially being ridden as motorcycles) zoom by in the park. The police department hasn't been effective at stopping the behavior, and perhaps they can't. The city needs to restrict use of e-bikes in the parks and have the police department enforce all the rules of the road, all the time, even for minors who may flee.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2026 12:00 AM	Generally young kids not following good bike sense pose a problem.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2026 09:36 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2026 09:46 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2026 11:53 AM	We are seeing a huge spike in unsafe preteen and teenage Usage of E bikes in our neighborhood. I have not yet luckily had an experience in a trail though.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2026 01:52 PM	

Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2026 07:44 PM	E-bikes blaze down the hill on the I-90 trail from Shorewood to Luther Burbank. This is the main access route to town for Shorewood Heights and North Mercer Way residents. The trail has lots of pedestrians, kids and pets. If a kid or pet makes a sudden movement, it would be impossible to stop safely. Very unsafe situation! I'm often taken by surprise by a rider coming from behind when I walk my dog. In the evening, these bikes with bright lights can be blinding.
Screen Name Redacted 6/07/2026 03:53 PM	At the park, I've seen e-bikes damaging trails and grass. Young riders zipping around at high speeds with erratic change of direction create an uncomfortable environment. I
Screen Name Redacted 6/08/2026 11:22 AM	They are ALWAYS safe, respectful, and yield to pedestrians. The bikes have allowed some with mobility problems to better leverage our parks - which is allowing me to meet people who would otherwise not be in the parks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/19/2026 04:21 PM	Riding too fast where pedestrians walk. They should not be allowed for use without a driver's license and should only be usable where they will not slow the speed of cars using the road.
Screen Name Redacted 6/20/2026 11:05 AM	My experiences have all been positive for e-bikes. However, I am aware that illegal e-motorcycles have been driven recklessly by youth on the Island. But that's a separate issue that isn't part of this study.
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 03:16 PM	Everyone of my encounters have been with kids on e-bikes...they whizz past at speeds with not warning to pedestrians....they cross intersections (along Island Crest) without looking at oncoming traffic. They are generally not drivers (or good drivers) and they don't know rules of the road.
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 04:18 PM	None
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 05:11 PM	I had no problems with the bikes in any situations on Mercer Island. I ride a class 2 ebike. I've had a couple of challenges with conventional cyclists who seem to be trying to get a speed record riding across or around the island (startling me when they pass without using their voice or a bell for example) but I have not had any challenges with other ebikers
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 07:45 PM	Occasional encounters in open spaces
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 06:18 PM	Occasional encounters
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 08:34 PM	The problem is class two bikes . Riders on class 1 and class 3 bikes are generally ok
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 09:58 PM	I see kids riding through ICP and Pioneer Park every week day
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 11:23 PM	No problems
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 08:21 AM	95% of my encounters with bikes in motion are "no problem" encounters, regardless of e-bike status. The speeders are more likely to be high-performance riders not on an e-bike.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 10:16 AM	Lots of small groups of mostly young teen boys driving around fast around mercerdale. They are often no problem.

Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 10:38 AM	As a rider and pedestrian I have had good experiences with bikes/e-bikes. Riders almost universally ride to the right at acceptable speeds and warn pedestrians when passing. The fact there are few to no bike injuries or crashes over its many years of use indicates that people do a good job of safely navigating the trails.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 01:57 PM	Was almost hit one night.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 06:55 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 08:23 PM	There are a few teenagers that ride e-bikes very aggressively with our helmets in our neighborhood. Since they haven't had driver training, they seem to be rather creative in their use of the road.
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2026 07:08 AM	Mainly positive. There are kids who could use more bike skills training but they are more a problem on the road and rules of the road education could help that. Also, that is bikes in general, not e-bike specific.
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2026 09:02 AM	I regularly ride my bicycle on the Island and some trails, and have not had any adverse encounters on trails with e-bikes. I have seen some reckless riding by boys on roads.
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2026 10:07 AM	My experience has been good. no issue with me.
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2026 07:11 PM	I've had no issue with e-bikes in the parks, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 6/27/2026 03:36 PM	I have seen people of all ages using e-bikes in the parks. People have been respectful and used them pedaling and going at a safe speed. I have had a couple negative experiences with traditional cyclists zipping down trails.
Screen Name Redacted 6/28/2026 09:44 PM	Generally positive, but I think we should have a speed limit (instead of just enforcing a blanket ban based on type.)
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 11:15 AM	Riders often have low regard for the spaces and other park patrons around them, potentially leading to dangerous collisions.
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 02:45 PM	I've got shot by a BB gun by a person on an electric motorcycle/bike, this was a form of assault which was intentional, this was with my friends, the bbs were shot at my back, and my friends eye, which made the decision of my friend to contact the police
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 05:00 PM	They are great. I feel much safer as a family with a toddler living on the north end of Mercer Island around bikes and e-bikes on trails than I do walking around any of the town center streets. Bikers in general are much more considerate and abiding of pedestrian space and rules than drivers.
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 05:21 PM	No encounters
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 06:09 PM	I've seen kids tearing up trails with e-bikes
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 07:43 PM	I have seen many e bike riders going too fast and going through intersections without stopping or even looking to see if there is an oncoming car. Often they are not wearing helmets and more than once Ive seen riders "popping wheelies" while in moving traffic. I am certain that we will see an increasing number of injuries and even fatalities if regulations are not put into place. Young bike riders should have to take traffic safety classes and I think that there should be licensing requirements.

Screen Name Redacted 7/13/2026 10:14 PM	First Hill Park. E bikes have been ridden through new native plantings, at a year in the ground. Not all survived. They have been ridden in the wood chips near the new park structure leaving lowered dense wheel tracks.
Screen Name Redacted 7/14/2026 12:27 PM	They are silent and zoom past with incredible speed on the trails. I have also seen a few kids riding them on the actual road which I think is very dangerous for themselves and the licensed road users.
Screen Name Redacted 7/14/2026 07:57 PM	High school aged boys riding very fast, all over the street and apparently fully on throttle only. This is the type of behavior that should be monitored and efforts made to alter it.
Screen Name Redacted 7/16/2026 01:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 7/21/2026 05:21 PM	I ride a non assisted bike 3-4 x a week on MI roads. I often see kids on assisted devices (all types not just bikes) very few are riding what i consider in a responsible respectful way. Often i see them zooming down the middle of the street doing wheelies and exceeding the speed limit, riding 3 abreast blocking traffic, passing pedestrians on the sidewalk without warning. Its only a mater of time a serious accident will occur and a major lawsuit happens. Theres NO reason to believe kids will behave any different in parks
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 12:11 PM	MANY encounters with e-bikes going too quickly! Entering and exiting the trails is particularly dangerous as bike riders ignore the signs to dismount. Also, kids, tend to travel in groups.
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 07:10 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 08:49 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 7/23/2026 08:50 PM	There are so many young kids playing and roaming freely and first learning how to scooter and ride bikes in these places and all the commentary and times I have seen teens on e-bikes they are always reckless, going too fast, not paying attention to who is around them and it is an accident or disaster waiting to happen for both young kids and the teens. There is no need for them in these family safe havens.
Screen Name Redacted 7/24/2026 08:39 AM	No experience with bikes on parks trails or open spaces, but lots of experience and encounters with E bikes on paved roads.
Screen Name Redacted 7/27/2026 09:04 AM	Regularly during school holidays, there are youth riding and performing challenging moves with their class 2e bikes in Mercerdale park skate park and doing wheelies and similar in the park's grassy play field.
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2026 07:01 PM	E-bikes and even motorized skateboards should remain on the street if there are people walking on the trails/sidewalks in front of them. I have seen and experienced too many "surprises" whiz by me.
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2026 07:02 PM	I've had numerous encounters with e-bikes that travel at high speeds from behind and makes me worried about using the park trails and roads.
Screen Name Redacted 7/28/2026 07:53 PM	My encounter/very close call was on the sidewalk in front of CVS across the street from the post office.
Screen Name Redacted 7/31/2026 11:33 AM	I have come close to hitting multiple young riders using e-bikes and scooter on roads. They do not know basic traffic laws or understand consequences of their decisions.
Screen Name Redacted 8/04/2026 08:55 PM	The riders have always been polite and considerate.

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They share the road

Almost run over by kids multiple times walking my dog on a leash.

I understand both sides of this issue, but ebikes are the future and are not going away regardless so I think banning them is unwise and unrealistic. Instead, I would recommend limiting class 3 to the roads only and allowing class 1 and 2 on trails, parks, and sidewalks. However, people under 18 riding an ebikes or edirt bike should be required to be with an adult for supervision as I've seen many of them not following stop signs or traffic laws and getting very close to people, behavior I don't do and think shouldn't be allowed.

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Children who seem middle school aged or younger rarely are riding in a safe manner, their excessive speed and lack of awareness or consideration of others makes it very unsafe to share trails

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8/09/2026 01:11 PM

Young riders coming very fast on narrow trails have had scary near misses with my kids and dog

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8/09/2026 01:21 PM

Multiple high speed encounters and one person struck by e-bike walking in trail

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Fortunately there are no e-bikes using the trails we use. However, the e-motorcycles are frequently used by kids on the First Hill streets at high speeds.

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EBikes going at excessive speed on the trails, roads, and open playing field (South Mercer).

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E-bikes have been fine on the trails if I've encountered any. It's the dirt bikes that are the issue and the kids that are riding them.

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My biggest issue is at Islander Middle School, were kids frequently right on the track very fast. This seems like it will degrade our place surfaces more quickly, and is frequently not safe with young children and adult adults enjoying the track space as it was intended

I also feel like there's not a good pathway to get help enforcing this. I have called the nonemergency line, but I would rather have an online reporting system so I don't have to bother the police

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E-motorcycles riders are often reckless and dangerous to walkers.

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None that I can recall. Don't see them often on trails.⁹

Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 05:14 PM	E -bikes are not safe for the rider or the pedestrian / drivers around them. I have been almost hit by many e-bikes while on my daily walks and runs. I have seen kids on e-bikes destroy fields and baseball fields.
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 08:44 PM	Friendly people who usually respect pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 8/11/2026 08:51 AM	I've observed young people with multiple riders on a single bike, lack of helmets, weaving in traffic and parking lots. I observe riders who do not call out their location, who do not change course so that pedestrians are required to jump out of the way to avoid a collision. I've seen trail riders in the northeast quadrant doing hard spooling speed, sliding and making trails hard to traverse. There is no concern for others
Screen Name Redacted 8/11/2026 04:23 PM	I don't like them. I think they are dangerous. They're mostly driven by teenagers who don't fully understand the dangers of speeding. Parks, trails and open spaces should be pedestrian / activity friendly for all ages, including 1-3 year old toddlers.
Screen Name Redacted 8/12/2026 12:28 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/15/2026 11:45 AM	I regularly walk or cycle along the N. Mercer Way walk biking path. E bikers seldom notify you that they are coming from behind and really should be on the road. There are generally not either unawareness or use of common cycling etiquette by e-bikers.
Screen Name Redacted 8/15/2026 01:24 PM	Have been negative. Way too many close calls from e bikers who are not attentive on the trail or too fast for the trail. For pedestrians, it is difficult to hear approaching bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:06 PM	
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:07 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:07 PM	E bikes are too fast for those spaces
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	I've never had a negative interaction.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	I think they are great for our young kids and teens to get around. I also think their needs to be more education with them for these kids.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:09 PM	Not positive. Often see kids doing wheelies on their e-bikes. It's a disaster waiting to happen kind of like what happened in Seattle few weeks ago.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:09 PM	I once witnessed a group of boys riding on top of the labyrinth in Luther Burbank Park and they were spinning out on top of it to see how big of a cloud of dust that they could make. It was tearing up the grass and leaving a big mess. It was also dusty and noisy, and they were flying across the trail as they were finishing their feat. It was an uncomfortable situation for park users walking past them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:12 PM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:14 PM	I experience recklessness by riders on a constant basis, just driving and seeing riders attempting to share paths with pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:16 PM	Two days ago we saw a middle schooler on the dirt trail along ICW heading north towards Island Park on some type of ebike. We were in a car driving 30+ miles an hour and he was outpacing us. It was very scary and unsafe. He should have definitely been driving on the road. I don't think he had a helmet either.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:18 PM	Young kids riding ebikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:18 PM	I've almost been run over a couple of times when an e-bike whizzes past me while I'm walking my dog.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:37 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:40 PM	Popping wheelies, ripping up trails, scaring peeps
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:44 PM	
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:45 PM	Mercerdale - lots of kids and teenagers riding around on and off path, zipping around little kids
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:53 PM	I'm concerned with kid safety on e-bikes. Some kids ride safely, but others have demonstrated very dangerous behavior. I have witnessed very close calls with e-bikes hitting walkers. They're definitely needs to be more regulations on the E bike use on the island.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:11 PM	My experience is that the riders are young and not responsible enough for the power of the e-bike. They don't know the rules and are not able to properly navigate around other people and kids on foot or bicycle.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:14 PM	I see all sorts of people using e-bikes and it is no issue for me when I am walking even. No concerns.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:17 PM	Kids are way too young riding them, there have been too many serious accidents, normal bikes and more normal bike routes and paths should be prioritized.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:19 PM	I've been riders zooming past small children, tearing through parks, riding on our turfed field and generally risking their safety on open roads
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:20 PM	I have had zero good experiences with anyone on an E bike on the Mercer Island trails.. most of them are kids they have no idea what they're doing what safety means and it is a disaster waiting to happen
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:24 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:29 PM	I have only experienced gangs of the moto ones with teenager on roads which are still scary with how fast they go
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:36 PM	When my kid was trying to learn to ride a bicycle in Mercerdale park, a teenager almost hit my kid by his e-bike.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:40 PM	Minimal encounter however general observation on roads is that only  are careful with majority risking it out there.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:41 PM	I have personally witnessed numerous instances on Island Crest Way where young riders are performing wheelies, weaving in and out of traffic, and riding without apparent awareness or concern for the vehicles and pedestrians around them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:44 PM	Many riders don't use verbal warnings so walkers and dogs are startled or in the bikes path.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:05 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:15 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:27 PM	Some e-bikes are very powerful and can run very fast. It's hard to monitor which type of e-bike . There are kids ride regular bikes, people jogging/walk using the trails and in the open space. It will raise safety concerns for our community.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:39 PM	I see ebikes every single day. The only time I have had an issue is when an underage driver is using a e-moto cycle (a much more powerful vehicle with no intention to pedal). They were driving much too fast in close proximity to my and other children at the bike park in mercerdale park.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:46 PM	Generally going too fast without concern for others. Cutting people off, riding around without hand signals/bells/warnings, and/or going off path.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 04:22 PM	Group of ebikes at lid park using a natural slope to jump their bikes and spin out on the grass, causing dirt paths and destroying grass coverage. Additionally, multiple e-bikes maintaining high speeds and coming up behind our family trying to 'scare' us or ride extremely close which is dangerous if someone makes one small move.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 04:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 04:54 PM	Numerous encounters with kids on e-Bikes on sidewalks coming from behind or even on streets not abiding by road laws.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 05:01 PM	Going way too fast.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 05:55 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:03 PM	Awful! I cannot tell you how miserable it is to see young males on motorized bikes popping wheelies in the street, circling young children on the grass at Mercerdale, riding multiple people (no helmets!), blowing through stop signs. It is the grossest example of ENTITLED children. Someone WILL get hurt and the driver involved will have to live with the consequences for the rest of their lives because young, impulsive pre teens are allowed to be out of control on our streets.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:24 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:26 PM	Haven't experienced it
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 06:27 PM	They are dangerously driven. Had close encounters with.

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I've seen kids doing wheelies on the grass at mercerdale. Destroying grass and unaware of little kids and animals playing. I've seen lots of kids riding 2 at a time on time on e-bikes, I've seen kids riding e-bikes in parks while looking at their phones.

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Most don't say anything but once in a while you get one of those "Karen's" and they just tell you to stay on the side

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My only negative experiences have been with older adults shouting at children to stop riding their bikes in the parks. I would much prefer they ride in the parks than on the street!

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I have seen them at Mercerdale and they can sometimes be very dangerous around smaller kids

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They usually too fast for park users should make a speed limit.

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Usually negative, because middle schoolers are riding the e-bikes that require a motorcycle license very irresponsibly, however i think general e-bikes for assistance reasons should be allowed

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E bikes barreling down Luther Burbank park and just missing a senior citizen who wasn't able to move out in tie

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E-bikes are a menace in our parks, streets, sidewalks, fields and open spaces.

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People going too fast and being disrespectful of property and other park-goers

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Kids ride very recklessly, often without helmets. They have come past me while walking my dog not always in full control or at such a speed they scare my dog. It's dangerous to my dog and me.

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Let ebikes ride where ever bicycles go. If you have a problem with the speed then just regulate the speed.

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Yes, last night we were out walking and the emoto bikes were driving really fast through the trails with my young kids near by.

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On first hill... kids are racing around as fast as they can... middle of the road.. don't care about traffic.. I am surprised no one has been fatally hurt.

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Many e bike kids come to the Mercerdale skatepark and speed around often going out of the banks to try to catch air and doing "burn-outs" and wheelies all around the park. Another issue with the skatepark is the sheer amount of kids that go into the park off skateboards it's seriously an issue and the parents are putting their kids in harms way because they don't know the proper etiquette of the park and I personally have been hit by many kids at the park for not even doing anything but skating around how the skatepark is meant to be used, the worsening issue is also the kids that come into the park without even a bike, scooter, or skateboard, the park is so close and the kids choose to come to the park and throw pine cones and sticks at people who try to use the park as intended and their obstructed by kids who's parents get mad at me when I tell them their kid is being a danger to my safety. It is a serious issue and I ask for anybody to help find a solution to get the kids misusing the park to stop doing it.

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It is kids under the age of 16, not wearing helmets, not obeying traffic rules, too young to understand the force and consequences of errors. One of my kids has been physically bumped with a bike while a kid was using it to taunt him. They scare my dog and makes it difficult to take him out because of his reaction and how it instigates barking and disturbs others

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8/17/2026 06:54 PM

Last week a middle school kid with blonde hair passed me and and an entire row of cars going over 40 (we were all going 35-40ish) he blazed by all of us, skirting in and out between cars. It was insane. He has a helmet on, shorts and a tshirt and a beach towel draped around his neck. It was so dangerous and I had no idea they could even go that fast.

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E bikes are great, they allow older folks access to continue biking on trails and around town

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The speeds kids ride these can be a hazard to pedestrians.

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Kids using e-bikes are irresponsible and bring safety risks to streets, parks, trails, etc.

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Usually by kids with no boundaries. It is pretty annoying and put other kids, specially you her kids at risk.

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8/17/2026 07:00 PM

I think we should focus on helmet safety and kids not riding them thru the Southend Playfields. This survey was poorly written.

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While crossing a road, a kid was a recklessly driving an E bike and I almost got hit on my normal bike

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8/17/2026 07:02 PM

All adults have been courteous and understanding. The youth and teenagers that are unsupervised are the ones that create issues and abuse the parks with much disregard to others around them.

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I am a mom of two young kids and kids with r bikes are never watching for others on the trails and in parks which worries me . I saw a kid almost hit an elderly lady at mercerdale park. When others tried explaining him to slow down , he started yelling profanities in front of many young kids .

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8/17/2026 07:09 PM

I use the trails around North Mercer Way daily. Most of the youth using e-bikes if any kind show complete disregard & lack of respect for any of the rules. They speed, they ride all over the grassy area at Sculpture Park, they park all around entrances to stores & block the way for those who try to shop. They are disrespectful when asked to slow down or park elsewhere. The adults who are riding ebikes of any kind are usually speeding also, and seldom give any indication of approaching a pedestrian (always from behind). They should all be banned from sidewalks or trails.

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I have seen middle school aged and younger kids bomb through these spaces often transitioning from one area to another with little regard for others. I've also seen families safely using them to move around the island. I love riding bikes and think they are healthy and positive but there needs to be clear rules and enforcement.

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Reckless speedy turns at and around the crossroads, which increase risks of accidents

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I often walk on the trail in Mercerdale park wearing headphones. There were multiple incidents where young bikers zoom pass me from behind on the narrow path unexpectedly. An accident can easily occur in that situation

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As someone who has used an ebike as a primary mode of transportation since early 7th grade until now my senior year of high school, ebikes are only negatively perceived as bad from the viewpoint of the concerned pedestrian or upset driver. The majority of riders that use them for practical and safe purposes almost never get talked about in comparison to the few children who's parents just get them whatever they wanted and now there is a genuine safety issue. I have met many other ebike riders who are 12-15 who are supporting businesses, enjoying the city, and hanging out with friends because they have access to this vital piece of transportation technology that grants them travel before a drivers license. I have nothing but positive things to say about these ebike riders. However, for the 12-15 year olds who have irresponsible parents; there needs to be real accountability and action for how disastrous giving a kid a 60 mph death sentence is. I believe these "ebikers" need to be off the sidewalks and have repercussions for the parents and the child.

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I have mostly experienced younger kids driving at fast speed down the street, sometimes without a helmet. Or on the sidewalk near my house, when they don't give notice but I can hear them coming behind me when I'm walking my dog. One time, they sped up to right behind me so I jumped to the side. It was scary.

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E-bikes seem like they leverage biker rules or car rules, depending on which one benefits them in the moment. Not knowing what rules of the road they should be following creates uncertainty and unnecessary risk. Walking, jogging and running on trails are disruptive when a bask e-bike comes along, often time as a surprise

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Feel scared and not safe especially with toddlers.

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I've seen young riders on e-bikes riding dangerously (middle of the road), zooming past elderly and young kids and startling them

I have seen friends passing through on e bikes to get to other destinations, (as sometimes riding through parks is faster then on/by streets) and also enjoying the bike park and trails.

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I have seen more unsafe than safe activity with ebike riders. I would love for them to be restricted to sidewalks or roads. .

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Young teens zooming past me and my kids and trying to intimidate us. It scared my kids

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They bike too fast, creating potentially dangerous situations. There is no reason to ride anywhere near 20mph in a MI park.

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I've risen my ebike all around the island and it makes me very happy to be able to do that. I couldn't really bike the island before I got it. I try to avoid dirt and gravel trails because my bike is heavy and I'm nervous about skidding. Google maps doesn't always warn you about what the trail is like when you choose bike as your mode of transportation, so I have to pay attention and be careful. It might be nice if trails were graded in some way? Like A trails are paved and flat, B trails are dirt and flat, C Trails are dirt and steep, then people could make decisions ahead of time. I think the guidelines at Pioneer Park are good and clear.

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Frequently see unsafe behavior (sharing ebikes with 1 or 2passengers); popping wheelies and riding long stretches; not following trail rules about yielding

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The speed of e-bikes may make it less safe for pedertruans

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Limited so far, more on the roads. But usually it is sudden because of the speed, kicks up dust and sometimes riders aren't wearing helmets. Electric scooters should be included in these groups

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Too many to list, so I began recording on my phone whenever I heard them coming. If a rider is hit I have a video of them not following any laws. A mere 10% of the time, stop signs and lights are followed. Huge safety issue in the south end around the QFC grocery store/Chevron. Racing on the sidewalks and 2 to a bike. Have started senior citizens into dropping shopping bags coming out of the store, nearly being hit. I disagree with your statement of 'Simply put, e-bikes are assisted bicycles and carry moderate safety risks.' Yeah - not moderate for pedestrians. "Helmets are strongly recommended" - maybe for all citizens instead of the riders

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:04 PM	None so far, I've only seen them used by middle and high schoolers commuting to and from school.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:09 PM	E-bike riders go too fast, sometimes doing "tricks", not a good mix with pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:09 PM	Despite the law, there continue to be under age riders operating e motorcycles on our roads and trails. In addition, there are many inexperienced and immature riders on level 1 and 2 e bikes on our trails and parks making them unsafe for pedestrians and regular cyclists. Ebikes and e motorcycles should be limited to the roads and required to follow the laws of the road.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:13 PM	We live near Aubrey Davis Park. On a daily basis we encounter e-bikes driven by both adults and kids on the trails. The drivers speed so quickly that I am constantly worried for my kids and my on/leash dog. At least four times this summer we have had near-misses with e-bikes traveling too quickly in the park. Aubrey Davis has a couple tight turns, and these e-bikes did not yield to pedestrians. Specifically, two times our kids were nearly hit at the three-way intersection near Feroglia Fields. Many kids play in this area because of its proximity to the baseball fields, and e-bikes speed down the curved hill without regard to who or what might be at the bottom. We also saw three teenage boys driving in tight circles on the grass in the park, ripping up greenery. I told them to stop and they then went into the tennis courts. On another occasion a teenage boy on an e-bike nearly collided with me as he biked down the stairs I was ascending to reach the park path. Every time I enter the park I am worried about and vigilant for e-bikes. It lessens my enjoyment of the park.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:13 PM	Kids on e bikes have ridden dangerously around my family and have torn up the baseball diamonds at the lid and homestead
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:17 PM	They are great. Looks like fun
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:20 PM	I have been nearly hit by e-bikes while walking despite reflective clothing.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:21 PM	Approaching me fast during blind turns outside pioneer park.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:31 PM	Problem are not ebikes. Problem are motorcycles used as ebikes. Using motorized vegicles in non-motorized areas Kids using motorized vehicles No enforcement.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:37 PM	I have seen e-bikes and motor bikes many, many times riding in the middle of the road. Herds of kids popping wheelies, riding recklessly, not paying attention. I even saw three kids in the middle of the rise, stand in their seats and shoulder bars, as they ride down the road! I was driving behind them. They could have caused an accident. Potentially killed themselves if they fell and a car hit them. They should be banned.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:39 PM	Mainly have seen groups of kids in parks and trails. Does not seem safe for them or others sharing paths
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:40 PM	They go too fast, it is not safe for pedestrians and pets.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:40 PM	Driving fast on shared walking trails with pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:42 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:42 PM	When i walk I have almost been knocked down with no care nor concern by the young riders. The riders take the trails as theirs and accost any one who gets in their way. It is as if they do not know the rules of riding. Even the less than 25 speed bikes should be required to pass a knowledge and a performance test. Too many little kids also have to jump out of the way. Parents should be fined if their child is riding the bike that needs to be licensed and also the rider have a license. IMS should enforce the laws and esp the police at the school instead of making excuses.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:44 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:45 PM	So far I've only interacted with my son and his friends that all have class 2 bikes and they are cognizant of people and cars and do their best to follow rules
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:46 PM	We've seen kids with and without helmets going way faster than they ought to be.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:54 PM	I don't like them on the turf fields. There needs to be speed limits on shared trails with walkers
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:56 PM	General rowdiness and disturbing behavior.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:01 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:02 PM	They would likely be ok for adults (18+). Kids ride them in an unsafe manner on trails and in streets. I see them on the IMS track and occasionally on the play fields. They aren't a good mix with people on feet. They speed, pop wheelies, and weave in and out of runners/walkers.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:05 PM	Current use is more frequently seen on paved trails within parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:07 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:11 PM	E bike riders are typically young people without a sense of awareness for those around them. They are menacing to pedestrians and disregard cars.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:18 PM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:33 PM	Generally, I think e-bikes have made the ability to bike on hilly terrain more accessible. This is not a bad thing. However, with the increased accessibility comes increased usage and people are riding that have had little to no experience and/or training with etiquette or safety. I think the problem lies here, and not with the fact that there are e-bikes at all.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:54 PM	All good as long as they are going slow
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:57 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:58 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:03 PM	Illegal style e bikes frequently seen all over island.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:07 PM	No bad experiences to date
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:10 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:13 PM	I once saw a kid skid when road was wet and get very hurt. Also one kid riding ebike threw an object at my car and damaged my windshield. When I tried to address, he sped off. They are a nuisance.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:25 PM	Kids zooming by and not being considerate. They should not ride e-bikes on the street. They should take a test or license to ride
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:26 PM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:37 PM	Most encounters have been with people who are safe and respectful. There are occasions when youth are riding them and not being as safe and courteous as should be required when sharing space with others.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:02 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:11 PM	Many. Especially younger children who don't really have a sense of speed and danger and e-bikes allow them to travel at much higher speeds than a regular bike which puts them and their surroundings in danger
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:18 PM	Usually fine but some can be reckless
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:21 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:48 PM	I've seen more bad behavior by spandex warriors on conventional bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 04:42 AM	Kids driving ebikes on athletic fields, tearing up grass or turf. kids driving e-bikes on trails with too much speed to be safe
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 06:53 AM	These bikes are not safe. Please limit their use in parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:12 AM	Kids riding up on one wheel not paying attention to the pedestrians

Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:18 AM	I've had so many negative encounters with kids riding e-bikes on trails, streets, and open spaces unsafely. Our backyard connects to the trails and kids have broken the bridge path by driving e-bikes. They almost hit my dog coming across the path so quickly.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:18 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:43 AM	My fr8end has one and its work well on the trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:45 AM	I have observed young riders not stopping at stop signs and just riding through intersections. I was worried about a child who looked about 10 years old riding an E cycle near Saint Monica's. He was weaving in and out and around the road with no helmet. I have walked on the lid many times and I've had silent bicyclists, standard bikes and E bikes whiz past me with no advance notice.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:52 AM	E-bikes and e-scooters can be dangerous. Even regular bikes going downhill on the I-90 trail can create very dangerous conditions. My kids and I have almost been hit by riders traveling at high speeds on the trails on multiple occasions. It's all about speed, not the type of vehicle.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:06 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:33 AM	Encounters have been no different than with bikes. Kids have been respectful of walkers
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:37 AM	It seems like we're spending a lot of time talking about ebikes when it seems far from the most important issue facing Mercer Island.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:38 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:43 AM	E bikes move very fast. With 2 small kids it becomes very stressful to use trails. High speed is dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:02 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:12 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:18 AM	Pretty well! Almost all of the riders are very friendly and careful about pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:18 AM	Preteen boys flying through lakeridge, whipping around corners, without considering the safety of small children or others.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:27 AM	E bikes going very fast right next to walkers
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:08 AM	Positive experiences. E bike riders are courteous and follow the rules.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:32 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:34 AM	I've seen very young kids riding them on the road. Seems so dangerous
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 11:51 AM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:01 PM	We need safer infrastructure on the roads. The roads are WAY TOO car-centric. We need to prioritize bikes and e-bikes on roads. it is THE solution to safety, parking, and congestion issues on the island.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:37 PM	I was hit by an e-bike rider. While legally crossing in a crosswalk at East Mercer and Gallagher hill Rd.It resulted in my having a concussion from my head hitting the road. Rider had a red light which he did not stop for instead he ran into me. Bikers should be held to same rules of road as cars. They should be required to stop for red lights, stop signs and pedestrians. I have also been in West quadrant of Pioneer park walking dog on trail and almost run into by e-bike riders on 2 occasions.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:40 PM	E bikes on side walks can be so dangerous. They come out of no where sometimes around little kids
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:55 PM	None. I am more concerned with their safe use on roads and sidewalks and the use of HELMETS and age gating. No person without a DL should be using an e-moto.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 01:19 PM	Children riding them around town doing " wheelies" and being reckless. They ride on the streets but do not ride carefully enough
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 01:56 PM	I have experienced children, without helmets, riding without proper training and understanding of the power of the e-bike. The other issue with e-bikes and children are most parents have varying opinions on if their children can ride them or not. Use by groups of kids can lead to peer pressure, incorrect use and show off tendencies. I don't necessarily mind use by adults when riding respectfully and properly.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 02:04 PM	Too fast. no helmets worn. dangerous for children
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 02:31 PM	Nothing of note
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 02:59 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 03:15 PM	I regularly see children under the age of 16 riding their e-bikes at the same speed as cars along the trails lining Island Crest Way. This is incredibly unsafe, especially near Island Park Elementary School which will soon be filled with small children who cannot move out of the way in time to avoid being hit by a middle schooler traveling at 20+ mph on a path designed for foot traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 03:21 PM	See previous answer. Been hit. Seen hits. Seen vandalism. Feel unsafe with people zooming around pedestrians and young children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 03:57 PM	While running in Pioneer Park, a couple kids on e-bikes sped by me from behind. A collision would have caused serious injury.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 04:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 04:40 PM	Watching e-bikes of any level navigate MI parks, trails and streets with little to no regard to speed limits, traffic laws or pedestrians' safety is a near-daily occurrence.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 05:21 PM	Most of the e-bikes I see on the road are not following the rules. Children should not be on them. E-bikes would make parks, trails and open spaces unsafe for people who are there to enjoy them, like families with small children. I don't believe the City would want to maintain these spaces after e-bikes run through them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 05:44 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 06:20 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 06:59 PM	I have witnessed multiple instances of near serious injury with e-bike collisions vs pedestrians, pets, children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:40 PM	There is frequent use of E motorcycles, often with no helmet, and no license plate, on sidewalks, trails, skate, park, and other portions of the park areas, which is a hazard both to the motorist and park users.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:45 PM	So far I have not had any concerning encounters with e-bikes in the parks/trails/open spaces. However, I have had concerns about their use on our roads and sidewalks (younger riders not following traffic rules, etc.)
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 08:57 PM	They haven't effected me or anyone around me negatively
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:40 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:04 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 09:19 AM	No issues
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 09:27 AM	We've encountered them on narrow curvy trails in the trails and needed to dodge them to avoid being hit.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 09:54 AM	My encounters have been on the streets, where people drive recklessly and where I have witnessed young people especially looking for the steepest hills possible for max speed. The result: many near misses. I fear the same on trails, where there's no room to swerve out if the way safely.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 10:17 AM	E-bikes are a natural progression of technology. we should not restrict their use in locations where bikes are allowed. a persona on a non-e-bike can go just as fast and be just as dangerous as an e-bike.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 12:14 PM	Our family likes to go to South Mercer Playfields to play sports, and e-bikes repeatedly speed through our activities and around the IMS track without regard for any kids or teams playing. E-bikes also dangerously blow past my children on trails and paths; we have had our kids knocked off the trail. Now, we hesitate letting them walk or ride their bikes through Pioneer Park or Island Crest Park/bike park. We also have seen young teens wreck their bikes on trails and even South Mercer Playfields because the bikes are too heavy for them to properly control once they get going.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 12:31 PM	Kids who use are not responsible and go fast (they are being kids) but its not safe. I had a few close calls and they dont seem to understand that it can be hurt a lot. Its not easy to stop as there are no rules around using ebikes either

Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 02:56 PM	I am a runner. The few problem encounters I have had are with young drivers who are poor drivers, mainly not telling me that they are passing or taking corners too fast. A driver training/licensing program would help, but I don't know if the state requires that.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 02:57 PM	E-bikes crowd narrow trails designed for pedestrians thereby increasing risks of hitting me. I've had bikes come at quick speeds around corners and behind me, even on wooded trails in the open space above Mercerdale Park.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 03:23 PM	I've seen teenagers riding dangerously on roads and sidewalks without regard for traffic rules, on park pedestrian paths or skatepark areas where small children, adults, and elderly must dodge out of their way, and on public athletic fields and school playgrounds damaging the grass.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:07 PM	Multiple encounters on the lid park with speeding e-bike users who ignore signage and don't share the path responsibly. They should be on the road.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:33 PM	Almost was hit by ebiker while walking
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:35 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:39 PM	They startle and upset my dog and think they have the right of way
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:48 PM	Most driven by youth boys. In groups. With group dynamics where they are not paying attention and going to fast. A couple of instances they were disrespectful of adults telling them to slow down or get off the grass. They came too close to people walking.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	None yet. My encounters have all been on sidewalks and while driving.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	The kids are unsafe and don't have the common sense to use them safely. The adults are entitled and disregard safety, joint use, and pedestrian right of way.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	We have come very close to being hit many times by e-bikes speeding on trails and sidewalks along Island Crest Way in particular, usually ridden by middle school students heading to school at top speed. They almost never give a warning that they are coming up behind us and do not seem aware that pedestrians and dog-walkers cannot hear them coming and must jump out of their way at the last minute to avoid being hit.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:56 PM	I personally like to ride on trails, not in the street with traffic. Speed should be kept under 20 mph or less based on trail conditions
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:59 PM	2 abreast coming from ahead or behind pedestrians and or walking with a dog. Way too fast for a crowded sidewalk.

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I'm an e biker class 2. I am respectful of people on paved streets n parks and trails. Kids and age in which to operate them is my concern. The bike lanes here downtown are pretty much non existent. It will take a death to get them installed. Kids in e bikes or anyone operating them should get tickets/citations and impound bikes that break the law. Distracted driving, erratic driving, there should be a class to pass with age restrictions to operate. 13 n up with "e bikes permit". Adults should have WA state drivers license. No one on sidewalks but city has to take responsibility for incidents- if you're not gonna have them ride through parks or on sidewalks the city should be solely responsible to build safe biking infrastructure! You are giving e bikers no where to go but on the street and forcing them into driving lanes! Kids are precious! First set up safe ways to get around town THEN ban all class 3 from parks because they are motor vehicles! I can see class 2 ripping up parks and dangerous at concerts farmers markets etc. class one let em ride on everything. They are just like a regular bike. Permits and rules of road to 13-16. Adults WA drivers license. Build better safer options! I don't want to hear how someone almost got run over when the City had done nothing to provide safer options. Period!

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Keeping the e-bikes off the streets is way more safe for everyone

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I want to emphasize allowing e-bikes on perimeter paths as often the streets are too narrow to accommodate cars and bikes. Also this question seems slanted against e-bikes.

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Almost getting hit or run over by speeding e-bikes regularly.

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I have to walk way over to right since I don't know when they're coming

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8/19/2026 05:30 PM

Kids riding their e-bikes on the grass, around babies, toddlers, kids, dogs and elderly. It is so dangerous. And these kids are so rude-they yell vulgar words if you ask them to slow down or be careful and /or if they almost hit people or dogs.

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Most of the time, kids using e-bike are dangerous to other people

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Kids who don't know how to operate them, popping wheelies and scaring the dog. They laugh when asked not to behave like that.

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Spending time in NYC and Santa Monica I have learned to walk defensively and have received no injuries. Unfortunately I have seen others hurt. On MI I have needed to quickly move aside as children ride confidently where I had been walking moments before. However some kids are quick to vary their speed to allow walkers to pass and some apologize if they are unable to stop or slow in time. Remember speed, even the snails pace of 20 mph, can be difficult to control on curvy, narrow or sliding dirt trails. Not to worry by middle school age the kids have the judgement to put slower walkers, small children and pets first. Wait for the lawsuits to flow.

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Not limited to parks trails etc., but common e-bike usage consists of high speeds, not watching for cars, pedestrians, reckless driving, etc.

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I've seen a couple kids on illegal e-motos on I-90 trail; otherwise no problems. I don't feel endangered by it, but worry about those kids.

And as a driver, I worry about all bikes, including e-bikes and e-motos, behaving unpredictably as they jump between the trails, sidewalks, and roadway as it suits them - sometimes at speed with little warning. I don't want to hit them, and don't want them to get hit. And imho, this behavior undermines perception of bikers by community at large.

I'm much more worried about the opposite. Two days ago - doing 25 mph on N Mercer Way on my class 3 ebike - the speed limit - a kid driving an SUV w Massachusetts plate flew past me - doing at least 35-40 mph, given how quickly they closed on me and then opened a gap in front. They had to slam their brakes rounding in front of Covenant shores. So I'm more worried about cars than ebikes; people on ebikes behaving recklessly are at least endangering themselves as much as others. But a reckless driver who hits a ped or bike will just walk away, if they stop at all.

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Very unsafe

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Kids on electric bikes should be forbidden on public trails. The speed is irresistible to them - They are unsafe and I have seen them driving through natural spaces resulting in damage. Also kids need fresh air and exercise not motorized bikes.

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None

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Almost run over twice. Saw a child and dog traumatized by a speeding rider coming around a corner in pioneer park. Have seen youth performing wheelies on sidewalks with an extra passenger and no helmets. Have witnessed many riders driving at night, in dark clothing, without lights or reflectors and without a helmet. Very scary when they're riding on the barely there shoulder of island crest way or when they're riding are crossing an intersection and riding on the sidewalk.

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Kids ride them too fast and dont get exercise.

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8/19/2026 10:10 PM

I was coming around a blind corner on a regular bike staying to the right and two young teens flew at me taking up the whole trail almost causing head on collision

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Kids need to learn the rules. No problem with adults on e-bikes

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8/20/2026 07:28 AM

Scary and dangerous

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8/20/2026 09:02 AM

I regularly have near misses with e-bike (motorized scooters, too). They often do not announce their presence. If they do, they do not slow down to see if I can hear them or if I understand which side they are choosing to pass by. I often have to step off trails to accommodate them even when there is a roadway nearby more suitable for e-bikes (south end of Island Crest Way).

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:19 AM	While walking my dogs around Homestead a couple of young kids were riding fast on the pathway and across the grass paying zero attention to where they were going
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:30 AM	I see kids in Island Crest Park quite a bit. I personally haven't had any harrowing experiences, but I also have good vision and hearing. I move out of the way in plenty of time.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:33 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:08 AM	All good, except young riders who use them as motorcycles
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:15 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:38 AM	Last week friends were coming out of the light rail station and a 14 year old boy plowed into a women at 30mph. The Mercer Island Police witnessed the incident. The woman was badly hurt and I know they are pursuing legal action against the family and possibly the city. I have had too many close calls with e-bike riders from pulling out of my alley from 92nd to 40th because they are riding at top speed on the sidewalks. We often see the e-bike riders ripping up the baseball diamonds after the park crews have groomed them for baseball games. One e-bike rider was tailgating me on North Mercer Way near the Roanoke because I was going the speed limit of 25 and they wanted to go faster. I have noticed that some e-bike riders have no lights or reflective gear on when they are riding at night. Overall something needs to be done about riders using the lid park as a freeway, even bikers without power rip through at speeds above 30mph yelling and screaming at Pedestrians to get out of the way. There should be signage stating the speed limit and if they want to go fast they should take the surface streets where they don't have to scream at pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:12 AM	I have been in Luther Burbank where young kids, around 12-14 years old, where they have been riding around on the grass and the trails without much regard for the many young children around them. I have even seen them riding up between that strip of grass between the zip line part of the park and the swings part of the playground, which is usually heavily trafficked by small children. On this same occasion, one of the riders actually fell and really scratched themselves up, to the point of the rider crying and me running over to help him--this was from riding on the uneven, uphill grass. These bikes do not belong in the parks.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:19 AM	Tear up grass and dirt paths, dangerous to pedestrians and pets, rude oblivious entitled riders
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:19 AM	I regularly walk with a stroller on Island Crest way's side walk and Piooneer park's trails, and I have seen some riders being really irresponsible while riding - high speed passing closely on a narrow path, not slowing down when crossing intersections, and doing dangerous tricks. Allowing e-bikes freely in parks will just put everyone in a dangerous situation. Bikers can wear helmets to protect them, but pedestrians don't(especially little kids). The outcome of an e-bike accident with pediatriicians will always do more harm to the pedestrians than the biker.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:22 AM	Question 7 is extremely confusing
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:35 AM	

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:43 AM	Mid teens are racing through the trails on modded e bikes, often with helmets. They ride in packs, and do not give you any warning before you have to dash out of the way. It's dangerous to pets, people, and children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:05 PM	E-bike riders frequently do not give sufficient clearance to pedestrians in the pedestrian areas in parks. In these scenarios, if the pedestrian were to trip or stumble, they would almost certainly be hit by the e-bike.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:35 PM	<p>I am a Mercer Island resident, and I have personally observed e-bikes on trails through and alongside Aubrey Davis Park, near playgrounds, and along the I-90 trails.</p> <p>These trails were designed for pedestrians and conventional bicycles, and they're narrow accordingly. They're heavily used by people walking dogs, parents with strollers, elderly residents using canes or walkers, and people with disabilities that limit quick or agile movement -- people who cannot always see, hear, or physically evade a fast-moving e-bike in time to avoid injury.</p> <p>E-bikes routinely travel faster than a person can react to and move aside for, especially when approaching from behind. A walker or runner may not detect an oncoming e-bike until it's too close to safely respond. A leashed dog may not be able to move at all. This is immediately clear to anyone observing e-bikes in motion among others who are walking, running, and riding conventional bicycles.</p> <p>These trails are already at capacity with pedestrians and conventional cyclists. They were never designed to safely accommodate motorized traffic moving at e-bike speeds alongside our most vulnerable trail users. The mismatch in speed, size, and predictability makes e-bikes a genuine safety hazard in these specific spaces.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:42 PM	Too fast in crowded areas
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:08 PM	I have not seen any bikes on the trails I walk - I avoid the Island Crest bike park intentionally.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:21 PM	Close calls on trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:26 PM	Typically ignore right of way. Large groups of adolescents and teenagers.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:29 PM	On August 19 in the Aubrey Davis Park (east side) a young boy on an ebike was speeding downhill straight towards me (I was walking west bound.) He seemed puzzled and kept coming. I stopped in my tracks. He cut of on to the grass (baseball outfield) just short of me. His parent or guardian was nearby and didn't stop any of this from happening.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:54 PM	Was forced off the path by a group of 10-16 yr riders. Saw young child riding a small bike caused to fall while she attempted to "get out of the way".
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:59 PM	I haven't encountered any on trails yet but I'm concerned if they become more popular this could happen and I'll get knocked over by a bike. I've seen kids on e bikes riding dangerously in north MI
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:07 PM	People driving dangerously without regard to pedestrians

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:11 PM	I often run along the bridge and trail through The Lid park. Often, especially on the bridge, people on e bikes come barreling past me with no thought of possibly creating a harrowing situation should they lose control or if maybe I move from my current position and they hit me, especially if they haven't alerted me that they are behind me. I don't understand why these motorized vehicles (that's what they are) are allowed on these bike/pedestrian paths.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:13 PM	Nearly run over by speeding e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:21 PM	Have run into groups of young boys who dismiss trail rules and ride off the trails. They are also loud and rude. They are dangerous to dogs and walkers/joggers.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:40 PM	My experience with them (primarily from walking around sidewalks and trails near my living space in the town center) has been largely fine. They are generally considerate of space, and me and my family feel safe sharing the trails with them. I wish that they had better protected space on the roads so that they didn't feel as if they have to occasionally use the sidewalks for safety. Me and my family feel infinitely more worried about speeding drivers that ignore crosswalk lights and turn on red in our neighborhood than we do about e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:51 PM	Youths driving to fast and not paying attention and almost hitting me
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:02 PM	Kids can mod the e bikes to hit 45 or so. On the sidewalks its a menace and they have a hard time stopping at that speed. They also get out on ICW at traffic speeds. What needs to happen is a little bit of enforcement, it will go a long way. PS I have kids that age.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:05 PM	Some idiot on an e-bike came up from behind me with no warning and nearly hit me
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:19 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:08 PM	I have both personally experienced and witnessed others almost being hit or my dog being hit in pioneer park and in my neighborhood!!
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:11 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:53 PM	The people who ride on yrails have no tegard for pedestrian and act like they own the road. Most probably don't even live hete. It is an infringement of my rights.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 05:04 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 05:35 PM	Let the kids have fun
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 05:56 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:27 PM	They look like a lot of fun! Haven't had any issues with riders of them.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:34 PM	I've seen pedestrians hit and witnessed more close calls than I can count including seeing my six year old nearly mowed down.

Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:15 PM	The majority of e-bike users are very respectful and understanding of the space around them. The e-bikers people complain about are apart of a small minority who also are simply minding their own business.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:54 PM	So many times we've nearly been hit by kids on ebikes on pathways. Most adults seem to use them on the road and follow road rules.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 08:41 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 08:50 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High speeds - Unfamiliarity of speeds and safe operation. - Insensitive to other park and trail users.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:23 PM	I've had a few close calls with e-bikes on the park trails and walking on the sidewalks. It doesn't make any sense to me, to allow anything that can go 20 miles an hour to be on a sidewalk where people walk. E bikes should be ridden on the road like road bikes are. If that was the law, perhaps parents would think twice about getting their teenager an E bike. They are exceptionally dangerous, and the riders are not trained.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:25 PM	Kids drive them too quickly on trails without regard to either their safety or the safety of others.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:46 PM	I have on more than one occasion seen drivers driving on trails in mercer island, so maybe focus on that instead of bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:59 PM	With E-Bikes I mostly interact with them when they pass me on the I-90 trail
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:01 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:01 PM	They are fine
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:04 PM	I've never had a bad experience with e bikes on Mercer Island. This is a solution in search of a problem. Embarrassing
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:13 PM	When will you do a survey on encounters with cars in parks, trails, and open spaces? I've had far more dangerous ones with them on Mercer Island than any ebike.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:37 PM	I don't have any notable experiences with e-bikes on Mercer Island, anywhere in fact.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:41 PM	Haven't seen many, and they've generally been respectful
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:48 PM	Currently it is illegal to ride off the island on an e-bike. (The only routes off the island is via the I-90 bridge, where e-bikes are technically not allowed.) This makes commuting hard. I would love to have a path for e-bikes to use.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 10:50 PM	I have walked, biked, and e-biked on the I-90 Trail, including the portions where it passes through parks. My experience riding an e-bike on the trail has been fine, as has been my experience walking and riding a traditional bike. I have had no notable encounters with people riding e-bikes on the trail.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:32 PM	The only negative experiences I have had have been with e-motos masquerading as e-bikes. All other experiences with e-bikes have been extremely positive
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 12:21 AM	When I bike on Mercer Island, I observe e-bikers who are commuting or riding for pleasure, especially on the I-90 trail. I occasionally see some teen zooming by unsafely on an e-bike. It would not be fair to hurt the first group with a ban on e-bikes when there are other ways to deal with the issues posed by the second group.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:02 AM	They pass kindly and without bother because theres plenty of space
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:26 AM	Some folks can be rude. I try to be as polite as possible as I do not want to startle anyone.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 04:47 AM	When I tripped over an exposed root at Luther Burbank Park, an e-biker saw me and stopped to help me. Almost all my other interactions have been courteous and safe. I also like to see young people enjoying the outdoors who would not otherwise get outside.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 05:41 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 05:42 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:15 AM	I personally ride both conventional bikes and e-bikes on trails and through parks on Mercer Island. I cannot recall experiencing any negative interactions with other e-bikers that even begin to approach the routine dangers and harms that I experience as a pedestrian or cyclist from car drivers' unsafe behaviors on a daily basis. The I-90 Trail is an essential part of regional transportation infrastructure, and being able to bike on it using all currently allowed e-bike classes is critical for regional mobility as well as my personal ability to access destinations around the county and beyond.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:23 AM	I have not encountered any issues with e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:37 AM	I've cycled up and down the island to visit my family.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:59 AM	As I noted before, a lack of respect for Walker. The bikers think they own the road and that creates a very dangerous situation. There should be designated bike routes, not combining it with paths that pedestrians use to walk for health and recreation purposes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:05 AM	I keep getting nearly run over on the walking trail along side Island Crest Way. Primarily, writers don't know when they're approaching from behind to say something and tell you which side they're coming on.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:05 AM	Nothing notable.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:23 AM	No issues
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:52 AM	Nearly struck on several occasions by kids on speeding e-bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:08 AM	So far I have just encountered them on east Mercer on my way to an entrance to the trail system. They are just like mopeds and should be classified as such. Helmets should be required. They should have lights.

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:18 AM	Hasn't bothered me. The regular bikers on the roads are much much worse.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 AM	I get scared when i hear them
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 AM	<p>I think the teens doing wheelies down the road is fine, even pretty cool; but I've been buzzed in Island Crest Park trails because they go too fast for the sight distance. Honestly that can also happen with fast mtn bikers too cause they can go fast as well. But those mtn bikes (the ones without the motors...) weigh about 20 pounds, Most ebikes start at 50 pounds with some much heavier.</p> <p>Does the City have a liability issue when people get hurt from ebike strikes, because these are motorized vehicles that the city appears to allow anywhere? When did we think that allowing motorcycles on the sidewalks was a good idea? It just feels like we allowed this to happen when existing laws were pretty clear it's not legal.</p> <p>All ebikes are motorized vehicles.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:55 AM	They have been fantastic. It is really great seeing other families out and about in other electric cargo bikes. As well as seeing people that otherwise wouldn't be able to bike. It has also been nice seeing teenagers able to have the freedom of autonomous movement that ebikes allow. The issue isn't e bikes it is emotos that look like a bike but have no pedals or non functional pedals that can reach speeds far exceeding 28mph. They are also heavier with the additional battery requirements.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:00 AM	See previous
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:01 AM	I don't like the motorcycles, which are an entirely different creature, which are interestingly, not the topic of the survey. I feel like they're trying to create a problem around E bikes when the problem might be E motorcycles, especially those driven by the sons of rich Islanders around our streets.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:02 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:15 AM	Literally hundreds of people, especially seniors, riding with smiles on their faces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:33 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:53 AM	I have ridden an e-bike since 2018. On my the last 3 years have I been Leary of riding because of so many underage kids riding their bikes irresponsibly. It's good to see more kids on bikes, but I now feel they should go through an e-bike training, just like they will in learning to drive a car.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 11:43 AM	Menny teens ride their assisted bikes across the field and ruin the grass.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:05 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:08 PM	I have not had any noteworthy encounters with ebikes on MI, other than the good experiences I have had riding with friends

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:21 PM	My e-bike encounters are the same as my encounters with regular bikes, it depends on the rider, not the device.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 01:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:17 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:29 PM	I generally see people using ebikes to commute to, from, and through Mercer Island and think they provide a valuable commuting and recreation option when safe routes exist, especially as fuel prices continue to pressure Americans.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:33 PM	Many people are going to answer this question with negative interactions with e-motos. A brief distinction made on the page before this survey but no actual context or information provided within the text of this survey itself is going to mean that most of the answers in the spreadsheet you're reading this in are about emotos, which are already illegal on trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 02:42 PM	My dog got ran kd the trail at island crest park, a couple of preteen girls almost ran me over on the sidewalk across from isoand crest park... they didn't slow down until I finally had to yell for them to slow down when they were so close I was scared they would hit me and my pups, and then theu cursed at me when they passed, I was walking my pups on first hill and kids keps purposefully riding back and forth egging my distressed pups out, kids ruining the lawn at mercerdale despite being told not to, kid doing wheelies in an e-bike on first hill and I couldn't get around them. A kid with giant noise canceling headphone crossed in front of me because he didn't realize I was next to them... another swirved into my lane off of east mercer way and almost hit me head on because he was distracted on his phone... need I go on?
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:05 PM	Up at the lid park we have had the bikes go flying by putting us our dogs and children in extreme danger. Of the people want to use those fast bikes they need to have a license and be forced to use the streets not the park.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:30 PM	<p>Terrible with kids on bikes or even by self. No courtesy and down right rude saying we have priority. Someone talked to a parent - just as entitled as boy. Surprised they have no respect for the law.</p> <p>Saw an elderly person who was unsteady and would have been pushed down if not for an older teen who came to his rescue.</p> <p>FOLLOW THE RULES. Enforce them, Police don't be afraid of the MI parents.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:47 PM	I have not encountered e-bikes on trails but have encountered regular bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:49 PM	Mostly concerned about kids still using them on roads, no helmet, not following laws.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 03:51 PM	Many E-bikers do not wear helmets. They do not announce their approach when coming up behind walkers, hikers. On the roads, they do not obey traffic rules.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 04:22 PM	The issue is primarily children, both on roads and in the Lid, riding too fast around other people.

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:07 PM	A group of teens in class 3 came through a park at high speed while people were sitting. They nearly hit both an elderly person and a small child.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:46 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 PM	There are people ride e-bikes on islander middle school track field ruthlessly. We have 2 boys 4 years and 5 years play soccer , and run on the field. It's very dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:37 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 09:45 PM	They are so quiet that they can be on you before you can move out of the way.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 09:52 PM	I have seen Ebikes on a trail at Luther Burbank , and had to Leave the trail for a bit to let them pass
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:29 PM	E-bikes passing quickly and without notice to walkers
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:33 PM	Most people on e-bike without being intentional about their surroundings will hurt themselves and other cyclists, runners and pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:43 PM	In experienced riders, both young and old, riding faster than they have the skills to do safely or the trail allows.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 10:48 PM	I have only had positive experiences with e-bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 11:15 PM	E-bike allow people to be able to bike safely up Mercer island hill and make it possible for many people to get around
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 07:25 AM	Oh gosh, where to start. I've seen them use unsafely daily. On sidewalks, basketball courts:0, through a playground. It's ridiculous. Parents do not care, they buy them for their kids and send them out the door.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 08:02 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 09:24 AM	Kids ride them everywhere they can and few of them slow down or announce themselves when passing pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 10:30 AM	I had no encounter
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 10:47 AM	Often in groups, clogging trails and slowing foot traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 12:18 PM	Terrible in Mercerdale (in and around the playground, speeding through the grassy center) and South Mercer Play friends (literally riding on the track).
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 04:28 PM	I appreciate being asked. I don't think e bikes feel like nature to me. I would only want e bikes for transportation support, not off road trail navigating on Mercer Island
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 06:39 PM	A large percentage of e-bike riders that I have encountered are not thinking about how their activities effect other, ie, I witnessed a rider at Mercerdale park going fast enough on the sidewalk that he quickly overtook a pedestrian, then without slowing down he swerved around her causing her to stumble. I've encountered e-bike riders on the sidewalks, and multiple times have had to quickly move out of their way in order to not get hit. Not sure why e-bike riders seem to be so much more irresponsible thqn traditional riders.

Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 06:13 AM	Minors going way to fast in Island Crest Way, my toddler has almost been hit. My car also has almost been hit. The rider didn't stop and was almost unaware.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 07:48 AM	Folks with higher speed/throttle assisted bikes are going too fast on natural surfaces trails with turns
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 09:30 AM	Safety, kids should not be able to ride e bikes, they have no sense of responsibility on a vehicle that is like a car. This is why riders need to pass a test to operate an electric vehicle.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 10:56 AM	I routinely encounter multiple e-bikes riding fast and often tightly grouped on the narrow trails in mercerdale park and on sidewalks around town - especially along 77th Ave- despite the presence of bike lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 11:48 AM	The bikes spook our dog due to the speed and noise. I'm constantly worried we will get run over because I won't see them in time to move.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 01:48 PM	<p>Within the past week three young men were riding E bikes across the grassy center of Mercedale Park. They were oblivious to everything around them and giggling and looking at each other. Came very close to me as I was walking across the grass. My concern is safety for adults, children and animals using the area. Electric bikes have no reason to be used at this location.</p> <p>A couple of days ago, a cyclist was speeding with his E bike on the sidewalk near the parking structure owned by Riot Games. On the street next to the sidewalk is a bike lane. He came very close to hitting the man in front of me and quickly jumped his bike off the curb onto the street.</p> <p>On the evening of the Thursday night concert concert at the park a young man rode his bike on a residential street that was crowded with parked cars and pedestrians on their way to the concert. He rode quite fast on the street.</p> <p>On the same street as well as other nearby streets oftenI see young men riding their bikes in the middle of the street doing wheelies. All of these riders are on E bikes and look appear to be young teenage males.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 02:33 PM	Teenagers and younger on assisted bikes (no pedaling required) are riding too fast on trails and create a real danger to pedestrians and other bikers.
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8/23/2026 03:57 PM

Over the past year, we have witnessed a disturbing increase in dangerous and unsafe e-bike behavior on Mercer Island. As a longtime resident and parent of two young children in Mercer Island schools, I am stunned by the behavior we increasingly see from teens and young adults riding e-bikes at very high speeds, often without helmets, on shared park trails used by children, families, walkers, and runners. We encounter this regularly each week on both paved and dirt trails.

These heavy, motorized vehicles can travel at speeds that create a very different level of risk from traditional bicycles, particularly in crowded parks and on narrow trails where pedestrians have little room to react or move aside. Allowing broader e-bike access would normalize and expand a problem that is already becoming unsafe.

Mercer Island should be moving in the opposite direction. E-bikes should be prohibited from public parks, pedestrian trails, and open-space trails, with meaningful enforcement. Riders should be required to comply with appropriate age, licensing, helmet, and safety requirements, and higher-speed motorized e-bikes should be directed to roadways rather than spaces intended for pedestrians and recreation.

Our parks and trails should remain places where young children and people of all ages and abilities can walk, run, bike, and explore without constantly having to watch for a fast-moving motorized bike approaching from behind, one that could cause serious injury or death. The City's priority should be keeping parks and trails safe for pedestrians and recreational users, not expanding access for fast-moving motorized vehicles.

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Typically no issue except for example provided in previous question. I used to commute every day using an ebike and found it great and safe for use on the road and dedicated bike lanes. However when young adults and children use ebikes, I have observed several instances where they are not regarding the safety of others or even themselves. Mercer island is a beautiful haven of safety and enjoyment. I would be concerned if we were laissez faire with e-bikes. I think class 1 e-bikes are fine, as long as we are intentional in defining rules and only allow them on trails that are wide and won't degrade because of these bikes

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8/23/2026 08:25 PM

Kids riding on green spaces and scaring our animals

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8/23/2026 09:08 PM

Nearly run down by speeding bikes on numerous occasions. That said I doubt that the city can enforce and regulation or ban or have the resources to enforce this.

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8/24/2026 07:45 AM

Rider was riding one at a higher rate of speed, almost clipped me as he went by.

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8/24/2026 11:58 AM

Many close calls with kids that are not in control of how fast they are going.

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Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2026 03:25 PM

Mostly on streets but they aren't following laws like stopping at stop signs. So dangerous.

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8/24/2026 03:32 PM

Many kids are menacing and misbehaving on e-bikes, recently egging our neighborhood and doing wheelies.

Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 04:11 PM	Not very often. When I do encounter them, it's usually on the dirt trail going ICW, which makes sense because there aren't bike paths there. Riders have generally been polite and slowed down when passing, but it's still not ideal.
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 09:33 PM	Adult commuters on the I-90 trail through lid park are responsible. Kids on class 2 bikes are a menace .
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 06:19 AM	Kids have been riding at unsafe speeds on narrow trails which could injure younger kids walking or elderly walking on the trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 08:32 AM	At the skatepark in Merceddale park my 8 year old little brother was on a skateboard skating when, around 5 kids on e-bikes showed up. They took up the entire skate area and where going so fast that they nearly hit my little brother and a little boy who was also there skating. They refused to slow down or leave and the signage there was very strange in that it listed only what was allowed (not bikes or e-bikes) and not what wasn't allowed. So they were able to justify their reckless actions as being allowed because the signage did not say the e-biking wasn't allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 08:47 AM	None
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 11:43 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 11:51 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 06:08 PM	Just moved here
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 10:14 PM	I have had a few very unnerving experiences while walking my son's dog. The e-bike rider flashed down the hill from the p Patch to the trail behind the amphitheater. My dog was frightened and I was pulled off the trail. On another occasion near the pickle ball courts, an e-bike raced around me without warning. The final experience occurred at the bottom of 24th and 76th. The e-bike ran the stop sign from his far right, barely missed a car turning onto 76th, and when I let him know, he flipped me off. At least he was wearing a rudimentary helmet. I'm a bicyclist who has been in a few accidents and know that cars get scratches, humans end up with more serious injuries. E-bike riders probably need a license and safety course as well as common courtesy for those who walk. Finally, some of the kids on the e-bikes could use the exercise of fully pedaling.
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 10:33 PM	I frequently see youth in reckless behaviour with ebikes/scooters and it is only a matter of time before tragic accident occurs if not more enforced.
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 11:18 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 12:50 PM	I see them tearing up the grass fields on Homestead Park. They are treated like little motorcycles by groups of young boys with little regard to pedestrians (often on sidewalks)
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 02:14 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 03:21 PM	I need my class 3 bike. My left knee needs the throttle to start. I also need it to keep up with busses when I'm biking in a bus only lane. Also, it's easier to use than changing gears or power levels.

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8/26/2026 03:44 PM

I like appropriate ebike usage for transportation. If ebike users follow the same street rules as regular bike users, that would be great. The problem is a relatively small number of boys (likely middle school ages), who ride in a dangerous fashion on the streets. Their bikes are modified to go over 28 mph. They are really not ebikes--they are motorcycles. It is only a matter of time before one of them gets seriously hurt, there are major accidents, or pedestrians and pets are injured or killed as has happened in other communities. There are reasons that other communities have put regulations on ebikes including age restrictions and need for operator licenses.

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I walk on the trails at least once every day and I have had several near misses with e-bikes nearly running into me or my dog on the trails. A specific event was when I was exiting a small trail to merge onto one of the larger connecting trails and my leashed dog and I were almost hit by an e-bike that was going very fast on the larger connecting trail.

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8/26/2026 05:26 PM

Young kids zipping by without any notice. One young lady (about 14 years old) with a passenger (only the driver had a helmet) on her e-bike, ran through one red light (at Island Crest Way and 40th) and 2 stop signs, did not signal or look for oncoming traffic, and entered the Rite Aid/CVS parking lot. I followed them in there, pulled up next to them, and gave them a "mom" lecture, listing all of the things they did wrong. Told them they could have been hit by one car that they didn't even see (not mine). These kids need licenses if they are going to be driving a motorized bike that can hit speeds of 20 mph. I don't care if you call them a "bike." They should not be normal conveyances for young folks with no sense of mortality. Their parents would be horrified if they saw what I did.

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8/26/2026 05:51 PM

E-bikes that do NOT require significant pedal assist (class 2 and 3) need to be treated as mopeds are/were. The need to be registered with the DMV and kids without an instructional permit or learning permit should not be allowed to operate them. They are motor cycles, not bicycles. If you aren't peddling, its a motor vehicle, period.. I see kids riding without helmets, two on the vehicle. I see kids driving through stop signs on city streets at over 25 mph, without regard or understanding of traffic laws. I've almost been hit several times by kids driving these vehicles at high speeds and have seen kids nearly miss other pedestrians while driving these vehicles at high speeds on trails and sidewalks.

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8/26/2026 06:03 PM

I have almost been hit many times at LID park

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Too often, they are being ridden by juveniles with a lack of understanding of excessive speed, inadequate safety, or even a basic understanding of rights-of-way.

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I just did in the previous space for comments. Actually very few of the bike riders know etiquette for passing walkers. And most of the bikes are quiet. The difference is that the ebikes go faster.

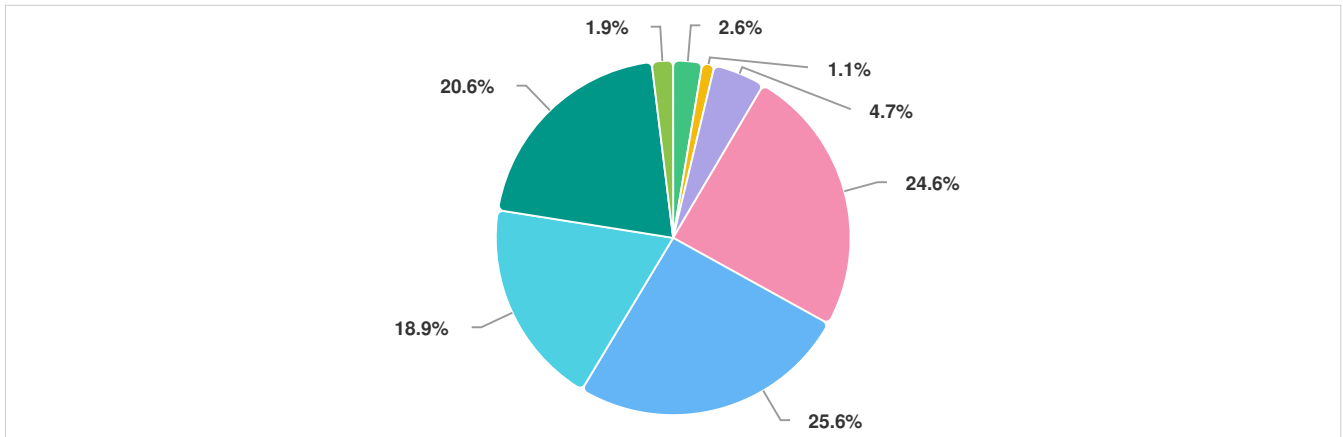
Screen Name Redacted 8/26/2026 09:26 PM	I only use the Audrey Davis Park and E bikes are going by quite often and typically are in complete control. Some kind of speed limit for all Bicycle should be posted and enforced.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 04:05 AM	I think it imposes a lot of danger to pedestrians including kids as they are currently rode as if they were regular bikes when they are more like motorcycles.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 06:37 AM	
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Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:57 AM	I've seen children, in particular, taking enormous risks both on city streets and elsewhere. These "bikes" are essentially motorcycles. I've seen children and adults ride on the sidewalk at unsafe speeds for themselves and for pedestrians. I've seen them enter a crossing on the parallel street without checking to see that it's safe to do so. I've seen many riders without helmets, and at 20-30 mph the risks for permanent brain damage are high. The traffic laws need to be applied but I don't see that happening.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:59 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 11:15 AM	I'm very concerned about the number of young students buzzing around IMS on e-bikes, weaving in and out of traffic and crossing roads without regard for traffic. These same students have not yet taken drivers ed, yet are on fully in our lanes of traffic! I'm surprised we haven't had more reported accidents and am fearful for these students.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 11:27 AM	I notice them most often on our neighborhood streets and in the business district. I consider them a disaster ready to happen and completely understand why a tween or teen would enjoy them. Given that they need regulations.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 12:19 PM	Not too many on trails but frequently on sidewalks where the riders are on the sidewalks and overtaking a pedestrian. There is a risk with all bikes and walkers. I've also see kids on ebikes whizzing up the streets, often with two riders and often with no helmets. The possibility for a car collision with them seems high.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 01:55 PM	They ride like maniac with no regard for safety of others and themselves. The majority of the major offenders are school kids. These are far more dangerous than a normal bike because of how they are used . Riders like to treat them like motorcycles.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 02:11 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 02:51 PM	Riders going too fast. Numerous riders together creating crowded, dangerous spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 03:00 PM	I don't have really any but I see them
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 05:29 PM	It's always kids with helmets who don't know the rules and don't care to follow them. Even on the roads this is the same because these laws are half enforced
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 05:50 PM	I shared a few of them in the previous page but I consistently see teenagers and youth cutting across vegetation at parks and near schools, cutting in front of cars, crossing back and forth between roads and sidewalks. There's not an instant where I haven't shuttered in fear of seeing an e-bike with a child on it (if not more than one). Be it the persons intent or the power and speed of the e-bike, but they all express the notion of "move out of my way" to the earth and others on it.

Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:00 PM	I've been quite jealous as a regular bike rider when E-bike commuters get there quicker with less effort than I do. I would love to try one.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:03 PM	We live on First Hill and there are young teenagers riding e-bikes at high speeds in the middle of the road. At the very least they should be in the bikes lane or the side of the road. In public parks, they ride at high speeds on trails. Also very dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 8/27/2026 08:34 PM	E-bikes speeding 20 to 30 mph on trails and coming as close as on foot from pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 08:55 AM	My experience has been mostly with preteens riding at top speed around Pioneer park and Mercerdale. Although there was 'no close call' on those occasions. The speed and behavior of the riders would prompt any reasonable observer to conclude that eventually an accident with serious injury would eventually occur - not a matter of if but when.
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 10:14 AM	E bikes have nearly collided with pedestrians on several occasions
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 02:52 PM	I have been run off the trail by herds of young e-bike riders in Luther Burbank park and witnessed similar groups using The Source outdoor sculpture as a motocross track. The paved walking path in Mercerdale Park is another hot spot. These activities destroy the quiet enjoyment of these outdoor spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 8/29/2026 05:51 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/30/2026 11:02 AM	I have not experienced e-bikes in the parks I frequent. They are mostly on roads.
Screen Name Redacted 8/30/2026 11:14 AM	More than 3 times I've been surprised by fast moving bicyclists on the trails in LBP and had to quickly move out of the way.
Screen Name Redacted 8/31/2026 12:13 PM	Mercer Island has many narrow streets without sidewalks, and the proliferation of e-bikes and motorized scooters requires constant vigilance. Many (if not most) of these vehicles are ridden by kids who often go too fast for the conditions. Allowing wide use of e-vehicles on park trails will discourage use by walkers of all ages.
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Optional question · 546 responses · 194 skipped

Question type : Essay Question

Q14. What is your age?

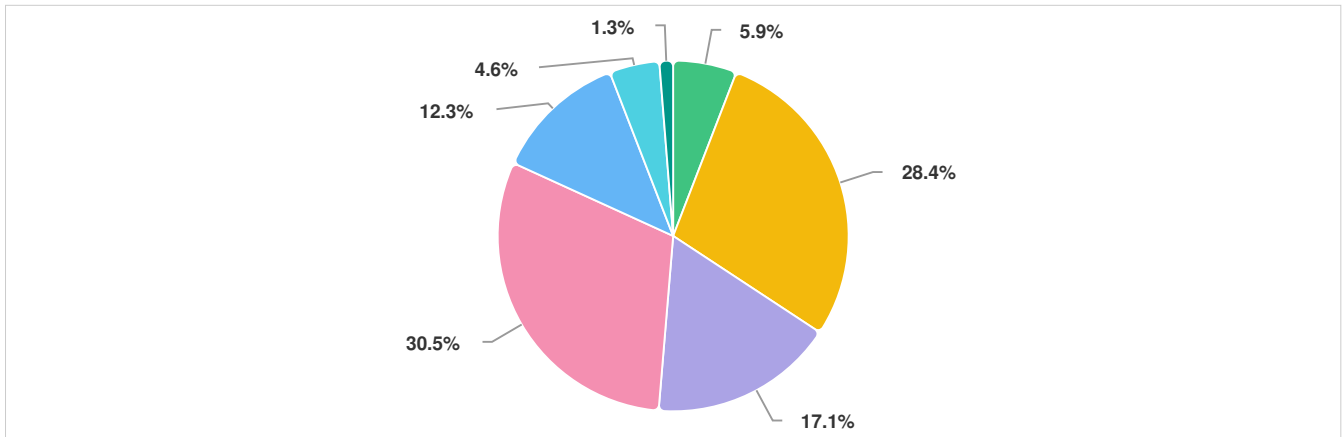


Question options	responses	%
0-17	19	2.6
18-24	8	1.1
25-34	34	4.7
35-44	177	24.6
45-54	184	25.6
55-64	136	18.9
65+	148	20.6
Prefer not to disclose	14	1.9

Optional question · 720 responses · 20 skipped

Question type : Dropdown Question

Q15. How many people currently live in your household?

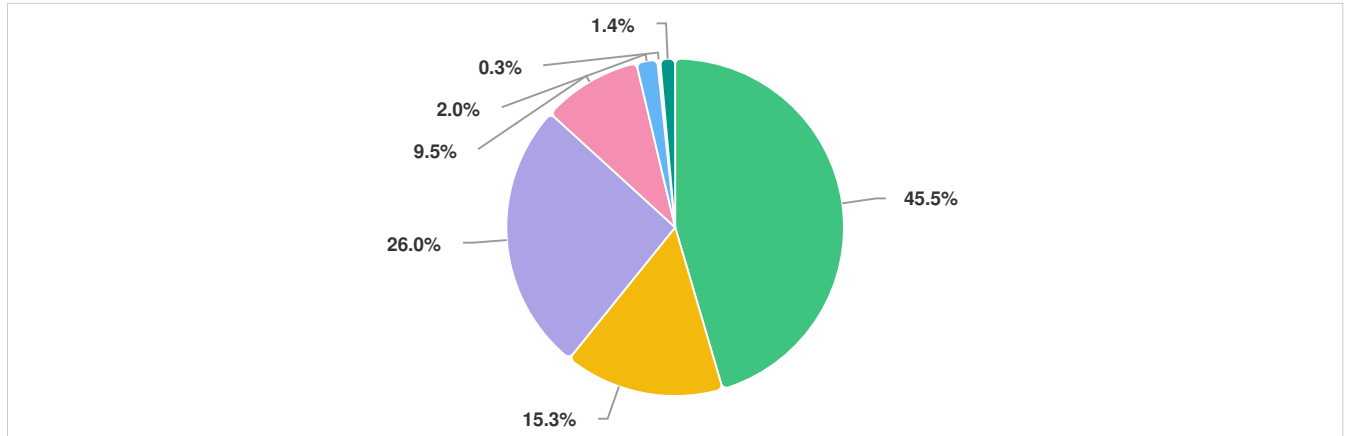


Question options	responses	%
1	42	5.9
2	203	28.4
3	122	17.1
4	218	30.5
5	88	12.3
6+	33	4.6
Prefer not to disclose	9	1.3

Optional question · 715 responses · 25 skipped

Question type : Dropdown Question

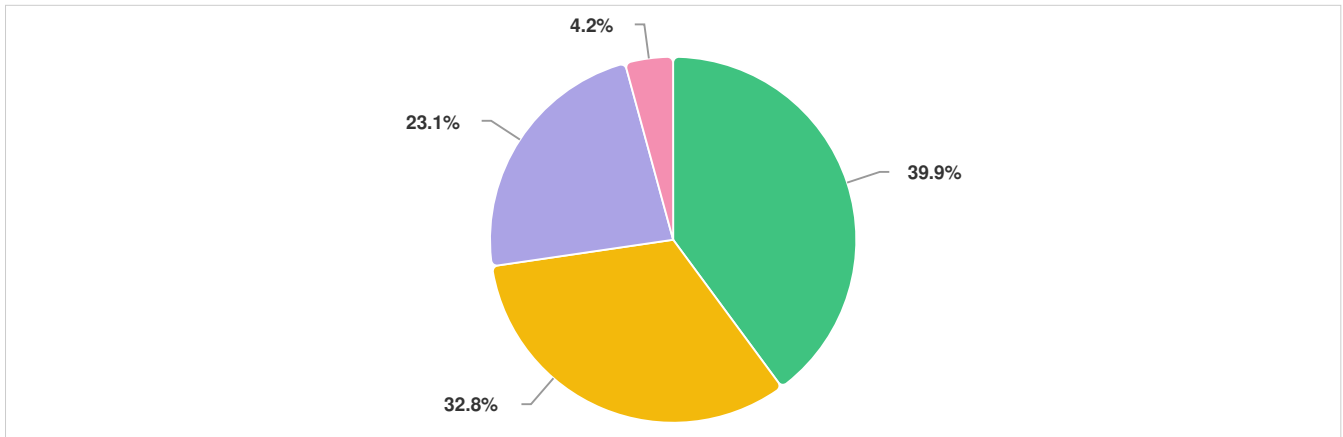
Q16. How many children are you the parent or guardian of who live in your household (aged 17 or younger)?



Question options	responses	%
None	320	45.5
1	108	15.3
2	183	26.0
3	67	9.5
4	14	2.0
More than 4	2	0.3
Prefer not to disclose	10	1.4

Optional question · 704 responses · 36 skipped

Question type : Dropdown Question

Q17. What is your location of residence?

Question options	responses	%
● North of SE 40th St	292	39.9
● Between SE 40th St and SE 68th Street	240	32.8
● South of 68th St	169	23.1
● Do not live on Mercer Island	31	4.2

Optional question · 732 responses · 8 skipped

Question type : Radio Button Question

Q18. Do you have any additional comments that you'd like to share?

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The city should focus on maximizing the value of our parks and open spaces for all MI residents, not just a single age cohort that wants to use the park for a sole use. Focusing on how to regulate a specific set of users out of the park is easy but penalizes a broad group for the behavior of a few. Admittedly regulating a single group out of the parks is a cheaper and easier alternative to providing better trails and safer alternatives, but it reduces the value of our parks and open spaces for residents.

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5/13/2026 11:17 AM

This survey is well intended, but misses the point- e-bikes aren't the same as the sauron/e motorcycles that have caused folks to be upset. Please understand that most of the people who take this survey will not understand the difference.

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Ask that parks and trails should accommodate different groups.

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Park trail use is only a part of regulation of e-bikes and e-motorcycles. Illegal and irresponsible use on public right-of-ways is a problem with many underaged riders.

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Our parks are a treasure and safer and more enjoyable for walkers to keep e-bikes on paved paths and streets. Paths in parks which are unpaved are not wide enough for shared use safely-especially in the way many young boys ride their ebikes

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5/14/2026 09:40 AM

It seems to me that throttle ebike riders have a greater possibility of loss of control in parks with their winding trails.

Thanks for doing this survey

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Love the community outreach

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While I understand that bikers want to stand up for their rights, I am concerned that very few pedestrians have the opportunity to assert their concerns and rights about this issue.

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BIKE SPEEDS ON MIXED USE TRAILS IN THE PARKS HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR A LONG TIME. EBIKES INCREASE THOSE SPEEDS BOTH UP AND DOWNHILL AND RIDERS TEND TO RIDE IN PACKS. MOST RIDERS USE EBIKES WITHOUT PEDALS LIKE A MOTORCYCLE.

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Kids need to exercise. Too many see the e-bike as just a motorcycle and don't pedal.

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E-bikes travel as fast as cars and riders should be required to have a drivers license and be restricted to travel in the street and obey all traffic laws.

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Between cars, buses, joggers, runners and school kids walking to school the island is saturated with modes of transportation. Not enough ample sidewalks for pedestrian traffic in high traffic and walking areas.

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Bike Lanes please!

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E-bikes on roads only and required to follow rules of the road as do cars and self-propelled cyclists.

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This has nothing to do with e-bikes in parks and open spaces but everything to do with the age of the kid on an e-bike with no peddle for the assist to work. If a MI police man were to show up at the Middle School when the kids get out for today they would be overwhelmed with the number of underage boys, mostly, who are riding with no motorcycle endorsement, no driver's license and many without helmets. From what the City Council announced Jan. 1 all these kids are illegal and a fatal accident waiting to happen. (Especially when they ride at over 40 miles and hour on city streets. Their parents are to blame but wonder how they will feel after someone is killed. Thank you for listening.

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I feel very strongly about this.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 06:27 PM	I wish there was a better way to report inappropriate use of E bikes
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Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 07:38 PM	Overall it seems that Mercer Island is not handling the growing e-bike situation very well, I am glad for this survey and the chance for input, thank you
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Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 08:51 PM	I fear for the children riding e- bikes off all as well as myself
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Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:18 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:29 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2026 09:41 PM	In my experience, it is the same reason we have age limits and licensing for motor vehicles. The majority of riders I've seen creating unsafe conditions have been those that would not legally be able to operate a motor vehicle on public property.
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Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:34 AM	License all e-bikes and place identifying plates in order to hold them accountable. Publish and enforce rules of the road.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:10 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:24 AM	Keep ebikes and especially eMotorcycles out of Parks!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:04 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:15 AM	Keep these dangerous devices out of our parks and off our trails and walkways.

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The biggest concern with e-bikes is not the typical class 1/2/3 bikes, but the less well regulated ones that approach true electric motorcycle capabilities and are skirting the law regarding labeling. Unfortunately I think there is little we can do at the local level to crack down on these, and it's a manufacture/sale problem more than anything else. I worry that they will cause us to over regulate the smaller, slower, lighter bikes that are reasonable and can provide much needed mobility aid for people due to the difficulty in identifying a "standard" e-bike from those that should really be considered a motorcycle and only operated on roads or designated motorcycle trails under existing licensing and safety laws.

A 20-mph capable e-bike can be a little surprising but I've been passed by regular bikes doing those speeds on combination bike/walk trails. It's not a problem. It's the e-bike that can do 50-mph that has managed to get classed as an e-bike not a motorcycle and is being ridden on a trail instead of a road that is a problem.

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5/21/2026 09:19 AM

E-bikes are dangerous and will result in the death of a child on Mercer Island if they are allowed.

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5/21/2026 09:21 AM

Love ebikes ridden responsibly on the road. i'm a cyclist and love that ebikes provide access to people who otherwise wouldn't be able to enjoy cycling. however, i don't like encounters with them on trails and in parks.

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Any ebikes/bike can be allowed on the mountain bike course that the city created.

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How are we going to enforce any new policy? E bikes are already Biking on east and west Mercer like they are cars and it is extremely dangerous. What child will die or become an invalid and become the poster child for enforcement? It's already too dangerous on the roads and now parks won't be a safe place to walk the dog.

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I'm not opposed to bikes being on trails, but there should be some trails where they are not allowed because of the general lack of concern many riders show for people and dogs.

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E-bikes should be ridden on sidewalks either

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5/21/2026 11:56 AM

Please get this issue under control before summer/schools let out.... an terrible accident is just waiting to happen given current misuses..

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5/21/2026 12:31 PM

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:07 PM	Theres no way of determining which class of bike a user is using with a close exam. so whatever rules are adopted they should apply to all ebikes. I think it would be ridiculous to have one set of rules for each class, just too confusing and not enforceable. Which is another point a rule without enforcement is useless!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 01:21 PM	Reprimand kids doing wheelies and going over 30mph or a tragedy will eventually happen.
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Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:06 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:11 PM	There is a lot of unsafe e-bike use on the south end near the shopping village, schools and park. Honestly it's only a matter of time before something bad happens.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:14 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:17 PM	Thanks for doing the survey. I also want to thank and congratulate whoever within the city maintains the trails in Pioneer Park. They are spectacular. That is the best part of living on the island!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:42 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 02:42 PM	Please take this seriously. These are not bikes that should be written on pedestrian trails. Teenagers need to have licenses and young kids are not equipped to manage motorbikes on public streets. They need training and practice. Mercer Island is too densely populated for E bikes
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:04 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:11 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 03:54 PM	I think we should just be reasonable. Kids love their e-bikes and it gets them outside, we should encourage that and make sure they are being safe for themselves and others.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 04:30 PM	This is not a matter of people being unsafe, there are ways to teach our community and understand how to share the roads and trails with others. Also, if we had more bike lanes that were wide enough to provide safety on the island, I believe those would be used more. Not having use of e-bikes would impact our decision of whether we wanted to continue to live on Mercer Island in this community. Although the community has many playgrounds, dog parks, beaches, trails for walking and running. We have very few outdoor outlets besides organized sports that have high costs for the teenagers and young adult age group who are very active and need that stimulation in their lives. If you travel to other communities they have more bike trails, skateboard and bike parks. I would like to see a pump track or some area where kids and adults could ride bikes. We use our e-bikes almost on a daily basis unless weather impacted.

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 04:51 PM	It's important to differentiate between must-pedal-to- go-anywhere ebikes and those with throttles. But a bigger issue on MI may be young people flying on roads on class 3 ebikes, often with no helmet.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:00 PM	I will be extremely disappointed to have my kids and myself lose the option of riding an ebike. There is essentially no place for teens to gather on the island and having their e-bikes has given my children freedom to travel to next town, just get from northern end to southern end and keeps them out of trouble as they are in high school which has its own pressures and stresses.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:03 PM	Please allow children to have e-bikes and protect their opportunity to be responsible, independent and accountable. The kids are reasonable and will be as safe on the e-bikes, as they are on a normal bicycle.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:11 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:20 PM	E-bike riders should know the road rules just like conventional bike riders, and should also wear helmets. While riding my conventional road bike or driving my car I have been behind e-bike riders who abruptly make left turns (i.e., crossing the path of oncoming traffic) without signaling. This is a dangerous practice. Widened bike lanes for all cyclists (conventional and e-bike) would be a good idea; even better would be entirely separate bike lanes that are not contiguous with the roadway used by motor vehicles, for use by conventional and types 1 and 2 e-bikes. The level 3 e-bikes should require licenses and should be limited to sharing traffic lanes with cars on Mercer Island, since the type 3 e-bikes can regularly go at or close to the posted speed limits. Motor vehicle drivers routinely cross the center line of Mercer Island roadways (Mercer Way) when there is an oncoming cyclist in the opposite direction - my understanding is that this is a moving violation but I have never seen it enforced. It should be, and signs and public education campaigns should alert drivers that they cannot cross the center line if ANY vehicle (bike, e-bike, car, truck) is approaching in the opposite direction. I see such violations almost every time I bike on EMW or WMW (2-6x/week).
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:22 PM	Regulate or get rid of them entirely
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 05:33 PM	E-bikes should be supported!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:20 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:28 PM	Follow the lead of other municipalities. Ban those e bikes and motorcycles
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:32 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 06:45 PM	As people who recreate at these parks daily it is increasingly becoming an issue that I hope the city addresses.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2026 07:11 PM	E-bikes should not be inside any park. They belong in the street in a bike lane

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Those we've seen using ebikes are not adults. They are being used as a lark, using them for show, in group activity, or possibly point-to-point transportation.

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Thanks for soliciting resident perspectives.

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Electric Bicycles ok, not electric motor cycles.

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Mercer island should invest in bike lanes like Seattle. There should be bike lanes up Island Crest Way and arterials.

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Please have like bikes and scooters available on the island for easy transport to the park and ride, and hold a safety class for safe riding through neighborhoods (not island crest etc)

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I think we need to learn from the community that allowed Ebike's and a gentleman was hit and killed.

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I'd also like you to ask about use on sidewalks. Seems like class 2/3 shouldn't be on sidewalks either.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:07 AM	E bikes operated by untrained, top speed on sidewalks, and stop signs ignored riders will lead to a serious injury or death of pedestrian or rider. Unfortunate and avoidable.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:36 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 01:09 PM	E bikes for there intended purpose are great. But any tool used incorrectly can be dangerous. Or a device that is made to look like a normal tool that is then stripped of built in safety caps can be dangerous (e motorcycles) when applying rules meant for pedal assisted e bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 02:47 PM	The way they're allowed to ride on the roads in an unsafe manner needs to stop. There needs to be enforcement.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 02:59 PM	I have seen young e-bike riders who do not know basic "rules" for bike riders including identifying themselves to walkers or other bikers; making turns into traffic on streets.; obviously biking around parking lots. Please publicize e-bike or e-motorcycle infractions or accidents to the extend possible as Issaquah and other police departments do.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 03:50 PM	Thank you for asking these questions! I am candidly not a fan of encouraging more e-bike use. My son is in 8th grade and I'm seeing a trend where boys are seeking faster and faster e-bikes with upgrades and modifications and the like, and frankly it isn't safe. These kids have access to motorized technology FAR before taking any sort of drivers ed class, and getting any sort of structured practice, and I don't think we should be encouraging it by opening up more spaces for their use. We as a family as going in the other direction by supporting mountain biking and trying to phase out the e-bike as much as possible.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 04:13 PM	I appreciate that Mercer Island government, proactively solicit input from all its residents who pay taxes to enjoy Mercer Island amenities before establishing regulations.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 08:20 PM	I think e-bikes have an important role to play for commuters, folks with strength or mobility concerns, etc. I am mostly concerned about the speed at which e-bikes that power without pedaling can go
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:00 PM	I want the kids to have fun, but they need to do so safely, without it being a burden on everyone else and scaring the hell out of people. At the speed of those bikes, they can be a deadly weapon, as recently seen in California... are we planning to wait until someone gets killed or seriously hurt to treat these bikes as the vehicles that they are? Preteens would never be allowed to drive a car without the proper training and full understanding of the rules and consequences if they violate them... and require a license to operate... because of the very real potential risk in not doing so this way.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:02 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:34 PM	Please be very careful with this regulation. Kids are speeding faster than even the speed limit doing wheelies and ignoring traffic and pedestrians with no helmets or even minimal protective wear as would be required with motorcycles or even bicycles.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 10:59 PM	Parents must take responsibility of their children and not allow minors without the proper license to operate e-bikes of any class. Mercer Island Police must be proactive in enforcing the laws around e-bikes in the absence of parental responsibility. Someone will get hurt or worse killed if the reckless use of e-bikes continues.

Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2026 11:44 PM	Please restrict e-Bikes to roads and specially-designated areas, and NOT include the bike obstacle course and training areas within those areas. e-Bikes are transportation vehicles more like Vespas and motorcycles than they are bikes of the sort used by children. They are incredibly dangerous and it is only a matter of time before a toddler is seriously injured or killed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:39 AM	E-bikes and e-scooters are excellent options for transportation. I use mine often. But they must yield to and not interfere with pedestrians. They must operate slowly enough to allow pedestrians and dog walkers to respond to their presence. They MUST ring a bell to notify they are approaching from behind.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 05:42 AM	Parents need to be responsible and teach their children how to ride safe...
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 08:20 AM	Let's all be safe
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 09:34 AM	
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Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:14 AM	It is just a matter of time until one of these e-bikes cause a death on Mercer Island or injury. The fact the city lets this happens is reckless and shows gross negligence on their part. Anytime you see e-bike you need to think of it as a dirt bike or motorcycle not as a bicycle. We should not be allowing them in our city.
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Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:42 AM	Let kids have fun
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 11:57 AM	I'm not opposed to E bikes, per se, but the way they are being used on the island is unreasonable. Many of the writers are young and don't seem to observe proper safety processes to ensure that all residents are able to use public spaces in a safe and calm environment
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:01 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2026 12:56 PM	The new signals in Town Center adversely affect pedestrians and bikes in favor of cars, especially left turning cars.

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Thank you for providing a space for feedback.

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Please make it illegal for E bikes to be in pedestrian heavy zones like sidewalks. As well as pioneer Park.

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All ebikes should be required to have hi vis & reflective triangles front and rear. And not be ridden 30 min before sunset and 30 min after sunrise.

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Thank you for your time!

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Bike riders need to pass a test and get a license

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My whole family rides ebikes now. It started when I was unable to ride with my family due to hip issues. It was a game changer. Use shouldn't be limited, but irresponsible users should be fined

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5/23/2026 02:33 PM

Please, please put restrictions on e-bikes for safety reasons. Even on the LID! It's so dangerous. At least put signs saying SLOW... or speed bumps or lanes for bikes only. Walking lanes and wheel lanes. Like at Greenlake.

Mercerdale should not allow e-bikes... and the streets on Mercer Island-all bikes should use bike lanes-even regular bikes. Not sidewalks.

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Make bike paths please

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Hold parents accountable for their children's unsafe behavior.

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No motorized vehicles in our parks!

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Put a ban on all e-motorcycles and e-bikes that do not need peddling in all park/trail.

Require helmets rated for higher speeds as well.

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I've had many bad experiences with bicycles or e-bikes. The majority have no respect for pedestrians or the rules of the road. They continually expect everyone to see them, get out of their way, and act like they always have the right of way.

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5/24/2026 09:11 AM

Thanks for tackling this topic.

I could see allowing e-bikes on the short connector trails (there are many of these to get from neighborhoods to the Mercer Ways, etc) when the only road alternative would increase travel distance by a half mile or more.

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5/24/2026 09:14 AM

Thank you for conducting this survey. Children who do not have any rules of the road training should not be riding class 3 e-bikes. It is dangerous for everyone. Parks with wooded, natural surfaces on trails for walking or horses should not allow class 2 or 3 e-bikes. All wheeled vehicles should have to follow vehicular rules of road including stopping at lights and intersections with stop signs.

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5/24/2026 09:59 AM

Kids that can't drive cars and have no safety training that goes with that privilege - are operating these motorized vehicles at high rates of speed and not paying attention. I have a friend whose daughter died riding an e-bike - while wearing a helmet. They are too dangerous and too unregulated. Don't ruin our parks.

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5/24/2026 10:03 AM

If they are going to allow e-bikes even assisted ones, perhaps there need to be speed signage listed. Like no faster than 15mph. That would also help slow down the other non e-bikers because they can often fly down fast and dangerously as well. Any type of bike could injure or kill a pedestrian.

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I wish the MIPD would enforce the laws around electric motorcycles in the parks and on the streets

Yes. A group of adults nearly ran me and my husband off the trail the other day as they entered the park and we were exiting. They were going way too fast and came around a corner. There are also groups of middle school boys who use the trails and also go much too quickly.

We actually walk in Island Crest Park at least once a day. (That wasn't an option above.)

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Thank you for looking into this!

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E-bikes are great. Don't ban them in our parks and trails because of general hysteria.

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Please don't allow teens to ride e-bikes around Mercer island. They are basically motorcycles. Extremely dangerous for everyone

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We have a problem with e-bike rides on the streets of Mercer Island as well. Especially youth with very powerful e-bikes. Separate issue.

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I have seen kids almost get hit in the south end Qfc parking lot on e-bikes and dread the day a child dies there.

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In an ideal world, it's less about what type of bike is being used and more about speed and mass in the case of a collision. Speed limits would be great if they were enforceable.

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Enforce standards

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Now that the City has the e-motorcycles out of the parks, think carefully about regulating what doesn't appear to be a problem. Since bicycles have been allowed on park trails for years, making an exception for e-bikes (class 1 & 2) would require a strong justification in my opinion.

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Restore the Island Crest suspension bridge. It is a signature of the park and a statement of the quality of living in a natural setting. I have heard that it was dismantled due to safety concerns, but it was no more risky than allowing bikes on the narrow trails.

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Thank you for this survey but I really think you should also consider regulations on e-scooters - more so than e-bikes. E-scooters whip in and out of people walking on sidewalks and trails and sometimes use bike lanes - definitely at greater than 15 mph.

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Please make strict limits for the use of e-bikes in parks and on trails and open spaces on Mercer Island.

6/01/2026 10:47 AM

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It feels sad that I don't see more kids on bikes in our community, like we had when I was growing up. So I don't want to discourage people from using parks when they are the safer option for biking. I just think bike-welcoming routes would be better so walkers who are elderly or young don't have safety hazards. It's also very important for the city to keep educating kids about bike safety.

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Nope!

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Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 03:32 PM	E-bikes seem like a great way for Island kids to get around. Parents need to educate them more on safety and take it more seriously. There are a few bad apples that ruin usage for all kids.
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Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 08:40 PM	If we have a problem with bikes in parks, let's invest in more bike infrastructure. More purpose built bike parks, lanes, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2026 10:49 PM	Injuries and deaths are coming, it's a matter of time. Frankly, I don't have sympathy for the parents of an injured e-bike rider. Their family made a choice to purchase an e-bike. I have a deep concern for the injury of children, adults, and pets hit by an e-bike rider. I have deep concern that the park trails no longer feel like a safe place to walk. I have a deep concern about the police department's policy to not pursue or ticket e-bike riders. The city policy and police department need to ask quickly and decisively.
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I have a disability, which caused me to stop using my non-powered bike. My electric bike lets me continue to get out with my husband and high schooler. It support accessibility, and lets me be a part of a be a part of bike outings.

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E bike usage with speeds up to 20 mph should not be allowed without a valid drivers license and not on streets without dedicated bike lanes.

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E-bikes are a great way for older people or those with disabilities to stay active and for younger people to get around Mercer Island to/from school, etc. I think it would be a big mistake if the City of Mercer Island were to ban e-bikes in our parks.

Overall, our parks should be accessible to everyone. If people are behaving recklessly in our parks, we don't need more laws or a ban on e-bikes to address the problem. There are already laws in place (e.g., disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace laws) that can address unsafe or reckless behavior without a ban that would hurt the vast majority of us who are safe riders.

Btw, I think this survey has some flaws. You may not get accurate answers from it as some people will conflate legal e-bikes with illegal e-motorcycles. Many non-bikers don't really know the difference. And I know the reputation of legal, responsible e-bikers has been damaged by youth behaving recklessly on illegal e-motorcycles. The City has already put in place more strict laws on illegal e-motorcycles. I'd much rather postpone more major rule changes until the impact of the new e-motorcycle laws becomes clear. My feeling is those new laws, if enforced, will solve the vast majority of the problems we've had on the Island.

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Again I think this problem is primarily an issue with kids which can be helped with school participation and education. And education to parents. I am shocked at the near misses I have already seen on the island with kids that could very easily been tragic

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This problem is basically a behavioral and facilities one. Trying to enforce rules based on what class of e-bike someone is using is going very difficult.

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I think there should be speed limit signs on mixed use trails. Setting the speed limit to 15 miles an hour would be reasonable. The type of Bicycle is not the issue, but the behavior of the cyclist. Also, the trails most needed by E bike and Bicycle commuters should be 12 feet wide for safety. I would urge Mercer Island to adopt best practices in trail development for mixed use.

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Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2026 11:23 PM	I would ban e-motocycles from off-street paths and sidewalks; and I would not treat class-2 e-bikes as e-motorcycles. Consider designating some pathways as "congested thoroughfares" (such as along Island Crest Way from the elementary school north and south) and make exceptions allowing all types of e-bikes, and post required reduced speeds (<10 mph) for all wheeled vehicles. Make sure any new regulations accommodate motorized wheelchairs.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 08:21 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 10:16 AM	We all need to share our space and teach compromises that work for the safety and fun of being outdoors.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 10:38 AM	Mercer Island is disallowed from changing cycling practices (class 1,2,3) on the Mountains to Sound bikeway that would be different from the rules of neighboring cities. WSDOT also must approve changes. The M to S bikeway is an important thoroughfare for commuters, recreational riders and for less experienced riders (and children) to navigate a safe area while on bikes. The current state legislation is consistent with that. Changes that remove class 1, 2 or 3 bikes would be a bad outcome. The City should not treat ebikes different from regular bikes on the trails. The city should consider adopting a speed limit on congested areas of the trails, although most riders already respect pedestrians by adopting sensible cycling speeds within the Parks. The City should not adopt arguments used against ridership of under age individuals on e-moto bikes with that of children and adults who are safely riding ebikes on the MI trail system. E-bikes should be banned everywhere on the Island.
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Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2026 08:23 PM	I'm assuming open spaces includes our neighborhood streets. Rules of the road should apply to all e-bikes no matter what age group (those younger than car driving age).
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2026 07:08 AM	<p>1. My main e-bike concern is actually a global bike concern. People should fully understand the rules of the road and trails before using them. This mainly applies to younger kids.</p> <p>2. We should enforce existing speed limits and road rules, not ban bikes. I'm not suggesting ticketing, rather reminders.</p> <p>3 e-bikes are amazing for helping people who are disabled, recover from injury (like I was), getting back into shape, or seeking a car alternative. Any sort of ban hurts those populations.</p> <p>4. I would support small "walk your bike" reminder signage on trails where bikes are not allowed. I learned to ride my bike on the street and walk my bike on sidewalk. This is not common practice & I think confusing on MI</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2026 09:02 AM	I suggest focusing efforts on promoting responsible riding more than restricting use.
Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2026 10:07 AM	Please don't ban ebikes but figure out a way to educate people on the rules of bike usage in parks

Screen Name Redacted 6/26/2026 07:11 PM	<p>I am concerned if banning all e-bikes in parks is being considered. Cyclists who are a menace should be dealt with. It is grossly unfair to punish one category of cyclists for the behavior of others. Punish or address the behavior, not the category.</p> <p>As a case in point, I interviewed an MI officer about enforcement of class 3 e-bikes should they be banned in parks. He was unaware they need to be pedaled, and confused them with motor scooters.</p> <p>The bigger issue is completing safe routes on the island. A priority should be finishing the north-south bike route. That would provide a safer route along the spine of the island, to the benefit of kids (it would connect all the public schools and access the bike skills area, ball fields, etc.), commuters accessing the light rail (you are aware Metro service is woefully inadequate and the PNR is often full by 7:30), and town center. That N-S route was proposed over 30 years ago. It's time to do it.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/27/2026 03:36 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 6/28/2026 09:44 PM	I think the first part of the survey, where you rank options, was a little confusing.
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 11:15 AM	
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Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 05:00 PM	Please provide more safe and protected (with barriers) bike lanes through Mercer Island, but especially the town center area. If sufficient facilities are provided along car corridors and roads, the trails would be even more open for pedestrians to use and would be safer for everyone
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 05:21 PM	We don't allow motorcycle in our parks and we shouldn't allow e bikes
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 06:09 PM	High powered E-bikes are dangerous for teen riders
Screen Name Redacted 7/11/2026 07:43 PM	For me it's all about safety. It is our job as parents and grandparents to put rules in place to protect our kids. They need to understand traffic safety and follow the rules when it comes to stop signs, yield signs and passing. Helmets should be mandatory citations should be given if riders are exhibiting unlawful or dangerous behavior on their bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 7/13/2026 10:14 PM	Enforcing any regulations inside parks is likely only to be done through peer pressure and cultural norms.
Screen Name Redacted 7/14/2026 12:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 7/14/2026 07:57 PM	Any throttle bike should not be on MI trails. I-90 trail is different
Screen Name Redacted 7/16/2026 01:53 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 7/21/2026 05:21 PM	If you decide to allow e bikes on trails with restrictions you need to be willing to ENFORCE the restrictions AND penalize offenders, otherwise it will be meaningless. Ebikes are a menace and should not be allowed on or trails!

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No e-bikes please and if you must regulate them to the biggest capacity possible. Thank you!

When the middle school kids are riding e-bikes in packs, in the parks and on the streets, it's a little scary to be a pedestrian in those areas.

Thank you for doing this research. I hope a safe option can be reached to protect our young bikers and the non biking public.

Shame on these parents for buying these battery operated scooters and bikes. Pedal like I did/do using your own body power. So irresponsible of these parents. They send them out with little to no training. It's a miracle there aren't more accidents. I've seen so much terrible behavior of these time and time again. The other day saw a kid going northbound past the post office squirreling left to right as he proceeded up the street in a reckless manner.

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I love my e-bike and would love to ride it on the Mercer Island trails. I would be polite and considerate to others on the trail.

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No, just that I appreciate the time spent on the issue and ensuring that commuters can continue to use the ebikes lockers and train connection as that's the reason we moved here.

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They need to have licensing insurance and better helmets

Screen Name Redacted 8/09/2026 03:03 PM	The ranking question was very poorly worded. Make surveys straight forward to get clear, actionable results.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 01:50 PM	Ist part of survet confusing and difficult to answer.
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 05:14 PM	Please ban e-bikes on Mercer Island! It is not safe for the riders nor any driver or pedestrian near by. The kids are reckless and should pass a motorcycle test in order to ride on a road while following traffic laws.
Screen Name Redacted 8/10/2026 08:44 PM	I feel like restrictions should not be made since the affect to the community is almost none. With the shutting down of most of the bike parks it's obvious that riders have migrated elsewhere
Screen Name Redacted 8/11/2026 08:51 AM	Thanks for talking this seriously.
Screen Name Redacted 8/11/2026 04:23 PM	I personally don't like e-bikes on the island at all.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/15/2026 11:45 AM	Thank you for creating the survey and looking at options to address the safety issues. One area that wasn't touched upon in the survey is about the age of the bikers on the equipment. I would like to see a minimum age of 16 and suggest tying it to the obtaining of a driving permit and or license information about e-biking and safety could be included in drivers head training.
Screen Name Redacted 8/15/2026 01:24 PM	There seems to be little safety awareness among the E bike riders. Are they subject to any kind of training program? Many of the bikes seem to be ridden like small motorcycles.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:06 PM	No thank you
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:07 PM	
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 12:08 PM	Don't take away e-bike access for kids. The vast majority are responsible.

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The island has so many hills. And e-bikes make it more accessible for kids to be out outside. Much better to be on an E bike then on screens.

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Thanks for making this survey and caring about the degradation tha e-bikes are posing to the community

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It is important to allow e-bikes on the island - it is a great transportation device that allows more people to get out and reduce the cars on our road. Even more so now that the train is running. It is easy to ride an ebike to the train and take it on with you.

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Please outlaw ebikes

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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:40 PM	MI should implement e-bicycle licenses, and all the responsibilities that comes with it including have MIPD issue citations.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:41 PM	<p>After multiple emails to the public and now finally receiving a survey, I have to be honest that I have very little confidence that this process will result in any meaningful or positive change. Community input only matters if it leads to meaningful action. Simply collecting opinions, acknowledging concerns, and then continuing with the status quo does not address the safety issues that residents are raising.</p> <p>At this point, I am concerned that this survey may ultimately become another exercise in gathering feedback without any real forward movement, accountability, or enforcement. I sincerely hope I am proven wrong.</p> <p>I am asking for more than a survey. I am asking for our community leaders to listen to residents, acknowledge the documented safety concerns, establish reasonable regulations, and—most importantly—actually enforce them.</p> <p>We should not have to wait for someone to be seriously injured before meaningful action is taken</p>
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 01:44 PM	
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:15 PM	Ebikes on designated trails makes sense with meaningful speed limits. 20mph is too fast for the weight of the bikes and the typical experience of young riders
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:27 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 02:39 PM	Please don't ban e-bikes. Ban bad behavior. They are an excellent way to explore the island and surrounding areas in a safe and comfortable manner.
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Thank you for your work to educate our community and to seek feedback and input. I wish that they could be outlawed.

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Thanks for conducting the survey. I hope the parks remain safe and quiet as they should be for all nature lovers.

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I think there should be a firm minimum age and I think that anyone operating an e-bike should be required to take a course and pass an exam and driving test.

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Please ban e bikes on parks and when they are being used on roads please restrict them to bike lanes.

Since they move fast , a number of riders try wheelies with them in the middle of the road and pavements putting themselves and everyone around them at risk

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The ranking of different E bike levels in order of some sort of importance was a difficult question to decipher. I have a feeling your data will be dirty here.

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I understand kids like the freedom the bike gives but they are too young... going too fast. Give them a place to mess around but not on tax payers trails.

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Please keep the young kids out of the skatepark as a whole unless they come intending to learn how to skateboard.

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We are strongly against any kind of e-bikes on the island.

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This survey was poorly written. Id recommend revisiting intentions.

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I love Mercer Island trails. Please cancel my info outside of E bikes.

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Please also consider enhancing the rules on dogs not on leashes on the walkways. I've had numerous encounters of off leashed dogs around Aubrey Davis park paved trails. The city website is very vague on whether unleashed dogs are allowed on this trail. I believe they are not allowed. They create an extreme hazard for cyclists and runners.

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The E-bikes are too fast to be on the pedestrian paths. They need to be treated as motorized vehicles on the road and riders should have basic knowledge and rules of road safety before being on the E-bikes

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My biggest recommendations are as follows:

1. The City of Mercer Island should actively encourage class 1-2 ebikes so parents who are very much likely not aware of the legal situation have a clear understanding of what Mercer Island allows and wants children to be safely using. This can be as complex as going through the school systems and ebike manufacturers or preferable a simple shopping suggestion page on the City and School websites for legal and allowed ebikes.

2. Make bike infrastructure better, the City of Mercer Island is in a very awkward position on ebikes as a whole as the majority of ridership is primarily 16 and under. To prevent possible crashes and serious injuries protected bike lanes near schools and in commercial hubs would be a generally huge improvement. Also, I have had 2 bikes stolen on Mercer Island and love the bikelink locker system. However, it is all concentrated in one spot rather than being spread out around downtown and in the south mercer commercial area.

3. Don't demonize what some people have as their only option. I have had many parents who were very clearly uninformed on the actual laws and regulations of ebikes. They expected empathy and sympathy for people who could get hit by ebikes but had no empathy or sympathy for the rider who is very likely a child who is going to cry and be confused who an adult is screaming at them, grabbing them, or in the worse case trying to hit them with a car/truck/van. In general a clear understanding of ebikes on Mercer Island for uninformed adults and children would be a huge improvement for everyone involved.

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I think e bikes are generally fine on the streets. They should not be allowed on trails or sidewalks.

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Greetings with passers-by who walk on trails is a benefit that cannot be experienced by bike riders.. Bike riders would interfere with tranquility and diminish the value of time spent walking.

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I think that it would be beneficial if we capped a speed of e bikes in parks to less than or about 10 MPH so that it is not unsafe or disruptive to residents, while still allowing use of the bikes in the park. If the bike is class 2, it might be beneficial to also not allow throttle use in the parks. Thank You for your work!

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There are few places where pedestrians can walk or run without worrying for their safety especially physical harm. The parks and trails are one of those places. E Bikes have many options for their use. There is no need for them to be in the parks and trails.

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E-bikes are not necessary and kids should be doing proper exercise. These bikes are not only dangerous, it's crating lazy kids who are too young and irresponsible to understand road rules before they have a legal license.

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Full disclosure- My e bike is a class 2, maxed out at 20mph, and gives power assistance when I pedal and with a hand throttle. The throttle is most useful at intersections/traffic lights, especially if they are on an incline. It can be hard to get a 70lb bike going on an incline. One of the survey options suggested only class 1 and class 3 bikes be allowed, presumably because they both require pedaling to activate the power assist. I think that whether one is pedaling or throttling, speed is the factor that increases the danger. 28 mph feels a lot more dangerous than 20mph. I would feel this way even if I didn't own an e bike with a throttle.

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Moto bikes should not be allowed on island.

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Parents wake up...your kids need to know the rules of the road...

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E-bikes and e-scooters are very concerning. I like the independence it gives kids but there aren't enough rules. They should all require a license. They should not be allowed in parks or on athletic fields.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and for asking the community. Appreciate it. Accidents are going to increase, but you've done all you can apart from banning them, or requiring helmets.

Wish these were not a 'fad' for unsupervised children.

Never thought I'd feel unsafe coming out of a grocery store, but I have adjusted life to discontinue shopping except during school hours when they are not 'ruling' the sidewalks. So i have to live by the Mercer Island school calendar, and believe me, I do.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:04 PM	I am okay with our policy allowing e bikes on streets and paved areas where they already are commonly used, but don't think there's any real use or value in having them inside of parks and on non-bike trails. Who wants this access?
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:09 PM	But in contrast, there are many people, young and old, who visit our parks and expect they don't need to worry about being run over by something going 20 mph.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:09 PM	Should require license to drive these and helmet as well
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:13 PM	Thank you for doing this survey!
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:17 PM	Just share the space dont limit the activities. Everyone has fun on there own terms. As a base line it seems people just love to complain and have too much time on their hands.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:27 PM	E-bikes should be limited to spaces appropriate for a machine that goes 20 mph, which is not most of the parks and trails on MI. E-motos should not be allowed at all on any trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:31 PM	Enforce the proper usage of motorized vehicles. Make parents liable for their kids riding their bikes on the street and on parks (and destroying them) Ok to put speed limits on trails to ensure pedestrians are safe.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:37 PM	They should be banned. All of them. Kids die on them. I have almost hit one myself because it zipped out in front of me. Why is this even a debate? People can ride regular bikes. No one needs a bike to go that fast, especially kids.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:39 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:40 PM	E-bikes should use roads as cars given speed.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:42 PM	Should be prohibited outside a bike path

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:42 PM	<p>License all e bikes. Riders and parents must pass a test on use of e bikes especially distinguishing the faster and motor ebikes. NO RIDING UNLESS 16 and have a licensed bike.</p> <p>the Police fail to do their job because they are afraid of the repercussions by parents wh are very wealthy. Prents should have a big fine. I hate to see a group of girls and oor boys harassing other studetns. Bullying is bad but this is dangerouse and like threatening.</p> <p>Residents should follow the laws and not take surveys to ride on the trails where the B IKE or the KID is above others- but the law says no.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:44 PM	E-bikes are motor bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:45 PM	It's tough because some riders will be more responsible and civil and some won't. It's not an easy call.
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:46 PM	These bikes are such a hazard. It is not advisable to encourage it.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 08:56 PM	Nay.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 09:02 PM	Ebikes are not safe on bike paths. When you are cycling ~15 mph and someone blows by you going twice your speed with no warning, it can be scary.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:03 PM	Class one E bikes should have some place to enjoy but the others should not be allowed. They are generally unsafe to heavy and go too fast.

Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:07 PM	I just think it needs to be pointed out that if we ban ebikes from all parks and trails, that will force a bunch of ebike riders onto the roads, and that could be much worse. my daughter got an ebike this summer and tries to use paved sidewalks and paved trails as much as possible, including those in parks like Aubrey Davis/Lid park and the trail that connects the floating bridge to the east channel bridge. if she wasn't allowed to use that trail, she'd be forced onto the roads instead, and that would be way more dangerous. i support ebike usage on paved trails, but would rather not see them on unpaved trails like in Pioneer Park or Luther Burbank
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:10 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 10:13 PM	Yes, e-bikes are extremely dangerous and ruin the community.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/17/2026 11:48 PM	Stop creating more rules. The government micro management is not going to fix anything. The city would be better to focus on actual public safety and crime.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:12 AM	I'd like to see police officers clocking kids for misuse of bikes and motorcycles than only positioned in places to ticket licensed drivers. Kids would benefit from being pulled over
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Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:18 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:43 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:45 AM	I personally have used an E bike, class one, and find it very helpful. I think they are great and should be written on the road, follow all traffic rules, and be allowed on paved trails in our park systems that are wide enough to accommodate both walkers and bike riders.

Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 07:52 AM	Please, address the dogs problem as well.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:02 AM	Stop regulating - if it isn't a problem, don't turn it into one. Obviously, "e-motos" shouldn't be allowed on walking trails, but stop diverting from the fact that a select few ruin the reputation of e-bikes for the rest of us.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:12 AM	Having motorized vehicles on a trail seems obviously like a bad idea. These should follow same laws as motorcycles.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:18 AM	E-bike is a more convenient and environmental friendly choice to live in Mercer island.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 09:18 AM	It would be a failure of leadership to disregard the safety of MI residents in favor of wishful thinking that kids will operate these bikes safely. it's disappointing to even have to explain this.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 10:34 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 11:51 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:01 PM	Thank you for doing this survey. Biking is super important for our future.
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:37 PM	I own a class 1 e-bike and enjoy riding it around
Screen Name Redacted 8/18/2026 12:40 PM	Thank you for creating this survey to have an open conversation about regulating e bikes
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E-bike riders need safety education to follow rules of parks and roads. The e-bike is not the problem so much as people who disrespect rules or pets and other people while riding. E-bikes shouldn't go faster than typical bikes in parks, and there should always be helmets, just like regular bikes.

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There's definitely a problem with teenagers and preteens riding E bikes around the city of Mercer Island. Many of these young riders do not understand the rules of the road when it comes to cycling. I think the city and the board of education in partnership with families needs to focus on educating the youth on how to safely ride their e bikes. And class 3 e bikes should be prohibited for children under 16 years old. THEY RIDE TOO and reckless . other states are already adopting laws prohibiting anyone under 16 from riding class 3 e bikes and the moto bikes.

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E-bikes should be banned on roads as well as public parks.

A valid driver's license must also be required to use e-bikes since many of the middle schoolers currently using them have never driven a car and do not understand the rules of the road.

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Kids need exercise-they shouldn't have e-bikes.

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I hate e-bikes! Adults and children should use manpower to ride bikes.

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There seems to be a large number of children riding E motorcycles in a variety of locations in Mercer Island, often without helmet, without license, riding on sidewalks, trails, through park areas, and the skate park at Mercerdale. This is dangerous both for the riders and to park users and is illegal, and should be enforced by police. If the same activities were being performed on gasoline motorcycles, I believe it would already be readily enforced and should be for e motor cycles.

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E bikes get kids outside away from digital devices, healthy choice.

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We would like to see improved law enforcement of E bikes on city roads and side walks.

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E-bikes need to be more adequately regulated. They should not be able to be ridden on sidewalks (repeatedly they drive too fast passed my kids and I walking or riding our bikes). I am not sure if signs are enough - riders repeatedly ignore signs on ballfields and parks saying they should not be ridden on the fields or parks.

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The danger of e-bikes stems from their speed, which is easily accomplished by those who are not in physical shape to sustain such speeds without assistance. A cyclist who can maintain 20mph without assistance, likely had many years of experience riding a bike in traffic and around others. Anyone can start at this level of speed without experience when using an E-bike. This is why ebikes need to be treated differently from regular bikes to ensure the safety of those around them.

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My main concern with e-bikes is that they enable any person, regardless of age, skill, control, or experience to accelerate to a speed that is dangerous to others in areas intended for pedestrians. Young riders with no training or licensing are capable of causing dangerous and even deadly collisions. Even if the riders tried to be safe and considerate, it's not fair to pedestrians, especially small children or elderly folks, to have to make way for these vehicles in any manner. In reality, riders tend to be reckless youth who ride with no regard for the safety of others or even themselves. On sidewalks the riders take up too much space, forcing pedestrians to step out of the way. On trails there's even less space, making an already dangerous passing more so.

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Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:39 PM	They also tear up dirt trails
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:48 PM	We don't live in the county. Our parks and trails are heavily used. Many users have dogs and small children with them or are seniors. Several walking groups of ladies in their 60-80s use the parks and trails. Motorized vehicles should be on roads and follow rules of the road. E-bikes go too fast. If it was assistance at a slower speed I would be ok with it. Like 5 mph to get up a hill. But that's not what these vehicles do.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:53 PM	Foot paths and e-bikes are incompatible!
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Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:54 PM	The Mercer Island middle school together with MI police should be training their students on safe e-bike riding and how to ensure the safety of pedestrians and dog walkers who share the sidewalks and trails. A speed limit of 10 mph should be given for e-bikes on sidewalks, trails and in parks. Grade school students on their non-e bikes are doing a much better job of riding at reasonable speeds, and warning pedestrians up ahead that they are coming (ringing their bells, calling "on your right!" etc.) and could teach the middle schoolers how it should be done.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:56 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 04:59 PM	Kids should be required to take a safety and rules of the road class, and pass. Would you give a kid a small motorcycle and turn him loose to the trails, sidewalks and roads without basic common sense training?
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:04 PM	Let's love our e bikers n help them belong. Begin with looking at what we can do as a community if concerned citizens. PS I ride an e biker for recreation everyday.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:08 PM	How many accidents do we have to witness by putting more e-bikes on the streets when we have these great trails they could be on, off the roads
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:08 PM	No
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:11 PM	For those that want to ban bikes I suggest they go for a ride on the streets during a rush hour next to parks like pioneer park, and see how comfortable and safe they feel when there is not adequate space for cars and bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:23 PM	Please do not make our parks dangerous by allowing e-bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:25 PM	Bikes went so fast to mercerdale park and I was walking and 2 other people were shoked
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:30 PM	Please, please, make a law that forbids e-bikes in parks and trails.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:48 PM	We need some protected bike lanes where they can ride to get n/s and e/w especially for commuters to get to the light rail and park and ride and teens to get to school/downtown.

Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 05:51 PM	Familiarize yourselves with all of the trails of Pioneer Park. Many of the trails do not allow for users to see more than 10 to 20 feet ahead. It is foreseeable that e-bike riders of all types will likely ride into walkers with resultant injuries. Is the city ready to deal with the liability issues?
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 06:13 PM	Parents should be aware of how their children are conducting themselves when out in public!
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Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 06:56 PM	We need stricter regulations and they should be rigorously enforced. Kids are treating e-bikes like toys and they're not. I fear that nothing will change until somebody is killed or seriously hurt
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 07:13 PM	I like seeing electric commuter bikes - parents and young children and safe usage by adults. They have a place. But absent a disability nothing good comes from having children on electric bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 07:24 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/19/2026 08:06 PM	Bike safety and awareness community events would be great. Ask any provider from Harborview about the large uptick in traumatic injuries to the population in general from e-bikes and e-scooters. Also, can we bring back encouraging helmets? As a PT, I don't like seeing so many people ride without one.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:08 AM	Many Americans are obese and struggling financially, e-bikes allow many people the ability to get outdoors and exercise and also to take an evoke rather than their gas guzzling car or the reduced service of public transportation on the Island. Adults should not be penalized for parents that don't teach (or a city that doesn't require) knowledge of road rules. When I was a kid we had to pass a rules of the test to get a bike license.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:28 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:02 AM	Why do we need to share trails and parks with e-bikes? These are the same as allowing motorcycles or ATV. There are plenty of studies showing the increase in serious injuries to pedestrians when you allow e-bikes to mix in traditionally pedestrian areas. Speed kills!
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:19 AM	I've recently seen kids on e-bikes going way to fast down residential streets while on their phone!

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As a parent of a kid who has an e-bike, I want you guys to know that these bikes don't neatly fall into 3 categories. These kids make mods, and download apps, to make them go faster. My son found some app that can make his class-2 bike (max speed 20 with a throttle) go a bit faster. One of his friends built a bike using his mom's old frame, popping a separately-purchased motor on it that can (apparently) go almost 40mph. It almost gets to a point where no two bikes are alike. That's why I voted to not allow e-bikes in the parks at all. How do you control all this? And how do you keep residents (especially our older citizens) safe with this reality?

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People less than 18 should not be allowed to ride non pedal assist bikes. Top speed should be limited to 15 miles per hour.

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I'm hoping a e-bike plan can be put in place and enforced. The situation has become so dangerous. If something isn't put in place I believe families will be sued and the city will have legal action taken against them. Recently in California a kid hit an elderly man with his e-bike and killed him. They charged the mothers for his death. Kids brains are not developed enough to make safe decisions for themselves. I was working in my front yard when I witnessed a kid on a e-bike pass a car on 92nd down from the high school on the wrong side of the road, ran the stop sign going onto 40th and caused a car to slam on it's brakes. If something happened to that kid, I'm sure the parents would go after the driver of the car.

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We are in a new era of these vehicles that are mostly maneuvered by children and teenagers. There are not enough rules, not enough training, not enough safety measures to keep both riders and pedestrians safe. In my four years on Mercer Island, I have seen an immeasurable amount of unsafe behavior on these bikes -- lack of helmets, multiple riders, high speeds, cutting in front of cars, driving on the opposite side of the road, cutting through parks at high speeds despite the many young children around. Someone or many people are going to get severely hurt -- riders and pedestrians--and more needs to be done to keep everyone safe. The city uniquely attracts these vehicles because of the average wealth of our citizens, many of whom can afford to make such a purchase, and also the hilly topography of our city, which makes an e-bike significantly more appealing than a regular bike -- the onus is on our city to require more quickly implemented, more effective rules and laws and guidance to keep everyone safe before something catastrophic happens. I am happy this survey exists and I hope it's an important step to getting action to keep everyone safe.

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Please please please make stricter rules for e-bikes. We have denser populations of senior folks and little kids on the island and the consequences of not riding e-bikes safely can be a lot.

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Question 7 will not give you useful information because of how confusing it is to answer

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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 11:43 AM	We need to implement tough restrictive measures now to prevent injuries and pushback later.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:05 PM	E-bikes are powerful vehicles that should be operated with the same care and limitations as with gasoline vehicles of similar size and capability. It is not about the fuel source, but rather the velocity and force that these vehicles are operated with.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:35 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 12:42 PM	Think about a nautical theme here – Motorized boat versus a sailboat, or a row boat. A non-powered vessel always has the right-of-way, the motorized boat must always yield to the non-motorized vessel. Why can't that same concept apply with motorized E bikes and bicycles versus pedestrians anywhere?
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:08 PM	There are plenty of roads for cyclists to ride on. Please don't allow them on all the trails!
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:29 PM	Thanks for the survey. I don't think motorized bikes should be allowed on walking paths.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 01:54 PM	There are a lot of middle school and younger kids riding carelessly on roads as well as trails. I have never seen any attempt by authorities to correct inappropriate behavior. There are many riders who seem to use these bikes appropriately. Would help to have clear and enforced rules.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:07 PM	Please make our town safe
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:11 PM	I appreciate that this is being discussed and that I am able to share my opinion. Thank you
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 02:13 PM	No e-bikes!!
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 03:02 PM	Some enforcement is needed before we lose a kid.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:08 PM	I fully anticipate tragedies occurring with the e-bikes and young people not yet of driving age to happen!! I truly feel that it is irresponsible for parents of kids under the driving age to allow their kids without frontal lobes to put both themselves and others in great danger!
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:11 PM	Though we don't have children in our immediate household, we have 4 young grandchildren living on MI. Concerned with their safety as we utilize the parks and trails.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 04:53 PM	For the safety of everyone ban all ebikes. There is no way to monitor every bike to see what class it is. I dont need to break a hip if i want to enjoy the trails or take a walk on the path.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:27 PM	I like turtles
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 06:34 PM	Ban e bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 07:15 PM	No.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 08:41 PM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 08:50 PM	Similar issues on city streets and sidewalks & bike paths. Youth and inexperience of eRiders
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:23 PM	I hope this issue is taken seriously. I appreciate the City is having discussions about this. It seems it's a matter of time before there could be fatal injuries to either the rider or a pedestrian.
Screen Name Redacted 8/20/2026 09:25 PM	Yes. Regulation of e bikes, scooters, etc should be comprehensive and not limited to trail use. The use of e-bikes on surface roads , sidewalks in parking lots, etc is out of control. And with no age limitation judgment is poor. There is need for a training/licensing program to assure knowledge of rules of the road and safety practices. Helmets should also be mandatory along with an age requirement. As is the case with non powered bikes, knowledge of the rules is required and there should be limited licenses issued for their operation. They should also require a license plate and the operators should be an insurance requirement in the event they injure someone. As is the case with a firearm, the parent should be legally responsible for irresponsible e-bike operation by the child because the parent purchased then machine and allowed his child to operate it without proper training, safety gear, knowledge, etc. the e-bikes are dangerous devices both to the operator and to the public and should be treated and regulated accordingly.

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Please continue to ban and enforce no E-Motos on paths on Mercer Island. They are dangerous and go far faster than is safe to be around people walking and on regular bikes.

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There MUST be more important issues to address

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Let's restrict car speeds to posted speed limits via speed cameras and active enforcement.

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This survey asks leading questions, provides leading answers, and is provides insufficient clarifying information about what type of trails are being asked. I don't expect the data provided from this survey structure would be legitimately useful to make policy decisions, but it sure looks like the data resulting from it can be used to push a specific point of view regardless of what the people answering want to say.

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Please do not restrict the use of e-bikes on the I-90 Trail, and please keep regulations simple and consistent with surrounding municipalities. People use the trail for transportation. It is not reasonable to force them to take unnecessary risks riding on the road.

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Restrict cars, not ebikes

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I'm a sudden cardiac arrest survivor. E-bikes allow me to choose active transportation and have been critical in my recovery. Losing access would be a major blow to my recovery and ability to commute. I'm currently pursuing work on Mercer Island and not being able to use my e-bike to commute to and in the island for this new job fills me with profound sadness.

Riding anywhere near cars is incredibly dangerous. I fear that if we push class 1-3 bikes into the street people will die.

Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 04:47 AM	All my e-bike encounters have been polite and safe. They should continue to be allowed to use the parks we all pay for. I am confused why your survey does not ask about e-motorcycles, however. These seem much more dangerous to the children who are often illegally riding them, and I see no reason to crack down on e-bikes, but I do think more enforcement of existing state law prohibiting e-motorcycles would be a more positive step.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:15 AM	The I-90 Trail is an essential part of regional transportation infrastructure, and being able to bike on it using all currently allowed e-bike classes is critical for regional mobility as well as my personal ability to access destinations around the county and beyond.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:23 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:37 AM	Please keep e bikes
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 06:59 AM	It would be nice if in fact, you actually listen to the residence, Of Mercer Island. It doesn't feel that you are lately. This used to be an idyllic place to live, not so much anymore.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:05 AM	Some type of enforced training program would be useful
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:05 AM	If it becomes impossible to commute from Bellevue to Seattle along the I-90 trail, Mercer Island will once again be sued.
	If your problem is e-motos, why are you trying to restrict e-bikes? The state was careful to introduce clear definitions between e-motos and e-bikes. E-bikes have speed limiters (unlike drivers on Mercer Island) and are generally used by responsible people. If you want to ban e-motos, focus on the e-motos.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:23 AM	Criminalizing e-bikes would be a very dumb move.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 07:52 AM	Main request is to separate pedestrian and bike areas
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:08 AM	I love Mercer Island parks! I use the south end trail systems and pioneer park the most. Luther Burbank we use the dog park a lot. I do think you should empty the trash cans in the picnic areas more frequently, it would keep the park cleaner.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:18 AM	The e- bikes don't bother me. They are perfect for MI terrain. The recreational fanatical bikers bother me so much more than e- bikes. The regular bikers go faster and ignore the rules. They think MI is their velodrome. E- bikes are used for transportation and keeps cars off the roads.
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 AM	They are so dangerous!
Screen Name Redacted 8/21/2026 08:33 AM	All ebikes are motorized vehicles.

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There is a difference between transit routes and paths made for walks in the park. E-bikes don't belong on the latter.

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Please focus on keeping vulnerable road users safe from vehicles first, not restricting flavors of e-bike. Discouraging e-motos is also a good idea since they aren't street legal to begin with.

Getting out an riding is great. As a piano teacher on MI and resident, I encourage my clients to ride. But training for the kids is necessary

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Please regulate e-motos. These are what kids are riding and terrorizing people with. They should be banned from trails, they should require licensing, and they should not be available to anyone under 18. They are completely separate from the class 1-3 ebike categories, they are not ebikes.

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Most roads have significant safety issues for all types of bikes. E-bikes should be allowed on trails at least until road safety issues are better addressed

Someone is going to get very badly hurt. By this point people should know better and it is a liability for the city to allow this level of reckless endangerment to continue.

We were promised by Council members at election time the laws for these bikes would be enforced- just teaching everyone to disobey the laws.

Laws: no one below 16 and no person without a license and also had not a registered bike- WHERE CAN THEY REGISTER?- would be stopped and bike taken away.

Just promise to get elected

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More education about bike safety in general needs to happen in the schools.

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I don't have a problem with most e-bike riders. The regular cyclists pretending they're on the Tour de France are the biggest problem, but a close second and rising are kids just being dumb on electric bikes. And half of that happens on streets.

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Not limited to Mercer island, but the increase in e-bike usage hasn't come with support for riders to train them on rules and safety. Not suggesting something as significant as licensing, but maybe offer classes at the community center and through the schools?

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We should only allow assisted bikes . E-bikes doesn't require pedaling should follow motorized vehicle rules, and strictly prohibited from the parks.

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All riders of e-bikes should be licensed

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E-bikes do not require to be on trails

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Do more to police the current laws. E-motorbikes and modified e-bikes, ridden without license, permit or insurance should be taken and destroyed

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Pls keep e-bikes for all

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Please don't regulate e-bike. Some kid (& adults) need understanding traffic laws. And postin signs like in pioneer Park about who yield to whom is helpful.

Having biking education days in the elementary and middle schools would be very beneficial.

E-bike have made Mercer island less car dependent for going to parks, schools, grocery stores, etc.

*Now e-motorcycles is a different story. Those should not be allowed parks as they are literally motorcycles and they all operators should be required to have a motorcycle license to drive. (I have ridden motorcycles most my life) to safely operate them on Mercer island you should have a motorcycle license and know traffic laws -

Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 07:25 AM	This should be a statewide issue. These bikes are unsafely overwhelming everywhere..:(
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 08:02 AM	Please allow E bikes where other bikes are allowed. It doesn't make any sense to not allow E bikes. Make better signage so people know the rule rules.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 09:24 AM	This is not elderly crankiness. We are attentive when walking or driving. We're not picking on kids, either. We don't let motorized vehicles in parks and open public spaces and that should include or restrict their operation on these vehicles, too
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 10:30 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 10:47 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 12:18 PM	Please of not allow e-bikes in parks. Please encourage the police to enforce the law and crack down on youth not following the law.
Screen Name Redacted 8/22/2026 04:28 PM	Get a handle on E bike safety and have parks be a place of respite, not a place for e bikes to go to.
	Address safety concerns with youth e bike use as a priority BEFORE allowing e bike use in parks.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 06:13 AM	Please regulate before someone get seriously injured.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 09:30 AM	Appreciate this survey for the safety of our children.
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 10:56 AM	Clarity via posted signs is critical for the busiest parks. Also on how reckless riding or violations can be reported (eg taking pictures or videos of unrelated minors could raise community concerns)
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 11:48 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 01:48 PM	I have lived on Mercer Island for 40 years and raised both of my son's here. One of one of them lives on Mercer Island with his family, which includes my three grandchildren. I am outdoors frequently and do a lot of walking around Mercer Island and its parks and trails. I appreciate that a bike park was built on the island. A, bike whether it be manual or electric, should be used safely with consideration for all living things, property, automobiles, traffic lights, etc. There is a lot to consider about using an E bike and determining who should be using it.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 03:57 PM	I appreciate the City taking measures to survey and address this public safety matter.

Screen Name Redacted 8/23/2026 07:20 PM	Please consider safety and public enjoyment of these parks. I don't think banning all e-bikes is reasonable nor realistic. I think a case by case basis is best as long as it is EXTREMELY obvious what the rules are at each park.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 11:58 AM	N/a
Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 01:24 PM	Stiff penalties and potential suspension of e bikes is the best way to deter misuse and prevent accidents. Policing nearby schools would be helpful too as I witness several e bike users that disregard road regulations.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 03:32 PM	
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Screen Name Redacted 8/24/2026 09:33 PM	We love our e-bikes. I've used mine for commuting and running errands. They belong on the street and on designated paved bike paths such as the I-90 trail.
	The increase of class 2 bikes with off-road tires by kids has gotten out of control. We need clear laws and enforcement.
	Personally, I believe that class 2 bikes should be licenced as motorcycles and require a drivers license and motorcycle endorsement.
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 06:19 AM	I also think kids and teens should be prohibited from riding e-bikes on the streets and sidewalks. I have witnessed multiple instances where they are riding at unsafe speeds, swerving near cars, riding without helmets, riding with a second kid in the handlebars, etc.
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Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 08:47 AM	No
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Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 11:51 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 06:08 PM	I'm not the parent
Screen Name Redacted 8/25/2026 10:14 PM	Ban the e-bikes from park trails. Every e-bike rider needs licensing and passage of a safety course. If any damages or injuries, their parents should be fully liable.

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I'm much safer because of my class 3 with it's independent throttle.

Thank you for doing this. I strongly do not want ebikes allowed on trails which are heavily utilized by pedestrians and pets. If allowed, it only takes one bad actor ebike to raise havoc on our fantastic trails system. Also, we will attract ebike riders from off of Mercer Island who will contribute to risk of injuries and trail degradation.

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I think the more restrictive we are on e-bikes the better. They can be so dangerous and I worry about the riders and the humans in the path of the riders.

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I often witness e-bike riders without helmets. Additionally, many e-bike riders do not have drivers licenses and yet are riding on Mercer Island streets at speeds exceeding 35 mph on Island Crest Way. This is very dangerous for the riders and for car drivers and it seems policies should be in place to safeguard the e-bike riders and car drivers.

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These things need to be licensed, and the riders need to have both a class in proper riding techniques plus a license to "drive." Helmets should be mandatory, and they need to stay off the sidewalks and trails,

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Thanks for recognizing that this is causing distress for residents and potential harm to youth and taking action to address this.

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Yes; please consider working with legislators from the 41st District on updating the Revised Code of Washington. I think e-bikes should be regulated in the same manner as gas-motor scooters, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, buggies, go-carts and so on.

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I think I have shared my concerns.

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The city Council should carefully aside which trails allow these bikes and at what speeds. Banning them seems overkill.

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Please ban e bikes where regular bikes are allowed and impose age limits and license requirement for e bike riders.

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I think ebikes that reach speeds over 20 mph should be subject to the same laws as motorcycles

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I wish police would enforce the existing laws but they seem to leave it to the parents which obviously not working

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Motorized vehicles do not belong on trails or sidewalks.

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I love cycling and have had injuries from it, they're not fun. To take those injuries from something that I was controlling with my physical power and expand that into an e-bike is scary. This is especially true for teenagers and youth. There is a saying for cyclists and especially motorcyclists - it's not a matter of if you will fall, but when. Finally, I don't want to operate my daily life in a community where the risk of injuries to myself and others becomes a conscious thought with e-bikes, and is highly out of my control and in the hands of teenagers and youth.

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E-bikes are a changing category of "micromobility". The regulations being proposed may not even apply to vehicles in a few years. There may be people on the Island who fret about teenagers doing dangerous things, but hopefully they remember that teenagers have ALWAYS gone "too fast" on whatever vehicles they can get their hands on.

E-bikes are different than hoverboards or E-karts or whatever the latest trend among young kids is. They make bike infrastructure more accessible to a wider demographic, esp. when cycling can be seen as something only for folks who already are fit. If Mercer Island, sitting on a cross lake bike corridor, were to have restrictions on ebike usage that could have very adverse effects on bike commuters.

Even more importantly, I want an ebike to serve as my "last mile" of my commute between the light rail station and my home. I have a bunch of hills in between and a regular bike isn't practical to use.

I don't want the Island to be pushing restrictions on a mobility method that can be used by more commuters, of a wider age range, demographic, location/elevation (top of island, waterfront, all places in between).

There will always be people going too fast and they'll just change their devices. But the long term future of E-bikes features a lot of different people riding bikes that don't do now. Don't choke off the bike corridor and the long term microgmobility future before it can even get started.

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We need stricter regulations, and the parents who let their kids do this are reckless and irresponsible.

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Youth without a valid driver's license should not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any type on Mercer Island streets. Motorized vehicles of any type should not be permitted on pedestrian sidewalks.

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Ebikes and e-scooters are becoming more prevalent and more powerful - please move quickly to regulate and enforce not only in MI parks but on streets and sidewalks.

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E bikes should only be used on roads

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Despite the classification in the RCW, any device that can be propelled without human power, is a motorized device. Class 1 e-bikes are assistive bikes and expand access to biking for all ages, if used responsibly. Class 2 is not an e-bike, it is a motorized transport device and should not be allowed anywhere motorized devices of other kinds are prohibited. Class 3 is simply overpowered and has no place on a mixed use trail at any time. Registration and licensure should be required for both Class 2 and Class 3 devices. Without support in the code for licensure, local ordinance is our best tool to ensure these devices are only used as appropriate on roads and trails purposed-designed for motorized or bicycle use, or *selectively* within mixed-use facilities where safe operation can be accomplished.

There is a perhaps instinctual tendency of young (usually male) minor riders and drivers to play games with vehicles. Donuts in parking lots with dad's car, racing, and demonstrations like wheelies and speeding on e-bikes on roads and gravel neighborhood road-to-road trails. We need a realistic rule structure that is self-obvious and easy to apply and one that law enforcement will take seriously and enforce.

Some ideas:

Clear signage on trail entry, where repeated infractions are observed.

A citizen reporting hotline, similar to the off-leash dog hotlines, would be welcome: Call and leave a recorded message describing the person, bike, location, and nature of infraction, for follow up by sensitive community policing.

Educate (especially young) people about the rules and the available places e-bikes are allowed.

Use enforcement as a tool for education.

Hold clinics and outreach events for e-bike users as is done for boaters.

Create a simple handout with the basic rules on a small card.

Ask the State to develop and require standardized Class labeling for new e-bikes/e-moto sold in the State of WA so there is no confusion on what class a vehicle is before it is rented or purchased. The label should state what class it is, who can operate it, where it can be operated and where it can't be used.

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I don't know where these motorized bikes and scooters belong. Yesterday I saw two pre-teens on motorized scooters going fast down the road on 78th right in town. I've often been startled by them while walking on the sidewalks and when stepping out of shop doors. They go too fast and take few precautions.

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No children live in our household, but we have young grandchildren (toddlers) close by and frequently take them to MI parks. The kids would be endangered by e-bike use in parks.

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I think that ebikes are useful tools, but some of the wide tire options are not compatible with pedestrians and other bicyclists. I also believe that only class 1 ebikes should be legal. Without the requirement of pedaling it is too easy to approach others at speeds that are not safe for all concerned. I plan on acquiring an ebike at some point. There are locations that trails on park boundaries are the only non road path for getting places safely.

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This survey was extremely confusing

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The most important piece in my opinion is having a clear goal and a hierarchy of priorities for Mercer Island transportation; roads, trails and connecting recreational spaces and within those to have clear goals and parameters for e-bikes.

I think it is also essential that we consider some of the reasons e-bikes/scooters and e-motorcycles are being used and consider if these point to other unaddressed problems (especially since a majority of the use is a younger school-aged demographic).

As an example of what I mean by a hierarchy of priorities for transportation: Even dead-end residential streets can have very high speed traffic. I live on one and regularly see people drive over 30mph (this is easily a deadly speed). The street feels like a freeway grade paving job and it is easy to go fast (I was surprised one time when I looked at my speedometer to see how fast I was going). It is also a very long dead-end street, so those with a long way to go aren't keen to slow down. Kids (including mine) do walk the street and ride bikes but it can feel uncomfortable. An e-bike can bridge the gap a bit when the road you're on has traffic going at speeds that feel unsafe for someone on foot, or on a pedal bike. I think both kids and parents feel safer getting closer to the speed of traffic; they can adjust, get out of the way, or just be less frustrating to a driver wanting to move quickly. The implicit priority on pretty much every road including neighborhoods is to prioritize vehicular speed over biking and walking. However, given that we're a roughly 5 by 2 mile island, it's a lost opportunity that walking and biking (unassisted or with minimal assistance) are not more available in all or most areas of the island. So what I mean by hierarchy is that in most paved paths where cars drive the priorities are: cars 1st, bikes 2nd, pedestrians 3rd. In that environment e-bikes are going to be very popular and maybe even essential. Increasing road speed and widening lanes will increase this trend/need.

So more than just considering what rules should govern which class of bikes, I would love to see a more thorough evaluation and consideration of how we move on the Island and what our main values are depending on the space. I think we should also continue noticing where the kids' cars and bikes are congregating and what routes they're taking to see what transportation patterns might reveal helpful information.

For instance, kids on the south end tend to congregate after school at Starbucks across from QFC. At the Highschool the streets are lined with cars - certainly many have to leave for activities, but many want a quick way to get somewhere to hangout with friends. Despite the School, Library, Park, Theater program and Churches being in very close proximity, there isn't a single place within easy walking or biking distance where

High Schoolers or other students can go to get a beverage, a bite to eat or grab something to take home with their friends.

I know the concerns around zoning are polarizing on the island, but I think they need to be considered in light of transportation decisions. If e-bikes are frustrating residents then we need to consider having more pockets around the island that meet the needs and behavioral patterns of e-bike users. At least we need to ask the questions and maybe try incremental options to test any theories. Would kids need e-bikes less if side streets and even our main roads felt safer to walk along and cross? Would they meet up closer to where they live or go to school if there were options nearby? If yes, could we try some food trucks or temporary pop-up businesses or activities to test if they get used?

Lastly, rather than leaning exclusively on rules, we need to design the surfaces we drive, ride and walk on to generate the desired behavior. Smooth paving encourages fast driving regardless of posted speed. Stamped concrete (that feels like pavers), grooves, gravel or otherwise less than perfectly smooth roads can really help reduce unintentional speeding. Also, I think there should be a provision for e-bikes going on paths (where they otherwise wouldn't be allowed) if they are not using assistance.

Side note: I have appreciated the work from the non-profit Strong Towns regarding transportation priorities and other needs and challenges commonly facing cities today:
<https://www.strongtowns.org/streets>

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