To: The ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PETITION FOR CLASS 2 E-BIKES TO HAVE ACCESS TO RIO GRANDE TRAILS

This Petition is prepared on behalf of Class 2 E-Bike owners that cannot attend the RFTA's July 12, 2018, meeting to voice their request for Class 2 E-Bikes to be given continued access to the Rio Grande Trails. During this time of establishing new rules and regulations for our safety, we provide you with a brief list of reasons why our Class 2 E-Bikes are beneficial to us and our Community. The majority of E-Bike owners are baby boomers and use the E-Bikes to go longer distances, go up hills, use for physical and mental therapy, as well as social gatherings. Many of us need access to the Rio Grande Trail to connect our communities. Class 2 E-Bikes cuts down on traffic, parking issues, pollution, costs and all the stresses of driving a car. If it wasn't for the Class 2 E-Bike, there are a portion of people who would never get outside and enjoy life the way they do now. The Class 2 E-Bikes bikes only go 20 miles an hour maximum as do the Class 1 E-Bikes, and are ridden with extreme caution and safety. We, the undersigned, Petition for Class 2 E-Bikes to be given continued access to the Rio Grande Trails not only for our safety and enjoyment but for the benefit of our Community.

NAME	EMAIL	HOME ADDRESS	DATE

See attached.

	Last Activity	Name	Email	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Add a personal message
1	6-20-2018 11:56 AM EDT	Diana Mittelstet	rmittelstet@comcast.net	11225 W 77th Dr	Arvada	CO	80005	Without my electric bike, I would be unable to do much bike riding due to my knees. I am 65 years old and this gives me great exercise and joy. The Rio Grande is one of the trails I enjoy.. Thank you.for keeping it open to electric bikes.
2	6-26-2018 10:42 PM EDT	Glen Klee	kkofs@live.com	5462, Cr 55	Sterling	CO	80751	We used the trail from Glenwood to carbondale in 6-25-18 mid day with little use I see nothing wrong with e bike riding on this trail as we all pay taxes and paid for the use on this trail just like the rich sob that would like to keep it for there Saturday use
3	6-27-2018 08:29 PM EDT	Len Hoffius	leonard.hoffius@gmail.com	P.o. Box 1161	Salida	CO	81201	Bad knees prevent me from riding a convential bike.
4	6-26-2018 04:14 PM EDT	Christi Gerhardt	cjgerhardt@comcast.net	9295 Roadrunner St	Highlands Ranch	CO	80129	I am totally in favor of the class 2 eBikes to have access to the Rio Grande Trails. I have found that the EBike group is not the group of cyclists that are breaking trail laws. The majority of the EBikes are governed at 20 miles an hour. I am a baby boomer and was an avid cyclist in my earlier years, but I am now 70 and am still active, but need help on the hills. The throttle helps to get started on the bike, catch up to someone, or to pass someone. I love ;my EBike and ride everyday.
5	6-21-2018 07:49 PM EDT	Barbara Dobson	barbarad3334@gmail.com	8748 Independence Way	Arvada	CO	80005	Thank you.
6	6-22-2018 04:48 PM EDT	Paul Beauxner	peaklassen@yahoo.com	2500 Cherry Creek Dr	Denver	CO	80209	Please have an open mind to the benefits Ebikes provide to elderly residents of Colorado.

	6-20-2018 07:07 PM EDT	connie archuleta	clareve214@yahoo.com	2107 S. Harlan St	Denver	CO	80227	I have had my bike for 3 years now and bought it especially for when i retire to be able to enjoy the outside since i am afflicted with MS, this helps me to be able to do that. i read that these bikes were especially made to not go over 20 miles an hour so we riders could have access to all bike paths, but now some communities want to ban them.
								much of the debate is the speed, well many bikers on the path i walk and have rode on go welll over that limit. please to not descriminate because ours has a battery
7	6-22-2018 08:24 PM EDT	Vicki Archer	vicki.j.archer@gmail.com	3218 S Clarkson St	Englewood	CO	80113	
8	6-27-2018 10:51 AM EDT	Gerald Alpern	alpern2@gmail.com	306 Sopris Circle	Basalt	CO	81621	Please do not prevent me from ebiking on the Rio Grande. I'm 85 and need the kind of exercise that bike and that trail allow me. Thank You
9	6-20-2018 04:57 PM EDT	Harlan Baldwin	baldwinh30@yahoo.com	21344 East Floyd Plce	Aurora	CO	80013	Iâ€™m 71 years old and this bike provides great exercise which I couldnâ€™t do on a regular bike
10	6-25-2018 06:02 PM EDT	Larissa Herda	larissa.l.herda@gmail.com	0120 Green Drake Trail	Breckenridge	CO	80424	Please continue to allow access for my ebike. It has changed my life! I was not physically able to ride the trails and experience Colorado this way until I got my ebike. It allows me to keep up with my husband (who rides a regular bike) and enjoy this activity together. Before my herniated facia around both my hamstrings and back issues prevented me from participating. Please please donâ€™t take this experience away from me! Larissa Herda

11	6-27-2018 02:31 PM EDT	Lori Powell	lolos.lori@gmail.com	1502 E Sherwood Dr	Grand Junction	CO	81501	Due to health limitations I can only enjoy bike trails w a class II electric bike.
12	6-22-2018 04:43 PM EDT	Julie Reed	jlreed6583@yahoo.com	20855 E Lyttle Drive	Parker	CO	80138	I find I ride my e-bike for leisure and outdoor activity while many on road bikes fly past me, well over trail speed limits.
13	6-22-2018 03:46 PM EDT	Janet Schliefert	jcsne64@gmail.com	16578 Chesapeake Drive	Broomfield	CO	80023-8076	Allow us Seniors to keep enjoying bike activities. We probably won't be speed demons...
14	6-25-2018 03:12 PM EDT	Marc Lippitt	mlippitt@uniqueprop.com	400 South Broadway	Denver	CO	80209	I use my bike and I assure you I am more careful and respectful than the riders who whip past me out of control!
15	6-20-2018 01:04 PM EDT	Richard Dabb	richied@centurylink.net	4126 Sw 13th Ave	Cape Coral	FL	33914	
16	6-20-2018 04:57 PM EDT	Marcia Johnson	rlmajohnson@msn.com	13972 Gunnison Way	Broomfield	CO	80020	We have allowed ebikes in Broomfield. It helps people move around safely especially those of us who are older. Love my bike!!
17	6-20-2018 11:46 AM EDT	Carol Clark	cj1228@gmail.com	23251 Blackwolf Way,	Parker	CO	80138	E-books is my preferred form of outdoor exercise due to knee issues. Please consider continuing use of this trail for Ebikes
18	6-21-2018 10:49 AM EDT	mark kinslow	mark@pedegosouthlands.com	18524 E Garden Pl	Aurora	CO	80015	I use my Pedego Electric bike to ride not only the Rio Grande Trails but others in our state. I am Pre-Diabetic with Peripheral Neuropathy and walking and hiking is very difficult and painful The Electric Bikes make me want to be outside enjoying nature without the worry on how far I can ride. I don't use mine to speed on the trails, since I usually get passed by someone going above the posted speed limit and complaining I am cheating. I am 61 Years old, My son was born at the Aspen Hospital.

19	6-20-2018 12:25 PM EDT	Art Pansing	budgetbust@gmail.com	460 S. Marion Pkwy	Denver	CO	80209-2577	To: The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority I am disabled. My Class II EBike allows me the opportunity to ride my bike in spite of my CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE . My EBike allows me to save money on gas, and time normally spent in traffic if I had to drive my car. I would like to request you give us continued access to these paths for safety and the opportunity to continue to be active in our own community. Sincerely yours, -Art Pansing
20	6-22-2018 07:31 PM EDT	Karen Elias	k_elias@comcast.net	5453 E Eastman Ave	Denver	CO	80222	E bikes still require pedaling and allow so many people to excercise.
21	6-20-2018 05:01 PM EDT	Celia Turner	cturnerdds@yahoo.com	3842 Calle Del Sol Ct.	Loveland	CO	80538	Please keep access open for our bikes! Many riders on road bikes ride faster and less safely then we do. Thank you. Dr. Celia Turned
22	6-28-2018 11:09 PM EDT	Kingsley Stoken	kingsley@stoken.net	508 Pleasant St	Boulder	CO	80302	
23	6-20-2018 04:04 PM EDT	Stephanie Helsel	slhelsel@aol.com	6971 Lodgepole Court	Boulder	CO	80301	Love my ebike and am a senior and wish to access trails that I couldnâ€™t normally access on a regular bike!

24	6-22-2018 02:06 PM EDT	robert dawson	splink39@gmail.com	Po Box 4304	Englewood	CO	80108	
25	6-24-2018 11:42 PM EDT	Thomas Dewar	totidewar@comcast.net	1205 East Madison St	Colorado Springs	CO	80907	
26	6-26-2018 09:22 PM EDT	steven Kvien	squeen70@comcast.net	9035 W. 80th Drive	Arvada	CO	80005	getting too old to pedal far. wow now I have two pinched nerves so walking is too much fun!! Hips have arthritis, left leg sciata pain etc. would be fun with my e bike thanks for reading steve
27	6-28-2018 03:41 PM EDT	Sandra Kinslow	kinslowteam@gmail.com	18524 E Garden Pl	Aurora	CO	80015-5130	
28	6-20-2018 01:55 PM EDT	Cheryl Saipe	cheryl.saipe@gmail.com	250 Jersey St	Denver	CO	80220	E bikes allow me to ride with my family, otherwise I am left out of bike rides with my family and friends. I pay the taxes in Colorado and should have access to all that Colorado offers. I am a cautious and polite bike rider and do not speed out if control. Thank you
29	6-20-2018 07:27 PM EDT	Brad Dawson	cavatroop@gmail.com	1539 Candleglow Street	Castle Rock	CO	80109	
30	6-21-2018 10:28 AM EDT	Connie Dawson	connieddawson@gmail.com	1539 Candleglow St	Castle Rock	CO	80109	I am a recently retired baby-boomer that is greatly enjoying seeing parts of Colorado that I would not get to see without my Class 2 E-Bike. I don't have the strength I used to but my Class 2 E-Bike provides just the right amount of "help" to get up hills. We are cautious riders and intent on safety, please don't restrict our access to get out and enjoy the beauty of Colorado and spend time in your community enjoying the great outdoors!

31	6-22-2018 03:36 PM EDT	Joel and Nancy Kellogg	energy4u@comcast.net	12485 W Chenango Av	Morrison	CO	80465	
32	6-22-2018 04:37 PM EDT	Mark Nixon	msnixon1@gmail.com	1076 South Foothill Drive	Lakewood	CO	80228	Keep open all riding of the Trail... no agendas!
33	6-26-2018 03:33 PM EDT	Brian Hulse	bhulse15@gmail.com	113 Hazelwood Dr	Henderson ville	TN	37075	
34	6-24-2018 10:57 AM EDT	Kathleen Condon	kmcondon@comcast.net	10574 Ashfield Street	Highlands Ranch	CO	80126	
35	6-26-2018 04:26 PM EDT	Regina S Tamblyn	ginatamb@gmail.com	5370 Dove Creek Dr	Elizabeth, Co	CO	80107	
36	6-20-2018 01:04 PM EDT	James Myers	myemailisforyou@yahoo.com	11252 W 20th Ave	Lakewood	CO	80215	
37	6-26-2018 11:03 PM EDT	Phillip Weingart	weingartphillip@aol.com	202 Berry Place	Erie	CO	80516	
38	6-22-2018 05:49 PM EDT	Kimberly Saffell	mcleodka7@gmail.com	1001 South Arbutus St	Lakewood	CO	80228	We need to have this for responsible bike riders.
39	6-22-2018 02:09 PM EDT	Jeff Dolan	jdolan1016@gmail.com	6637 S. Killarney Ct	Aurora	CO	80016	I have an electric bike and it has opened a whole new opportunity to get healthy. I support expanding the number of bike paths for riders.

40	6-23-2018 05:06 PM EDT	Jeri Sampson	jeri5416@gmail.com	6065 Brentwood Street	Arvada	CO	80004	I live in the front range so don't ride this trail often -- but would definitely like to come over there on occasion and ride. I'm in my 60s so not going very fast! but with my knee and back issues, the electric assist is very important. If my husband and I can't ride our bikes on your trails, we probably won't be coming to Glenwood to spend our tourist dollars.
41	6-24-2018 10:19 AM EDT	Ellen Horstman	ellenhorstman@gmail.com	4119 Harbor Walk Dr	Ft Collins	CO	80525	Please keep Class 2 E bikes on the Rio Grande Trails. I haven't been able to ride a bike in two years. Since buying my E bike I am out and about a Lot!!
42	6-21-2018 02:33 PM EDT	Lise Libner	libs@me.com	1109 Mapleton Ave	Boulder	CO	80304-4152	To: Roaring Fork Transportation Authority My EBike allows me to save money on gas, and time normally spent in traffic if I had to drive my car. I would like to request you give us continued access to these paths for safety and the opportunity to continue to be active in our own community. Sincerely yours, Lisanne Libner
43	6-26-2018 08:22 PM EDT	Mark Hunter	hammeruhunter@gmail.com	802 Sherman St	Longmont	CO	80501	
44	6-26-2018 02:22 PM EDT	Ryan O'Donnell	hummvman@gmail.com	860 Cemetery Lane	Aspen	CO	81611	
45	6-21-2018 03:01 PM EDT	Elizabeth Cassidy	bbjcassidy@comcast.net	24 Dewey Placer Drive	Breckenridge	CO	80424	Due to bad knees, I use an ebike

46	6-23-2018 02:30 AM EDT	Robert Hartshorn	robertwhartshorn@yahoo.com	9996 Strathfield Lane	Highlands Ranch	CO	80126	
47	6-20-2018 02:16 PM EDT	Missy Chamberland	missychamberland@me.com	23501 State Highway 135	Crested Butte	CO	81224	
48	6-24-2018 01:39 PM EDT	Thomas Taggart	rouseher3@yahoo.com	3507 Arclight Court	Fort Myers	FL	33916	
49	6-20-2018 11:43 AM EDT	Mark Kissinger	realtimehistory@gmail.com	3532 W Agua Fria Dr Trlr 2	Golden Valley	AZ	86413-9321	I have been using an eBike for many years. I think of it as my "2-wheeled wheelchair". With my Pedego, I can be sure of making it home when my body gives out.
50	6-20-2018 09:03 PM EDT	Mark Eibner	aeibner@realtyoasis.com	Po Box 4862	Greenwood Village	CO	80155	Please keep out of our personal lives.
51	6-20-2018 06:31 PM EDT	Gary Carbaugh	reelhimmn@comcast.net	29 Caleridge Ct.	Highlands Ranch	CO	80130	
52	6-20-2018 06:52 PM EDT	Jennifer Blocker	jbblocker@aol.com	442 Paepcke Dr #301	Aspen	CO	81611	
53	6-26-2018 01:21 PM EDT	paul Mutch	getmutchie@hotmail.com	2209 Quitman St	Denver	CO	80212	I would love to ride class 2 on the trail. the throttle allows me to start easily and keep up with my fellow riders
54	6-26-2018 03:04 PM EDT	Andrew Cousin	acousin@triplecreekcapital.com	6481 Strawberry Court	Longmont	CO	80503	
55	6-26-2018 03:38 PM EDT	Helen Gibb	helen@me.com	1002 Turnberry	Louisville	CO	80027	Of course we old baby boomers need access to the trails on our ebikes. We donâ€™t go very fast! If you have to restrict people on bike trails I suggest you take a look at the young pups zooming around!!!!

56	6-26-2018 04:48 PM EDT	Randi Cutillas	randicutillas@me.com	34 Marksberry Way	Breckenridge	CO	80424	
57	6-26-2018 05:08 PM EDT	Ronald Degenhart	rsdegs@gmail.com	2436 S. Ireland Wy.	Aurora	CO	80013	Iâ€™m 70 yrs. old and if not for ebikes I wouldnâ€™t be able to get on the trails at all.
58	6-26-2018 10:15 PM EDT	Brooke Turner	brookerdt@me.com	679 Kings Row St	Carbondale	CO	81623	
59	6-26-2018 11:01 PM EDT	Brenda Weingart	weingartbrenda@aol.com	202 Berry Place	Erie	CO	80516	
60	6-27-2018 01:16 PM EDT	Ben Pacheco	pachecoben@aol.com	12191 S Tallkd Ct	Parker	CO	80138	Because of back surgeries and age we are no longer able to ride our road bikes. E bikes provide mobility for us.
61	6-27-2018 01:32 PM EDT	Joe Buth	jsphbuth@gmail.com	Po Box 5653	Frisco	CO	80443	I love the freedom granted to me by my Class 2 E-bike. Especially in Colorado with the lower oxygen, I think it gives myself, and, more importantly, tourists from sea level a whole new way to experience the beauty of the Rockies!
62	6-27-2018 01:44 PM EDT	Dakan Gray	dakan79@live.com	1678 S. Norfolk St	Aurora	CO	80017	
63	6-27-2018 02:13 PM EDT	James Kiley	jameskiley09@gmail.com	1950 Trenton St	Denver	CO	80220	
64	6-27-2018 02:42 PM EDT	Peter Castiglione	castiglione.peter@gmail.com	9328 Ingalls St	Westminster	CO	80031	Ebikes have changed my life in a million and one positive ways. They are simply wonderful. USA is late to the game, the rest of the world has been riding ebikes for years now. Itâ€™s time we catchup.
65	6-27-2018 02:42 PM EDT	Paul Weber	pjweberjr@gmail.com	1250 S Reed St, Unit 3	Lakewood	CO	80232	Discrimination is so ugly!

66	6-27-2018 02:43 PM EDT	Robert Konrade	rkonrade50@gmail.com	420 Leonard Lane	Northglen n	CO	80233	
67	6-27-2018 02:54 PM EDT	Evan Ravitz	eravitz@gmail.com	3455 Stanford Ave.	Boulder	CO	80305-5350	E-bikes beat taxis and autonomous vehicles in Tel Aviv easily: https://electrek.co/2018/06/27/electric-bicycles-vs-scooters-vs-skateboards/
68	6-27-2018 03:22 PM EDT	Mara Huey	marahuey@tds.net	P.o.box 1659	Paonia	CO	81428	
69	6-28-2018 09:50 AM EDT	Elizabeth LaBelle	liz.labelle@yahoo.com	2209 Quitman St	Denver	CO	80212	Access to the Rio Grande trail for Class 2 E-Bikes is a huge asset for tourism & commuters
70	6-28-2018 06:52 PM EDT	Stephen Selle	steveselle@gmail.com	11449 West 85th Place	Arvada	CO	80005	Please allow class2 ebikes on the Rio Grande Trail. Many of us have health issues that do not allow us to enjoy the entire trail on a regular bicycle.
71	6-29-2018 11:37 AM EDT	Pattee Fenn	fennbigfork@gmail.com	885 Swan Horseshoe	Bigfork	MT	59911	An ebike allows those who are elderly,disable, or not athletic to ride the trails and to use as transportation in a community. . Itâ€™s not the ebike pedalers who exceed speed limits. Itâ€™s those on light racing bikes, wearing colorful attire, who zoom by US and create the danger. They scare the heck out of me!! Most of the time they donâ€™t let you know they are passing; they just streak by assuming they have right of way and we are watching for them! Itâ€™s unfair to even think that a public trail would disallowing ebikes.

July 4, 2018

Brett,

Good talking to you yesterday. The centerline striping you have put on the trail has made it safer when riding against oncoming traffic.

Another issue, electric bikes on the trail. I would be in favor of category one, where you have to peddle. Any bike that you do not have to peddle should be prohibited. Thanks for all of the work you and Judd do to keep the trail in perfect condition.

Rod Carnie

Avid rider, 4000 + miles per summer.

Buddy Werner at Sunlight, progressed to racing, was a Junior Olympian and skied moguls for AVSC, which led to some coaching in freestyle. He received his Associates Degree in Science from CMC and did some DJing at KDNK.

He loved animals — especially

(Butch) Olson;
his sister, Celia;
Uncle Greg Albrecht and Erich;
Uncles Todd (Lisa) Olson (Sam, Max, and A.J.), and Grady Olson (Vinnie); Grandma Dixie Willsie;
Kim and Andre DuBois (Ashley);
and all of the Tonozzi family;
and his many loving, supportive

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be silent.

Cremation has taken pl
and a celebration of Caine
will be held sometime in
Condolences can be sent
Mountain Drive, GWS. 81

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority will hold a public hearing at its Regular Board Meeting, in Carbondale Town Hall, 511 Colorado Ave., Carbondale, Colorado to approve the following agenda item:

* Board proposes to change the E-bike Policy to allow only pedal-assisted Class 1 E-Bikes and prohibiting the use of Class 2 and Class 3 E-Bikes on the Rio Grande Trail between Emma in Basalt and Glenwood Springs

Interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing or to send written comments any time prior to the Board Meeting to 2307 Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs, CO 81061 and to the attention of Dan Blankenship, CEO.

RFTA
ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Nicole Schoon,
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Published before June 25, 2018

Written Comments enclosed.

RFTA
2307 Wulfsohn Rd
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

ATTN: Dan Blankenship, CEO

RE: E-Bike policy

FROM: Joy Davis, 610 23rd St, Glenwood Springs

I'm unable to attend the public hearing next week regarding the proposed rule changes regarding E-bikes so I'm writing to the board instead. Last year during the bridge construction a co-worker and I purchased an e-bike to navigate the streets from our homes to our workplace at Garfield County. We used the bike trails and it was wonderful to be able to avoid car traffic and the dangers of being on the road with vehicles. My co-worker left her home around 6:30 in the morning and I left around 7:30. During all of the time that I used my e-bike the traffic on the trails was really light, so I don't see having an e-bike on the trail as a competition for other people who use the trail. I have a class 2 e-bike and I can't tell you the number of times that people on their 10 speed bikes were passing me like I was standing still!!

I'm turning 60 this year and I haven't been able to ride a regular bicycle for years due to my bad knees. It has been so enjoyable getting out early in the morning and breathing in the fresh air and enjoying the sunshine when I leave after work. I can pedal while the bike is working but it's not needed to move. I would hate to lose the opportunity to travel on the Rio Grande trail now that I have the ability to take a bike ride on the weekends.

I haven't been on this trail but it's hard for me to believe that there are so many people using it that we can't all have access for recreational and transportation reasons. Maybe the class 3 e-bikes go faster than my class 2 so I can't knowledgably give information about that.

The bottom line is that we want to encourage people to get outside and enjoy this valley and to not limit how they exercise.

Joy Davis

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June 18, 2018

Mr. Steve Skadron
Board of Director - City of Aspen
ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
0051 Service Center Drive
Aspen, CO 81611

Dear Mr. Skadron:

We understand RFTA's Board of Directors is leaning toward altering the use of E-bikes on the 20-mile section of the Rio Grande Trail that it manages. RFTA currently allows Class 1 and Class 2 E-bikes yet are going to prepare a resolution for the July meeting to change the policy to only allow Class 1 E-bikes. For the reasons stated below, we Request Class 2 E-bikes have continued access to the Rio Grande Trail.

Class 2 E-bikes don't travel any faster than Class 1 with assistance and should never be confused with unregulated high-speed E-bikes. Please note that most Class 2 E-bikes offer the rider the option of both pedal-assist and throttle. There is no legitimate or rational reason to allow Class 1 and not allow Class 2. Board member Michael Gamba wants the RFTA staff to investigate if there have been accidents on the Rio Grande Trail involving Class 2 E-bikes. "If there's not really a problem with class two bikes, why are we worrying about it?" Both should be allowed on bicycle paths to provide ALL taxpayers a safe place to ride. There is no evidence that Class 1 E-bikes are inherently safer than Class 2. In fact, Class 2 riders can maintain better control when they use a graduated throttle to start a bike rolling in a stable fashion, so they can then start pedaling.

The bicycle industry definition of a Class 2 E-bikes, or "low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle", limits the power to less than 750 watts with a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph. These are the exact same limits that apply to the industry definition for Class 1 E-bikes so access to paved and improved surface trails should be equal.

Class 2 E-bikes are as safe, stable, as sturdy as traditional bicycles and move at bike like speeds. Please keep in mind pedaling a bike is not an option for everyone which leaves riding a Class 2 E-bike their only option. There are many people who ride Class 2 E-bikes with a throttle due to physical disabilities of their hips, knees, legs, feet, etc. Denying access to these Class 2 E-bike riders would be denying Rio Grande Trail access to a disabled sector of people. As a new, innovative and clean-technology transportation option, their use in the U.S. and other countries has brought the pleasure and freedom of bicycling to millions with no compromise in consumer safety.

Communities across the country face transportation challenges related to traffic congestion, local air quality, climate change, obesity and lack of physical inactivity. Encouraging alternative modes of transportation, such as bicycling, can help address these challenges:

- Increases to quality of life: E-bikes make riding a bicycle for commuting and transportation easier and faster, allow current bicycle users to bike more often and farther and promote alternative transportation for people who can't afford the high cost of car ownership.

- Increases to bicycle ridership: E-bikes provide a new option for people who want to bicycle but would otherwise not because of physical fitness, age, disability or convenience, especially at high altitude and for those whose work commutes are within the 5-20 mile range and who traditionally drive.

- E-bikes reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel consumption, improve air quality and support alternative modes of transportation.

- Everyday utility: E-bikes can carry up to 400 lbs. of cargo and can be equipped with built-in hauling features, specialty baskets, versatile racks, carrying bags and other accessories to accomplish many daily commuting activities.

- E-bikes decrease traffic congestion, increase road safety with more cyclists on the road and reduce demand for parking spaces.

- Economic benefits: E-bikes benefit small business owners by providing a cost-effective alternative to cars and trucks when used for equipment transport and deliveries.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions regarding the Class 2 Electric bicycles, please feel free to contact me at (800) 646-8604.

Best Regards,

Donald J. DiCostanzo
Co-Founder and CEO
Pedego, Inc.

cc: Mr. Gary Tennenbaum
Pitkin County Open Space and Trails Executive Director

RFTA
Public Hearing on E Bike Policy
2307 Wulfsohn Rd
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

7/3/18

Roaring Fork Transportation Authority Board:

I am planning on attending the hearing on July 12th, however, I may not have an opportunity to speak and wanted to express my opinion on the E-Bike policy.

I purchased an E-Trike (Class 2, I can peddle but it is doesn't have an ability to move much without the electric assist) last year in anticipation of the bridge project. I am 67 years old and work in downtown Glenwood Springs and travel from south Glenwood Springs. Although I traveled the opposite direction on a daily basis from the traffic back up, I felt an obligation to keep one more vehicle off of the highway during the project.

After the project was over, I continued to ride my bike because I found many benefits – my arthritic knees felt better, the fresh air before and after work were good for the brain and body and I had many people on the bike path that I connected with through a friendly hello on a daily basis and a car not on the road.

I road my bike until winter weather prohibited riding and started again this spring as my schedule allows, but the benefits I found last year remain the same.

In the day of attempting to reduce emissions by keeping cars off of the streets and highways, the bus isn't the only mode of transportation that should be considered. The bus schedule does not fit my work schedule and probably doesn't fit for other working citizens. We need to also encourage healthy activity for youth, adults and seniors.

The bike path feels very safe for this senior citizen as compared to the highway and streets. Many regular bicyclists are normally much faster than I and I feel like I am standing still at times due to their speed. The problems I have encountered on the bike path are regular bicycles that don't observe the rules of the road, however, pedestrians walking across the path in groups and pedestrians and runners/joggers present a challenge when you signal that you are going to pass on the left because they have ear buds in and cannot hear anything else. Many dog owners do not have their dogs on leashes on the path and I have had a couple of chases this year so far with loose dogs (I know your Fido is friendly but he doesn't really know me).

I would encourage you to continue to allow all classes of E-Bikes on the bike paths in the public interest of another mode of clean transportation, exercise and air quality. Education to the public on all modes of transportation on the paths whether walking, jogging or biking, needs to continue to reinforce everyone's responsibilities.

Thank you.

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