



TRAFFIC SAFETY & MOBILITY COMMISSION

Agenda

Special Meeting

Sept. 16, 2025, 5 p.m.

Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008
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Welcome to the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission Meeting

We welcome your interest and involvement in the city's legislative process. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission and the action recommended by city staff. You can read about each topic in the staff reports, which are available on the city website.

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CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Aug. 4, 2025

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *The Brown Act allows any member of the public to comment on items not on the agenda. Please treat others with courtesy, civility, and respect. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by submitting comments as provided on the front page of this agenda. The Commission will receive comments in the beginning of the meeting. In conformance with the Brown Act, no action can occur on these items.*

CONSENT CALENDAR: *The items listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion unless members of the Commission, staff, or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **CONSIDERATION OF A MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR E-BIKE OPERATION IN CARLSBAD:** Receive public input and provide feedback to the City Council regarding the consideration of a minimum age requirement for e-bike operation in Carlsbad in accordance with Assembly Bill 2234. (Staff Contact: Nathan Schmidt, Public Works Department)

Recommended Action: Receive public input and provide feedback.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS: *This portion of the agenda is for the Commission to make brief announcements, brief reports of their activities and requests for future agenda items.*

STAFF COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:



Aug. 4, 2025, 4 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Coelho, Penseyres, Newlands, Kohl, Schuck.

Absent: Proulx, Nicholes.

INVOCATION: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Coelho led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on July 7, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Kohl, seconded by Commissioner Newlands, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 7, 2025, as stated. Motion carried, 5/0/2 (Proulx, Nicholes – Absent).

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Romano expressed concerns regarding commercial vehicle parking on Loker Avenue.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. **POLICE REPORT REGARDING TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY-RELATED MATTERS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2025:** Receive a quarterly report from a representative of the City of Carlsbad's Police Department that will provide an overview of traffic and mobility-related police matters and notable news during the months of April, May and June 2025. (Staff Contact: Jason Arnotti, Police Department)

Lieutenant Jason Arnotti reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Office of the City Clerk).

The Commission received the PowerPoint presentation by Lieutenant Arnotti.

In response to Commissioner Schuck's inquiry regarding whether there is traffic collision data specifically for current traffic circles and roundabouts within the city, Lieutenant

Arnotti confirmed that the Police Department does have access to and track such data. Commissioner Schuck requested that this data be provided in future quarterly reports.

In response to Commissioner Schuck's inquiry regarding whether data is collected regarding increases or decreases in traffic collisions and enforcement in areas with traffic calming measures, Lieutenant Arnotti confirmed that pre- and post-evaluations are performed.

In response to Commissioner Kohl's inquiry regarding whether there are any plans to perform a speed survey on El Camino Real from Aviara Parkway to Palomar Airport Road, Lieutenant Arnotti responded that he was not aware of any complaints for that area and would have to confirm with the Traffic Division.

In response to Commissioner Newlands' inquiry regarding whether enforcement and citations have increased, Lieutenant Arnotti confirmed that more citations are given over warnings for established violations.

Vice-Chair Penseyres requested that solo bicycle and e-bike collision data be reported separately to better distinguish them from crashes involving motor vehicles. He also expressed concern with how crash data is typically reported, noting that it often skews toward showing cyclists as being more frequently at fault in bicycle-vehicle collisions.

In response to Vice-Chair Penseyres' inquiry regarding e-motorcycle enforcement operations, Lieutenant Arnotti responded that the Police Department has removed about 16 e-motorcycles from the streets in the past quarter and has worked with the City of Oceanside in their enforcement efforts.

In response to Vice-Chair Penseyres' inquiry regarding a DUI checkpoint for the third quarter, Lieutenant Arnotti explained that the Police Department held one last month in July, but it did not fall within the second quarter reporting period.

In response to Commissioner Schuck's inquiry regarding whether schools are investigated for e-motorcycles, Lieutenant Arnotti confirmed that they do investigate schools.

2. CITYWIDE SPEED LIMIT EVALUATION: Receive a report on a citywide speed limit evaluation focusing on the changes incurred with the passage of Assembly Bill 43. (Staff Contact: Miriam Jim and John Kim, Public Works Department)

City Traffic Engineer John Kim and Senior Engineer Miriam Jim reviewed a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Office of the City Clerk).

The Commission received the PowerPoint presentation by City Traffic Engineer Kim and Senior Engineer Jim.

In response to Commissioner Kohl's inquiry regarding when staff will provide a presentation on changing speed limits, City Traffic Engineer Kim responded that the date has not been specified yet but confirmed that staff will return to the Commission before bringing the item to the City Council.

In response to Commissioner Newlands' inquiry regarding types of roadway design changes and when staff would determine if additional strategies are needed, City Traffic Engineer Kim responded that changes could include realignment, restriping, and other horizontal and vertical deflections.

In response to Vice-Chair Penseyres' inquiry regarding whether staff have coordinated with the City of Encinitas to ensure consistency across city limits, City Traffic Engineer Kim explained that staff have not had official communications with neighboring agencies because discussions with City Engineer/Transportation Director Tom Frank and the Police Department have guided their decisions on how to approach this and do what makes sense within the city, regardless of what neighboring agencies do.

In response to Vice-Chair Penseyres' inquiry regarding whether a 20-mph speed limit could be implemented in school zones, City Traffic Engineer Kim responded that he is not aware of a mechanism to reduce a school speed limit below 25 mph. He further explained that lower speed limits are typically reserved for business areas and have not received requests to lower the speed limit in school zones.

In response to Chair Coelho's inquiry regarding how the process to reevaluate speed limits is initiated, City Traffic Engineer Kim explained that there are various ways including resident complaints and concerns, collaborating with the Police Department to determine problematic corridors, and collision data.

In response to Vice-Chair Penseyres' inquiry regarding the Barrio Traffic Circles Project, City Traffic Engineer Kim responded that it is not part of the agenda item and is not available for discussion.

COMMISSION COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS:

In response to Commissioner Kohl's inquiry regarding whether there are any plans to perform a speed survey on Aviara Parkway between Poinsettia Lane and El Camino Real, City Traffic Engineer Kim responded that although there is no upcoming plan, all speed zones have a lifespan, and surveys will be scheduled as their expiration approaches.

In response to Vice-Chair Penseyres' inquiry regarding an update on the Barrio Traffic Circles Project, Public Works Deputy City Manager Paz Gomez responded that staff have been directed to return to City Council no later than November 2025 with options for their consideration.

Chair Coelho spoke about the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: This section of the Agenda is designated for announcements to advise the community regarding events that Members of the Commission have been invited to, and may participate in. No announcements were made.

STAFF COMMENTS: Transportation Planning & Mobility Manager Nathan Schmidt spoke about the City/School Committee Meeting held on July 31, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:13 p.m.

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Secretary



TRAFFIC SAFETY & MOBILITY COMMISSION

Staff Report

Meeting Date: Sept. 16, 2025

To: Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission

Staff Contact: Nathan Schmidt, Transportation Planning and Mobility Manager
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Subject: Consideration of a Minimum Age Requirement for E-Bike Operation in Carlsbad

Districts: All

Recommended Action

Receive public input and provide feedback to the City Council regarding the consideration of a minimum age requirement for e-bike operation in Carlsbad in accordance with Assembly Bill 2234.

Executive Summary

When the city asked for community input before launching the Safer Streets Together program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes. Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law at the time limited the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.

While state law still limits local authority to impose licensing requirements, the city worked with Assemblymember Tasha Boerner last year to sponsor legislation Assembly Bill 2234, which provides cities in San Diego County with the option to set a minimum age of 12 for operating Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes.

On March 25, 2025, the City Council approved a minute motion directing the City Manager to seek public input on a potential minimum age of 12 for e-bike riders at a future Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting. The motion also directed staff to share feedback received and any commission recommendations at a future City Council meeting.

This item fulfills that direction. The Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission is now being asked to review applicable laws, current city regulations and public feedback, then recommend whether Carlsbad should adopt an ordinance under AB 2234 or maintain current laws without changes.

Discussion

Carlsbad has a long history of supporting and celebrating active transportation and environmental sustainability. In recent years, the growing popularity of e-bikes among school

aged youth has raised serious safety concerns in the community. Community members have voiced concerns, which include lack of helmet use, reckless speeds and behaviors, inattention while riding, and carrying more passengers than the bike is designed to accommodate.

Carlsbad was the first city in the county to adopt local laws addressing unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law has limited the city's ability to establish licensing and minimum age requirements.

AB 2234 gives cities in San Diego County the authority to prohibit children under 12 from operating Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes.

Under California law, e-bikes are classified into three categories:

- **Class 1 e-bikes** provide pedal-assist only and stop assisting at 20 mph.
- **Class 2 e-bikes** can operate via throttle or pedal-assist but also stop assisting at 20 mph.
- **Class 3 e-bikes** provide pedal-assist up to 28 mph and must be equipped with a speedometer. Existing laws prohibit people under 16 years of age from operating Class 3 e-bikes.

A breakdown of the various e-bike classes is provided in **Exhibit 2**. Although motors cut off at these limits, riders can pedal faster, and the increased speeds can contribute to more severe crashes. E-bike collisions can result in injuries similar to those seen in traditional motor vehicle crashes, including internal bleeding, pelvic fractures, damage to vital organs, and traumatic brain injuries.

Current Carlsbad e-bike regulations

The city's rules for e-bikes were established in 2022, when the City Council adopted Municipal Code Chapter 10.56, Operation of Regulated Mobility Devices. This definition includes all bicycles, as specified in Municipal Code Section 10.56.020, along with e-bikes, motorized scooters and other similar vehicles.

Under these provisions, riders must comply with all applicable California Vehicle Code requirements, including:

- Operate with due care and reduce speed to avoid collisions or endangering others
- No riding on sidewalks
- Ride with the flow of traffic, in the same direction as motor vehicles
- Obey the rules of the road applicable to bicycles under the California Vehicle Code
- Comply with all traffic control devices, including stop signs and traffic signals
- Wear helmets, as required by state law for riders under 18 and for all riders on Class 3 e-bikes regardless of age

Additional restrictions apply to certain public spaces, such as designated pedestrian-only areas, and riders must yield to pedestrians when operating on shared-use paths. Enforcement is carried out by the Carlsbad Police Department, and violations may result in fines or citations consistent with state and local law. A complete copy of the City's municipal code provisions related to e-bikes is included as **Exhibit 1**.

Enforcement efforts

Since adopting these regulations, the city has actively enforced its laws and adapted operations as e-bike rider behaviors have evolved. Over the past three years, enforcement efforts have resulted in more than 180 e-bike citations and 230 warnings for violations, including:

- Running red lights
- Failing to stop at stop signs
- Riding on sidewalks
- Engaging in hazardous riding behaviors

The city's enforcement strategy combines both routine patrols and targeted operations. Monthly "enforcement blitzes" focus on high-visibility patrols in known problem areas, while "focused deterrence" operations target large groups of riders, high-speed violators and repeat offenders.

Motor officers and field patrols provide daily enforcement coverage, with special attention given to schools, coastal areas and commercial zones. The city also monitors social media to identify planned group rides and habitual violators, allowing enforcement resources to be deployed proactively.

Education efforts

Education has been a key component of the city's approach. Current and previous efforts have included:

- Hosting more than 20 bicycle safety courses with over 1,500 participants, including both students and parents.
- Working with school districts operating in Carlsbad to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.
- Regularly sharing information on e-bike laws and safety tips through city communication channels.
- Distributed more than 100 helmets through an Office of Traffic Safety grant.

Together, these enforcement, education, and outreach measures demonstrate the City's commitment to improving safety for all road users while supporting the responsible use of e-bikes in the community.

Summary of Assembly Bill 2234

In September 2024, the Governor signed AB 2234 (Boerner), establishing the San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program. This program grants cities within San Diego County, as well as the county in unincorporated areas, the authority to adopt an ordinance prohibiting children under 12 years of age from operating a Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycle.

Provisions in AB 2234 include:

- Any prohibition adopted must be phased in with a 60-day period during which violations result only in a warning. After that, violations may be cited as infractions punishable by a base fine of \$25 with approximately \$200 of additional fees.
- Parents or guardians of minors in violation are jointly liable for the fine.

- Fines may be waived if proof is provided within 120 days that the rider completed an approved e-bike safety and training course.
- Jurisdictions adopting such an ordinance must administer a public information campaign for at least 30 days before the prohibition takes effect and submit a detailed report to the Legislature by January 1, 2028, outlining enforcement data, crash statistics and other required information.
- AB 2234 is set to sunset on January 1, 2029.

A full copy of AB 2234 is provided as **Exhibit 3**.

Regulations in other local cities

As of August 2025, two cities in San Diego County have adopted local ordinances banning children under age 12 from riding Class 1 or Class 2 e-bikes, in accordance with AB 2234, the cities of Coronado and Chula Vista. In addition to the new age restriction for Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes, Chula Vista's ordinance also adopted several provisions that mirror existing California Vehicle Code requirements and apply to all cities statewide, including:

- Prohibiting motorized scooters from operating on roads with speed limits of 40 mph or higher.
- Requiring all operators under 18 years of age to wear a helmet.

Chula Vista's ordinance also includes a restriction on riders under 18 years of age carrying passengers. While this provision is unique to their ordinance, it addresses an area already extensively regulated under the California Vehicle Code.

Additionally, Chula Vista prohibits the operation of electric micromobility vehicles on sidewalks in all business districts and in areas where posted restrictions are in effect. The City of Carlsbad's existing ordinance has a similar but more extensive provision, which prohibits the operation of all bicycles and micromobility devices on sidewalks citywide.

Carlsbad collision and injury data

There is an inherent risk associated with riding bicycles, whether electric or conventional. According to the California Office of Traffic Safety in San Diego County, there were a total of 18,159 serious injuries and fatalities in 2021, 768 of which involved a bicycle. Of the 194 cyclists killed in California in 2022, four were under the age of 16.

A review of the city's collision data for the most recent three-year period shows the following trends for e-bike riders aged 12 and under:

2023: 4 collisions, all involving minor injury, with 1 requiring a medical intake
 2024: 4 collisions, all involving minor injury, with 1 requiring a medical intake
 2025: 0 collisions involving injury

Potential benefits and challenges

In evaluating a potential ordinance in accordance with AB 2234, staff have identified potential benefits and challenges.

Potential benefits of adopting the ordinance could include:

- Enhance safety for younger riders who may lack judgment and physical capability to operate an e-bike safely
- Consistent with previously received community feedback, which has called for age restrictions
- Reduce risk of serious injury and address reports of unsafe riding behaviors

Potential challenges or unintended consequences could include:

- Limiting transportation options and accessibility for some families, particularly those who rely on e-bikes as a means for children to travel to school, recreational activities or nearby destinations.
- Some families might shift these trips back to being vehicle based, potentially increasing traffic congestion, pick-up and drop-off activity and related safety conflicts in those areas.
- Enforcement challenges with verifying a rider's age in the field. This often requires stopping the rider, which can be resource-intensive and may divert law enforcement attention from other priorities.

Public outreach

The city implemented a community outreach plan to notify the community and interested stakeholders, including parents of school-aged children, of the potential minimum age requirement and how to provide input. Outreach strategies included:

- School outreach, including emails for parents and flier distribution via PeachJar, ParentSquare, and similar platforms
- Emails to interest lists
- City Manager's Update newsletters
- News releases
- Social media posts
- Nextdoor posts
- Posters at city facilities
- Information at bike and e-bike safety classes led by the Carlsbad Police Department in August

As of Wednesday, September 10, 2025, the city received over 470 responses with approximately 90% in support of prohibiting children under 12 from riding e-bikes, while 10% are opposed. All responses are included in **Exhibit 4**.

Next Steps

Staff will convey the comments and feedback received from the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission, along with the Commission's proposed recommendation, to the City Council for its consideration.

Exhibits

1. Carlsbad Municipal Code – E-Bike Regulations
2. City of Carlsbad Safer Streets Together E-Bike Rules Flyer
3. Assembly Bill 2234 – San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program
4. Public feedback emails

CHAPTER 10.56
OPERATION OF REGULATED MOBILITY DEVICES

§ 10.56.010. Definitions.

"Bicycle" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 231, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Electric bicycle" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 312.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Electric personal assistive mobility device" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 313, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Electrically motorized boards" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 313.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Low speed vehicle" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 385.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Motorized scooter" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 407.5, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Operator" means a person who owns, operates, and/or controls a regulated mobility device.

"Public area" means any outdoor area that is open to the members of the public for public use, whether owned or operated by the city or a private party.

"Regulated mobility device" means a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electrically motorized board, low-speed vehicle, motorized scooter, shared mobility device, and any other similar vehicle.

"Rider" means a traveler riding in or on a regulated mobility device who is not operating it.

"Shared mobility device" has the same meaning as in California Civil Code Section 2505, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Vehicle" has the same meaning as in California Vehicle Code Section 670, as it may be amended from time to time.

(Ord. CS-419 § 2, 2022)

§ 10.56.020. Operation of regulated mobility devices.

- A. **Prohibition of Regulated Mobility Devices Where Posted.** It is prohibited to operate or ride on a regulated mobility device in public areas where such prohibition is posted by signs or as otherwise set forth in this chapter. A list of public locations where regulated mobility devices are prohibited shall be on file in the City Clerk's office. The list may be amended from time to time by resolution of the City Council.
- B. **No Operating or Riding on Sidewalks and Public Facilities.** No person shall operate or ride a regulated mobility device upon any sidewalk, in any public drainage facility, culvert, ditch, channel, or any other public athletic/sports court, or gymnasium in the city.
- C. **Duty to Operate with Due Care, Reduce Speed.**

1. The operator of a regulated mobility device shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of the device, obey all traffic control devices, and take all other action relating to operation of the device as necessary to safeguard the operator, passengers, and any persons or other vehicles or devices in the immediate area. It shall also be unlawful to transport any other person upon the bar, handle bars, floorboard or other area of regulated mobility device not designed for passenger riding or designed for a single person, or cling to or attach oneself or one's regulated mobility device with an operator or rider on board to any moving vehicle or motorized or non-motorized wheeled device.
2. Persons operating or riding a regulated mobility device on a city trail must dismount the regulated mobility device where the trail width is less than five feet and a pedestrian or equine is within a distance of 50 feet from the regulated mobility device.

(Ord. 3062 § 8; Ord. NS-151 § 1, 1991; Ord. CS-139 § 1, 2011; Ord. CS-419 § 2, 2022)

§ 10.56.030. Enforcement.

In lieu of a fine or administrative citation as authorized by this code, and in lieu of filing charges in any court having jurisdiction over a violation, the Police Chief or designee may allow a violator of this chapter to complete a police department provided safety course for regulated mobility devices. (Ord. 3062 § 11; Ord. 3064 § 3; Ord. CS-419 § 2, 2022)

§ 10.56.040. Exemptions.

- A. Public Agency Personnel. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or any other section of this code, city and public agency personnel may operate regulated mobility devices or other vehicles at any place in the city in the performance of their official duties.
- B. Disability. This chapter is not intended to apply to or otherwise restrict regulated mobility devices used in a safe manner by physically disabled persons as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.).

(Ord. CS-419 § 2, 2022)

§ 10.56.050. Severability.





If any portion of this chapter, or its application to particular persons or circumstances, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter or the application of the chapter to persons or circumstances not similarly situated.

(Ord. CS-419 § 2, 2022)

E-bike Rules



California designates three classes of electric bicycles. Knowing the class of your electric bicycle will tell you where and how you can ride.

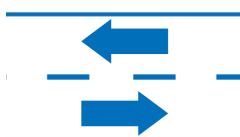
		 Pedal bike	 Class 1	 Class 2	 Class 3
Pedal assist			●	●	●
Throttle				●	
Max speed	Speed limit		20 mph	20 mph	28 mph
Minimum age	None	None	None	None	16
Driver's license	No	No	No	No	No
Helmet required	Under 18	Under 18	Under 18	Under 18	All ages
Helmet recommended	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages
Allowed on sidewalks	No	No	No	No	No
Allowed on trails	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

All e-bikes



Passengers

Only allowed on bikes specifically made for additional riders
Must have a seat for passengers
Often have footrests for the passenger



Where to ride

Ride in the same direction as traffic
Use bike lanes when available
Do not ride on sidewalks or in crosswalks



Signs & signals

Obey all traffic signs and signals
Come to a complete stop at signs
Look before turning



Safety

Ride with care
Reduce speed when needed
Be aware of all other road users



This "sharrow" means the lane is too narrow for bikes and cars to travel side by side. Ride toward the middle of the lane and avoid unsafe passing.

If there are no marked bike lanes or sharrows present, bicyclists have a right to share the road.

Assembly Bill No. 2234

CHAPTER 823

An act to add and repeal Section 21214.7 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

[Approved by Governor September 28, 2024. Filed with
Secretary of State September 28, 2024.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2234, Boerner. Vehicles: electric bicycles.

Existing law defines an electric bicycle and classifies electric bicycles into 3 classes with different restrictions. Under existing law, a “class 1 electric bicycle” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. Under existing law, a “class 2 electric bicycle” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. Under existing law, a “class 3 electric bicycle” is a bicycle equipped with a speedometer and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour. Existing law prohibits a person under 16 years of age from operating a class 3 electric bicycle.

This bill, the San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program, would, until January 1, 2029, authorize a local authority within the County of San Diego, or the County of San Diego in unincorporated areas, to adopt an ordinance or resolution that would prohibit a person under 12 years of age from operating a class 1 or 2 electric bicycle. For the first 60 days following the adoption of an ordinance or resolution for this purpose, the bill would make a violation of the ordinance or resolution punishable by a warning notice. After 60 days, the bill would make a violation of the ordinance or resolution punishable by a fine of \$25, except as specified. This bill would make a parent or legal guardian with control or custody of an unemancipated minor who violates the ordinance or resolution jointly and severally liable with the minor for the amount of the fine imposed. The bill would, if an ordinance or resolution is adopted, require the county to, by January 1, 2028, submit a report to the Legislature that includes, among other things, the total number of traffic stops initiated for a violation of the ordinance or resolution, the results of those traffic stops, and the actions taken by a peace officer during a traffic stop, as specified. The bill would require a local authority or county to administer a public information campaign for at least 30 calendar days prior to the enactment of the ordinance or resolution, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21214.7 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

21214.7. (a) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as the San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program.

(b) A local authority within the County of San Diego, or the County of San Diego in unincorporated areas, may, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit a person under 12 years of age from operating a class 1 or 2 electric bicycle.

(c) (1) A violation of an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall be punishable as follows:

(A) For the first 60 days after the prohibition comes into effect, a warning notice.

(B) After the first 60 days, a violation of the ordinance or resolution shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(2) A record of the action shall not be transmitted to the court and a fee shall not be imposed upon a citation for this infraction if the parent or legal guardian of the person who violated the prohibition delivers proof to the issuing agency within 120 days after the citation was issued that the person has completed an electric bicycle safety and training program pursuant to Section 894 of the Streets and Highways Code.

(3) If an unemancipated minor violates an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this section, a parent or legal guardian with control or custody of the minor shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for the amount of a fine imposed pursuant to this subdivision.

(d) (1) If an ordinance or resolution is adopted pursuant to this section, the county shall, by January 1, 2028, submit a report to the Legislature that includes all of the following:

(A) The total number of traffic stops initiated for a violation of the ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this section.

(B) The results of those traffic stops, including whether a warning or citation was issued, property was seized, or an arrest was made.

(C) The number of times a person was stopped for allegedly operating a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle while under 12 years of age but was found to be over the age limit.

(D) If a warning or citation was issued, a description of the warning or the violation cited.

(E) If an arrest or traffic stop was made, the offense cited by the officer for the arrest or traffic stop and the perceived race or ethnicity, gender, and approximate age of the person stopped, provided that the identification of these characteristics is solely based on the observation and perception of the peace officer who initiated the traffic stop.

(F) The actions taken by a peace officer during a traffic stop, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(i) Whether the peace officer asked for consent to search the person and, if so, whether consent was provided.

(ii) Whether the peace officer searched the person or property, and, if so, the basis for the search and the type of contraband or evidence discovered.

(iii) Whether the peace officer seized property and, if so, the type of property that was seized and the basis for seizing the property.

(G) The number of times a person opted to complete, and did complete, the training course in lieu of paying the fine.

(H) The number of times that a person under 12 years of age was operating an electric bicycle and was involved in a crash that resulted in a permanent, serious injury, as defined in Section 20001, or a fatality in the six months prior to the adoption of the ordinance or resolution, the cause of the crash, and the class of the electric bicycle that was being operated at the time of the crash.

(I) The number of times that a person under 12 years of age was operating an electric bicycle and was involved in a crash that resulted in a permanent, serious injury, as defined in Section 20001, or a fatality after the adoption of the ordinance or resolution, the cause of the crash, and the class of the electric bicycle that was being operated at the time of the crash.

(2) A report submitted pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(e) A local authority shall administer a public information campaign for at least 30 calendar days prior to the enactment of an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this section, which shall include public announcements in major media outlets and press releases.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2029, and as of that date is repealed.

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From: Jennifer Bantle <jenbantle@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 11:01 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age e bikes

Dear Carlsbad,

After witnessing many children driving irresponsibly and without helmets and double riders, and living in the age of mopeds when I was a teenager, the drivers had to have a drivers license, it is necessary for all E bike riders to have a drivers license. The accidents will greatly diminish if you do this. The entitlement of these spoiled rotten kids is out of control. They have been bullying drivers all over the city. Please make it stop.

Thank you,
Jennifer Bantle
Carlsbad resident and homeowner of 24 years here

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From: Lolomatt@roadrunner.com
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

I'd like to give input on the e-bike riders in Carlsbad. Last week my car was suddenly surrounded by about 8 e-bike riders near Bressi Ranch. They came shooting out of a parking lot without looking for cross traffic. It was a close call and I was just so relieved that I didn't hit any of them. They were in the wrong, but they are also kids.

I think they need to be licensed since they are driving motor vehicles. The problem is that they are too young to understand the dangers and responsibilities that go with riding a motorized vehicle. Many of them have helmets on, but the helmets are not strapped to their heads. I'm really afraid for them. This situation is a disaster waiting to happen. I think 12 is too young to be riding motorized vehicles. They really show very little judgment or concern for others, especially when riding in groups.

Ruth Kaufman
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Justine Shayman <jshaysd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes should not be allowed under 12

Justine Shayman
7603906331

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From: Elnora <elnorachambers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 6:09 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bike use

Please:

- Make the minimum age 16
- Require passing a course in relevant laws and practices, resulting in a license which must be carried while riding the bike
- Disallow carrying a passenger
- Require proof of insurance be carried at all times
- Have officers specifically tasked with enforcing e-bike laws.

In my area, south Carlsbad, we see youngsters riding in an extremely dangerous manner all the time. Wheelies down the middle of the lane at speed are an everyday sight. Please rein this in before a child has a fatal accident.

Thank you,
Elnora Chambers

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From: Judy Frankel <judyfrankel@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 5:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike minimum age

A better option would be to allow them to ride if they pass the full class and road smart cycling class along with their parents.

Issue a certificate and a sticker.

It will make for better cyclists as they get older.

Judy Frankel
Bike Walk Carlsbad

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Lenka <lcrocha1013@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:54 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Potential minimum age limit for e-bike riders

Hello,

I have two young kids and I would like to see Carlsbad setting the minimum age of 12 for e-bike use. I am curious though how this age restriction requirement will be enforced?

Thank you.

Kind regards
Lenka Rochester

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From: bcrum10@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:54 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input for September 16 E-bike Community Meeting

Hello,

Regarding e-bike issue.

I would suggest looking at the ordinance that Chula Vista just implemented. It has a couple of key provisions that would help improve safety for all residents, namely

- (1) Bans anyone under the age of 12 from riding Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike and makes it a crime for an adult to knowingly allow a child to do so.
- (2) No person under age of 18 can transport any passenger on any micromobility vehicle.

These two items would go a long way to improve child safety and make it easier to enforce.

Many e-bikes in the village in particular appear to be driven by middle schoolers who do not understand (or ignore) the rules of the road and are transporting multiple passengers. This is a safety hazard for bikers and other drivers.

I urge you to do the right thing.

Bob Crum
167 Redwood Ave.
760-803-1740

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From: Jennifer worrel <jennifer.worrel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 8:19 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum age

Hello,

I received your flyer regarding input for E-bike minimum age requirement. My 6 year old twins attend Elementary school in Carlsbad and I believe that the minimum age should be at least 12. I am shocked to see groups of kids maybe age 9/10 speeding down the hilly neighborhoods! I fear for their safety and dread the possibility of accidentally hitting a child! To me they are essentially motorcycles and should require some kind of license. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely

Jennifer Worrel

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From: pamela@enobytes.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 3:31 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Why we should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12

I would like to provide community input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

Why should we prohibit e-bike use for children under 12?

Because it protects our youngest citizens from serious harm. Do you know how many times I've witnessed young children doing wheelies down the middle of the road where traffic is extreme? We need to safeguard them as well as the pedestrians and drivers around them. This would also promote a culture of responsibility and respect for others on the road. Right now, it is out of control, and other cities need to follow Carlsbad's direction. Here are my concerns broken down on why it matters:

1. Safety Risks Exceed Their Developmental Capacity

- **Cognitive readiness** – Children under 12 typically lack the judgment and situational awareness needed to safely operate an e-bike, which can reach 20–28 mph. Their ability to gauge speed, anticipate traffic, and react to sudden obstacles is not yet fully developed.
- **Physical control** – E-bikes are heavier and accelerate faster than traditional bikes. A younger child may not have the strength or coordination to manage braking distances, balance at higher speeds, or stabilize after sudden swerves. Also, many children ride with two on the bike, causing extra harm to both riders.
- **Injury severity** – Pediatric trauma centers report that accidents involving e-bikes often result in more severe injuries than traditional bicycles, due to higher speeds and greater impact force.

2. Protection of the Broader Community

- **Pedestrian safety** – Children on e-bikes ride on sidewalks or in shared-use paths, putting elderly residents, small children, and pets at greater risk.
- **Traffic conflicts** – When sharing the road, young children are less predictable to drivers. Their errors (weaving, sudden stops, ignoring signals) become exponentially more dangerous at e-bike speeds. They are not obeying normal traffic signals, and I am afraid we'll start to see an uptick on injuries.
- **Neighborhood livability** – Communities thrive on safe, walkable streets. A surge of very young riders on high-speed bikes undermines that sense of safety.

3. Consistency with Age-Restricted Vehicle Standards

- **Comparable risk to mopeds/scooters** – In many jurisdictions, e-bikes can legally travel as fast as mopeds, which require licenses or minimum ages. Allowing children under 12 on e-bikes creates an inconsistency in safety regulation.
- **Insurance and liability concerns** – If a child under 12 causes an accident, families and communities face legal and financial exposure that would not exist if the use were age-restricted.

4. Encourages Healthy Development & Responsibility

- **Age-appropriate biking** – Limiting children under 12 to traditional bikes fosters skill development, road awareness, and physical fitness without exposing them to unnecessary risk.

- **Graduated responsibility** – Just as driving laws introduce teens gradually to motor vehicles, e-bike rules can establish a phased approach: traditional bikes for children, e-bikes only once they demonstrate maturity and road awareness.

Signed a concerned citizen

Pamela H.

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From: Lynda McDonell <lyndamcdonell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Fwd: E Bike Regulations

Lynda McDonell

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From: **Lynda McDonell** <lyndamcdonell@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Sep 7, 2025 at 11:49 AM
Subject: E Bike Regulations
To: <traffic@carlsbad.gov>, Lynda McDonell <lyndamcdonell@gmail.com>

To Who it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my complete support in changing the age for teens and E Bikes. As a 43 year resident of Carlsbad, I am deeply concerned about safety in our community.

The sheer number of E cyclists, younger than legal driving age, riding recklessly in our city is astounding. I walk 4-5 miles per day on a route near three schools, the coast, and the village. I witness riders of all ages ignoring many vehicle codes while I'm walking. As a pedestrian at intersections it is increasingly dangerous due to cyclists on the sidewalk or in the street ignoring stop signs, crosswalks and traffic lights. One has to take extra caution to stay alive in our city.

Recently, I'm encountered groups of young boys riding three to four bikes across in the street. They taunt seniors, women and peers as they spit, swear and aim their bikes at them. They ride with impunity in the village.

Yesterday, as a driver, my husband had to swerve our truck to avoid three pre teens riding on ONE E bike that did not stop at the four way stop at Chestnut and Pio Pico. Those young girls had no idea how invisible they were coming out of the dark underpass as they broke the law. The two passengers were holding onto their phones and large soft drink cups instead of the bike.

Drivers are at risk as their safety and prosperity are threatened by children, with no accountability for breaking the law, ride carelessly at extremely increased numbers. Why must those driving a car be 16, or 18 to carry passengers, be licensed, tested and insured while those riding an E Bike do not? What occurs when they cause personal injury or property damage to others? They aren't even required to carry ID let alone insurance.

I implore you to read the regulations that Chula Vista has proposed. Rewrite the current regulations to reflect not only the age requirement but the rule that E Bike riders under 18 may not carry passengers.

Require permits to ride, ID or proof of ownership of the bike, and suspensions for breaking any vehicle codes.

Surrounding communities take note of Carlsbad and this resident would like our leadership to do the right thing. Make the changes and enforce them. Safety is at stake.

Sincerely,

Lynda McDonell

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From: Craig Arterburn <craig.arterburn51@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: "Officials raise alarm about e-motorcycles, which can go 80 mph | NBC 7 San Diego" on YouTube

To Carlsbad Traffic Commission and City Council:

If you are not going to outlaw them, make them get registered through the DMV and require them to be insured.

The government is giving incentives to buy e-bikes and e-motorcycles like any e-vehicle. Manufactures are increasing speeds to entice buyers.

Craig Arterburn
5335 El Arbol Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

<https://youtu.be/gvPe8usiqZw?si=K9LQ-vbKF6gmBAhh>

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From: Cindy Prather <cprather@surewest.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 7:53 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Deer city of Carlsbad,

I am a homeowner in Carlsbad. I have many thoughts on E bikes that I wish the city of Carlsbad would consider, including in their conversations about how to handle the increased use of these bikes.

Although bikes are road by all ages, including older adults, the younger kids, under the age of 18 are the ones who are riding these bikes recklessly, riding without regard for traffic laws, and without regard for other people on the road. It is hard to believe you are only considering mandating a minimum age of 12 for these E bikes. On the side streets, they are going just as fast or faster than most vehicles. A 12-year-old child does not have the understanding of how to navigate an electric motor on a street with pedestrians and cars, cross traffic and all of the things that happen on a regular city Street.

I strongly encourage the city council to consider a higher age as a minimum and require they hold a special license where they have passed understanding the rules of the road. I truly think they should have a drivers license, but if that's not possible since the cart has left the barn, They should be required to understand what the rules of the road are. This cannot be an online test because we know those are cheated on and not paid any attention. And then, the police should be enforcing their lack of following the rules of the road.

These kids are purposely engaging in reckless behavior on a city street, amongst other moving vehicles and pedestrians. They are speeding through intersections, weaving through cars, ramming through crosswalks with pedestrians in it, and sometimes creating havoc by doing obnoxious things to drivers.

I was personally almost run over in the crosswalk on Carlsbad Boulevard down at Carlsbad Village Drive. I was with my 79-year-old friend crossing the street in the crosswalk. Three boys on E bikes, approximate age 14 to 16, road between us on the crosswalk, then circled back around us, taunting us, and then came back by us again, laughing all the way. My 79-year-old friend was very startled and almost tripped in the middle of the street due to this. We had to scurry fast through the crosswalk to then avoid cars coming at us.

I know that the city will be receiving many many requests and complaints regarding the E bikes. You have an opportunity to do something about this problem before it continues down this reckless path. Someone is going to get hurt and killed. Someone maybe a young E bike rider or the someone may be an 80-year-old woman in a crosswalk. At that point somebody's life will change. This is what the city council is for. To try to stop those things from happening in advance by doing the right thing and creating rules and laws. And with those rules and laws, the police need to enforce those laws.

Thank you,
Cindy Prather
7332 Bolero st.
Carlsbad
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Alan Saxe <asaxe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 9:42 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Age Restriction

I have been a resident of Carlsbad for just over three years. I retired and chose Carlsbad for a multitude of reasons. Beside the beauty and climate, the mild pace and lifestyle were major factors. Over the time I have lived here I've noticed a great increase in not only the number of E bikes on the public roads but the number driven by teens and those even younger. Often times they ride in large groups and seem to disregard simple safety practices that jeopardize those of us in cars and the kids themselves.

I strongly believe that the minimum driving age of 16 for all E Bikes on public roads is in the best interests of the community at large. Allowing 12 year olds to drive motorized vehicles on any public road is not only contrary to common sense but also the well being of those very kids and those who will have to share the roads with them.

If the City does choose the "easy way" out and allow young teens E Bike privileges, mandatory safety programs should be instituted and violations of safety rules should be enforced with loss of driving rights. Hopefully the City will follow common sense and set an age restriction of 16.

Alan Saxe
Wintergreen Drive Carlsbad
Sent by iPhone

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From: Colin Chambers <colinchambers@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 9:30 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: Tove Tuntland
Subject: Age restrictions for e-bike riders

Hello,

I saw a news story about an upcoming meeting with the Carlsbad city council regarding proposed age and other restrictions on e-bike riders in Carlsbad. I think this is a very good idea.

We have been Carlsbad citizens in La Costa Valley on Corte Ananas, Carlsbad, CA 92009 for the past 20 years. We have two sons in their 20s. If we had kids under 12 years old we would absolutely never have allowed them to ride e-bikes in traffic.

I've seen these kids swerve down the road in the middle of traffic crossing lanes with no awareness of the rules of the road. I believe it should be required to have a driver's license to drive an e-bike on the road. If not then a 12 year old age limit sounds like a very good step in the right direction. And prohibiting multiple kids on one bike also sounds wise.

These kids are at extreme risk and they are going to get hurt if things don't change. Nobody wants that. I really appreciate what you are doing.

Thank you,
Colin Chambers and Tove Tuntland
2220 Corte Ananas, Carlsbad, CA 92009
760-577-9748
colinchambers@outlook.com

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From: Shay Snyders <shay.snyders@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 6:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Age

Hello,

I am a Carlsbad resident writing to express my opinion that e-bikes should have a minimum age of 12 in Carlsbad. I've seen the dangers first hand the danger of younger, inexperienced riders.

Thank you,
Shay Snyders

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From: Sandy Moreno <morno@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 5:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission Meeting

My input for this meeting on e-bike safety is to adopt the recent laws of Chula Vista except I believe no one under 14 should be allowed to ride them. They just aren't old enough to understand the laws or mature enough to take them seriously.

Everyone under 18 should have to wear a helmet and they should not be allowed to have passengers regardless of the e-bike configuration.

Sandra Moreno
3336 Don Diablo Dr.
Carlsbad
(760) 268-1128

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From: Rachael Klos <rachael.klos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 4:15 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike minimum age in Carlsbad

To whom it may concern,

I support the minimum age of 12 for e-bikes in Carlsbad. A combination of younger, smaller bodies and reckless riding continues to be a huge safety concern in our communities. Thank you for your consideration!

Be well,
Rachael

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From: Dana Mottola <danamottola@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike law

If you're discussing iat what age should be the minimum to operate a motor vehicle in traffic?

It should actually be a license driver!

anyone doing any form of motor vehicle whether it is gas powered electric powered or even solar powered if you are putting someone in traffic, they should have a license, knowing the rules of the road As well as the E bike companies should be held accountable, making the E bikes, safe meet all safety standards with safety equipment, basically the same standards of the motorcycle And should be registered, which would require them to carry insurance If a 12 year-old on an E bike loses control and crashes into the side of a minivanslams causing more than \$1000 of damage, but the kid doesn't even have a ID card on them !! who would be responsible who's liable for this damage?

Sending a 12-year-old on an E bike out into traffic!!!!

To say you were going to give a 12 year-old and E bike to drive in traffic Well, just saying that out loud sounds so wrong I guess that would be the true meaning of go play in traffic!!!

So to wrap it up, I believe you should be a licensed driver to operate any form of motor vehicle on our public streets. That includes an electric motor bicycle.

Let's keep our roads and our kids safe. We have enough to worry about out there than dodging kids on E bikes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this matter Sincerely, Dana Mottola

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From: Randy Hanson <randy@coastalpoolserviceandrepair.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 3:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bikes

I would suggest the City of Carlsbad require kids 12 or older to obtain a license to ride e-bikes in our city. In addition certified helmets should be worn at all times when riding the bikes including passengers.

Randy Hanson
Coastal Pool Service and Repair
760-275-1711

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From: Adriana Trujillo
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 10:44 AM
To: Traffic; Nathan Schmidt
Cc: Morgen Fry
Subject: Sept. 16 TS&M Commission Meeting Correspondence
Attachments: Re: E bikes; Fw:

Good morning,

I've attached correspondence for the Sept. 16 TS&M Commission Meeting.

Kind Regards,
Adriana Trujillo



Adriana Trujillo, CMC
Deputy City Clerk
City Clerks Office

From: Bob Sukup <sukup@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 9:02 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Comment on e-bike riders

We are definitely in favor of a minimum age of 12 for e-bike riders, and we are appalled at the groups of obnoxious kids riding in large underage groups.

Thank you for discussing this issue at the Council Mt.

Long time Carlsbad residents.

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From: Dana Mottola <danamottola@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:47 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bikes in traffic

Every motorized vehicle that is on our street with traffic, should be a registered vehicle with a licensed driver meaning that that vehicle is now insured

e- bike with a 12-year-old puts a motorized vehicle in traffic with an untrained unlicensed driver!!

No, that's putting our 12-year-old's at risk As well as when an E bike causes damage to a vehicle like slamming into a side of a minivan, indenting the doors who is liable A 12-year-old kid on the E bike with not even a drivers license or even ID of any kind, or insurance does that fall back on the the license driver because this is a E bike with a kid on it?

Any and all forms of motor vehicle E bike is an electric motor that is a motor vehicle. Anyone driving a motor vehicle on our street should be registered insured and licensed.

If you'd like to get back to me with this, my name is Dana Mottola
760-271-7837

Danamottola@gmail.com

Thank you

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 8:47 AM
To: Traffic; Nathan Schmidt
Subject: FW: Interesting article for eBike law in Chula Vista

Hi - Here is correspondence for the Sept. 16 TS&M Commission Meeting.
Thanks,
Morgen



Morgen Fry
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From: Kris Wright <kriswrt222@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 1:01 PM
To: City Clerk <clerk@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Interesting article for eBike law in Chula Vista

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

We have an e-bike problem in Carlsbad as you know and I thought you all might find it interesting to read what Chula Vista has done with their laws. I would personally create a law where it is not legal to have children under the age of 18 to ride double on a bike.

https://timesofsandiego.com/crime/2025/09/04/chula-vistas-e-bike-regulations-go-into-effect-today/?fbclid=IwY2xjawMgwjRleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHqMoONelHORUNVx1nr7BVWztzSec-VrIm-bN-6eA-hBdSXAPx7jSj3yT4t1a_aem_2WyjLgmCr9-bhMfHF_X9HQ

Maybe have staff look into this...

Thanks,
Kris Wright
District 1
Carlsbad

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Kris Wright
kriswrt222@gmail.com

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From: Sara Mason <sarakmason81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 7:20 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Yes to minimum age of 12 for e-bikers!

Thank you!

Sara Mason
2187 Avenida Toronja, Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: The Nadal Family <thenadalfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 11:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age Restrictions for E-Bike Riders in Carlsbad, CA

Hello,

We are homeowners and residents of Carlsbad and we strongly believe there should be an age restriction set for e-bike riders in the city of Carlsbad. Chula Vista recently passed restrictions banning people 12 years old and younger from ridding e-bikes which we applauded and agreed with and we believe the city of Carlsbad should do the same thing. Maybe this will help minimize or end the current e-bike rider situation where young riders have exhibited reckless and disrespectful behavior to drivers on the road and also to Carlsbad residents as well.

Furthermore, we believe Carlsbad should also require permits or licenses be obtained via passing a written test and/or riding test (similar to getting a car drivers license) to ensure the prospective e-bike rider knows the rules of the road and deemed safe and knowledgeable enough to ride on our Carlsbad streets.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Nadal Family
Carlsbad Residents (Calavera Hills area)
thenadalfamily@gmail.com

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From: Paula Mangini <paulam_m@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Electric Bikes

Traffic Safety and Mobility Commission:

The City of Carlsbad is proud to boast being "the first city in the region to pass local laws that make it easier to enforce the safe and considerate use of e-bikes, scooters and other similar ways of getting around town." In reality, the City of Carlsbad has done *nothing* to enforce anyone's *safety or consideration* regarding e-bike (EB) use. The City of Carlsbad should be ashamed that they haven't lived up to their word. The city doesn't *keep citizens safe from* EB riders, and they surely don't promote or require EB riders to drive with consideration because they don't have strict enough laws, and they don't demand that their police department enforce the laws.

Let's be real, the City of Carlsbad mistakenly labels people who operate an EB as a "rider" when in fact they are "DRIVERS" and thus should be treated as such. Anything that is charged by electricity has an enormous amount of force, speed and energy whether it's an EV, EM or EB; *an EB is a type of motorized vehicle*. EB riders should be subject to the same exact laws as mopeds or motor driven cycles *as mandated by other states*. If not, you may as well lower the minimum age to attain a driver's license to 12 years old. We urge you NOT to set the minimum age for EB drivers at 12 year of age. We support a minimum age of 16 for driving any vehicle that is not powered solely by human force.

These are the City laws that are not followed or enforced:

The City's changes allow police to issue citations - law not enforced

Bicyclists and EB riders are subject to all the same rules of the road as motorists - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!

Riders who don't follow the rules are subject to ticketing and fines - law not enforced

Helmet law - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!

Age limit - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!

Passengers only allowed on bikes specifically made for additional riders and passengers must have a seat - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!

It shall be unlawful to transport any other person upon the bar, handle bars, floorboard or other area of regulated mobility device not designed for passenger riding or designed for a single person, or cling to or attach oneself or one's regulated mobility device with an operator or rider on board to any moving vehicle or motorized or non-motorized wheeled device - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!

Do not ride on sidewalks or crosswalks - rule not obeyed and law not enforced

Obey all traffic signs and signals. Come to a complete stop at signs. Look before turning - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!!!

Ride with care. Be aware of all other road users - rule not obeyed and law not enforced!!!

Kids younger than 10 years old are driving EBs in Carlsbad like they own the road. Many kids ride in mobs. They're distracted by their phones/music/passengers/pets often times driving with one hand (or NO hands!) while texting, they are ignorant of the laws and surely don't abide by them, and they have no regard for the safety of others or themselves. They run traffic lights and stop signs, they bully/challenge/flip off/throw trash at cars, while traveling at high speeds they swerve in front of cars often drifting 2 or more lanes over at a time. When they make a left turn, they often cut the intersection short, swerving into, and startling cross-traffic drivers approaching the left turn lane. **They don't know the skill, safety, courtesy and responsibility involved** regarding slowing down when approaching intersections/pedestrians, looking both ways, yielding to traffic before entering/crossing intersections, watching for vehicles that may be turning right, etc. They are a menace and should not be allowed to share our roads without the proper training, maturity and responsibility!

We support a city who makes responsible decisions for their tax-paying citizens. YOU work for US. Your job is to keep US safe. **Twelve-year-olds don't know what "safe" means.** They are coddled and given privileges out of convenience to

their parents who are too lazy and self-absorbed to drive them where they want to go, or God forbid make them WALK! A manual bike or scooter should be sufficient, as it was for all of us when we were 12 years old.

We Support Carlsbad EB Laws That Require:

Drivers must be a minimum of 16 years old

Drivers are required to pass a drivers ed/safety course

Drivers must carry a driver's license, insurance, and registration

Drivers and passengers must wear helmets

Drivers must be free of all hand-held devices

Drivers may not wear earbuds or cover their ears with any device that prevents them from hearing approaching vehicles or sirens

Drivers under the age of 18 cannot transport passengers or pets

EB must have side mirrors mounted on the handle bars or on the driver's helmet

Parents must be held responsible for their child's decisions and infractions

Drivers who break these or any laws of the road should have their license suspended and/or EB impounded

Citizens should be confident that our City's police department will keep us safe by enforcing these laws

For the safety of all Carlsbad citizens, including EB "riders", PLEASE DO NOT SET THE MINIMUM DRIVER'S AGE AT 12, MAKE 16 THE LEGAL AGE!

The citizens of Carlsbad appreciate your consideration.
The Streeds

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From: Karen Ludlow <jackar287@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 2:53 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-scooter and Bike Rules - Chula Vista

Please read the article in the Union Tribune from 9/5 (or maybe 9/6) titled “**E-Scooter, bike rules in Chula Vista go into effect.**” They have lots of great rules/laws that they have put into effect. Perhaps you might be able to apply them to Carlsbad as you review our current rules/laws.

Thank you
Mrs. Karen Ludlow

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From: Pamela Beirne <pammolano@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 12:31 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike usage

I fully support the requirement of age 12 to use an e-bike. It would be even better to make it age 16 in my opinion. Thank you.

Pamela Beirne

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From: Bryan Branch <bryanbranch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 11:26 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age law

As a father of two elementary age children at OPE, I feel strongly that there should be a minimum age and or a license requirement for e-bikes in our community. Please prioritize the safety of our children and enforce a minimum age requirement that would prohibit e-bike use of children under age 12.

Thank you,

Bryan branch

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From: Kelly Branch <kellybranchnp@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 7, 2025 7:43 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike minimum age

As a mother of two elementary age children at OPE and a pediatric healthcare provider, I feel strongly that there should be a minimum age and or a license requirement for e-bikes in our community. Please prioritize the safety of our children and enforce a minimum age requirement that would prohibit e-bike use of children under age 12.

Thank you,

Kelly Branch, MSN, CPNP
Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery NP
Rady Children's Hospital San Diego
916.871.8831

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From: Vicki Robertson <pvdgrob@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 6, 2025 1:45 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age feedback

City of Carlsbad,

Thank you for asking for input regarding age restrictions on E bikes. The E bikes everywhere seem to be out of control. I frequently see young kids between the ages of 11 and 14 blow right through signals on El Camino. I'm very concerned. It is not only a hazard to them but also a hazard to drivers as these young people driving E bikes have no clue about traffic laws.

Hopefully, someday our state will get smart and not allow anyone under the age of 16 to ride an e-bike.

Perhaps limiting e-bike use to 14 and up with a special permit.

Thank you for asking for our input.

Vicki Robertson

Sent from my Vicki's iPhone 8

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From: Karen Perkins <karensperkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 6, 2025 12:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike age 12 minimum requirement

Dear Carlsbad Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

Thank you very much for allowing input from the community on this important issue.

Definitely our city should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12. I wish we could also require passing road safety rules before allowing non licensed drivers from using e-bikes on any road used by other motorized vehicles. It is so dangerous for your e-bike riders to not know the rules of the road.

The following are several of my concerns which I have witnessed Aviara Oaks middle school students doing along Docena (a steep road) headed to school and later along Poinsettia Road after school.

- 1) Students ride in packs and are more aware of their friends than the traffic surrounding them.
- 2) Before school students fly down Docena. Car speed limit is 25 mph - yet these e-bike riders are going faster than that down a street that curves into residential homes where there could be a driver backing out of his driveway or even cars starting up the hill. These risky e-bike riders would never be able to slow down in time for something unexpected. One morning I heard one of the pack shout to another friend, "my brakes aren't enough for this!" The pack of friends did not care as they continued to speed down steep Docena. Police really should park along this street near the bottom for a real scary show before school. Might be a good street to ban e-bikes along.
- 3) After school, e-bike riders reaching the Poinsettia downhill are really happy to focus more on speed, friends and fun than safety:
 - a. One rider was zigging and zagging in the small bike lane
 - b. Another student was doing a wheelie while cars pass along side him at 50 mph
 - c. Two students were riding tandem (isn't this not allowed already?)
 - d. Several riders were racing next to each other although the bike lane wasn't wide enough to safely allow this.

I read in the San Diego Union Saturday, September 6, 2025, in the Local section, that Chula Vista has e-scooter & bike rules taking effect now with education and warnings through December 3. The ordinance bans the e-bikes for under age 12, and would also make it a crime for an adult to knowingly allow underage age use.

There are many groups of kids riding e-bikes in my neighborhood. A ban on riders under age 12 would be excellent - although I am not certain how you would know exact ages? Besides the age and helmets (which usually are used), knowing the rules of the road would be so important since these kids are using a motorized vehicle around other motorized vehicles whose drivers are at least licensed. Scary roads when e-bike riders are out and about!!

Thank you again for allowing community input and hopefully you will decide to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes here in Carlsbad.

Sincerely,
Karen Perkins
1533 White Sage Way

Carlsbad, CA 92011

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From: Cheryl Haiman <cherylhaiman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 6, 2025 8:40 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum age of e-bike riders

We definitely believe no one under age 12 should be allowed to ride e-bikes (prefer age 14 instead).

Further, we recommend that all e-bike operators be licensed after taking and passing a driving course like any other driver on the road.

Reflectors and rear view mirrors would greatly add to the safety of operators.

Holding parents responsible for the actions of these operators is necessary to help curtail recent episodes of unacceptable behavior of some groups of young people.

Mark and Cheryl Haiman

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From: Emmett Durnan <emmdurnan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike rules

Here are my thoughts and suggestions:

1. E-bikes should be called motorbikes and be classified as motorized vehicles and governed by the same rules. Calling them e-bikes makes them seem like a glorified bicycle but they're no different than motorcycles. They just happen to be electric and have pedals. We don't let 12 year olds drive other vehicles that can go 25-30mph.
2. Drivers and riders, adult and children, should be required to wear helmets regardless of age.
3. E-bike drivers under 16 should be required to take driver training and a test and be licensed.
4. E-bikes should be registered and display a license plate.
5. E-bikes should be required to have front and rear lights, brake lights and turn signals.
6. Drivers under 16 should be restricted to Class A e-bikes.

I hope you can institute some sanity into the governance of e-bikes. Thanks for the opportunity to have input.

Emmett Durnan
4900 Neblina Dr.
760-533-7238

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From: nlynn6 <nlynn6@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 8:15 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re ebikes

Hello,

Please seriously consider a minimum age for these “children” riding all over the roads, ignoring stop signs, and causing hazards to themselves and the cars around them.

I also advocate some kind of a class to teach these kids the rules. If you don’t pass it, you’re not allowed to ride.

Thank you,

Natalie Lynn.

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From: gina severino <flutterbygina@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 5:42 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Stop the e-bike madness. You will be saving lives. Painful to watch these kids pop wheelies right in front of me. If I'm driving to work in the village when school is out and get behind these bike riders they take up the whole street are extremely rude and I usually end up turning around and driving the other way. 🤔 Please Help!

Gina Severino 760-525-2881

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Judy Kelch <jlkelch77@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:55 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Limiting the Age of E-bike Riders

I'm a senior driver who finds navigating the streets of Carlsbad safer and easier (even with road work) than many other neighborhoods in the area. Most people are safe and courteous drivers. The one exception is young e-bike riders. They are not rude, just not as careful as they need to be.

Prohibiting anyone under the age of 12 from riding an e-bike would be a logical step in protecting our children and making the streets safer for all drivers. It would also take the pressure off parents of younger children who would otherwise give in due to peer pressure. It would be helpful to have schools provide "riders' ed" for those 12 and over before they can ride to school (if they don't already or it's not illegal!).

Regards,

Judy Kelch
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From: Alan Kacura <alankacura@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 6:47 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support for Minimum Age Requirement for E-Bike Riders

Dear Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for establishing a minimum age of 12 years old for e-bike riders in Carlsbad.

Safety is my primary concern. E-bikes can reach speeds of 20–28 mph depending on the class, and operating them requires not only physical coordination but also good judgment and situational awareness—skills that younger children often have not yet developed. Setting a minimum age helps reduce the risk of serious accidents involving both young riders and other members of the community.

This proposal is also consistent with recommendations from several safety organizations. For example:

- The California Highway Patrol’s e-bike safety guidance stresses that children should not operate motorized bikes without the maturity to safely handle traffic situations.
- The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Safe Kids Worldwide have both highlighted that children under early teen years are at greater risk of traffic-related injury due to underdeveloped cognitive and decision-making abilities.
- Many school districts and community groups already recommend that children under 12 use only traditional pedal bikes on streets, further underscoring the importance of aligning e-bike use with age-appropriate development.

By setting a clear minimum age, Carlsbad can reduce preventable injuries, promote responsible e-bike use, and create safer streets for everyone—whether they are drivers, cyclists, or pedestrians.

Thank you for considering community input on this important matter. I fully support the adoption of the 12-year-old minimum age requirement.

Alan Kacura
Carlsbad resident

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From: Christy Gudel <gudeldesigns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 10:39 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

To whom it may concern,

I am in the firm belief that children under 12 should not be allowed to ride an electric vehicle. These kids are not trained to ride and they are too young to be on anything that has a an electric battery pack. The fact that they are even allowed - even for anyone under 16, is questionable. Unless they are permitted after taking specific classes with extensive training, and dare I say insured under their parents, they shouldn't be allowed to ride at all.

Please pass this so we can have more safety for our children on the streets.

Thank you,

Christy

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From: Theresa <theresad7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 7:33 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike input

my heart aches seeing these young kids on E bikes, all dressed in black clothing with no lights on their bikes or very dim lights. They are hardly visible, even in the daylight let alone at sunset!

They are driving Alongside cars like they are licensed motorcycle riders.

I'm not sure what age should be allowed to ride them, but for safety reasons alone The bikes need to be lit up in the front and the back with very bright lights And perhaps even front and back lights on helmet And maybe even required reflective vests Over their clothing.

Thank you
Theresa gondolfo

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From: Winston Prather <winstonprather@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 10:32 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum E bike age input

To: city of Carlsbad

I think it's fantastic that you will be investigating and deciding how to regulate E bike usage in our city. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

I moved to Carlsbad about two years ago. I have been completely shocked at the young age and reckless usage of E bikes by minors. It seems I read about an accident every day. There is absolutely no reason why these kids that we would not allow anywhere near a motor vehicle yet, they're too young and not trained, but somehow we think it's OK for them to mingle in the traffic with Cars and trucks and motorcycles.

I don't understand why these are not regulated like motor vehicles. They are motor vehicles! The motor just happens to be electric. It's no different than an electric car that goes a little slower.

I believe that no one should be allowed to ride these bikes on city streets unless they have a drivers license! And have been through some kind of driver training, similar to new driver car training.

Someone's going to get killed, and sadly, it will be these young kids. Please do not allow that to happen! Make these kids have drivers license and be 16 years old to use E bikes on the city public streets.

Thank you very much, a concern, citizen,

Winston Prather, Bolero Street

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From: Rhonda Gwizdak <rhonniegwizdak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 6:37 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

To Whom It May Concern -

At this time, yes I support Carlsbad prohibiting e-bike use by children under age 12.

I've seen way too many young kids without helmets, with multiple people riding on the same bike, going way too fast and I think something really awful is going to happen.

With or without an age limit, I think there should be some sort of required safety courses required for e-bike users, and they should be ticketed for not following rules. (Helmet, road laws, etc).

Just some feedback for the upcoming meeting!

Thank you!
Rhonda

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From: Paige Reinholtsen <paigereinholtsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 4:19 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike opinion

Hi there,

I live in Calavera Hills and the e bikes are out of control. There are kids going down the huge hills without helmets, or helmets unclipped, or multiple riders. Last week there was a girl (maybe 13-14) on her e bike on El Camino, she had no helmet on and she was texting and had no hands on her handles.

Minimum age should be 16, they should have to pass a e bike safety course, in addition to a test to verify they know driving laws (or have their driving license). They should be held accountable for their actions and law enforcement should be ticketing them as they would if driving a car or motorcycle.

Thank you! I think changing the age could be really beneficial for the safety of Carlsbad!

Paige Heidrich

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From: Kira Linberg
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 1:12 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: FW: Scan from Ricoh MFD
Attachments: Scan_.pdf

For your department. Copies were also given to council (since that is who it was addressed to). T Thanks, Kira

-----Original Message-----

From: Kira.Linberg@carlsbadca.gov <Kira.Linberg@carlsbadca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 1:09 PM
To: Kira Linberg <Kira.Linberg@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Scan from Ricoh MFD

Scan from Ricoh MFD

From: Help
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: FW: E bike age

Hi there,
This should have been sent to Traffic, not Help, so here you go.
Thanks,
Kira

-----Original Message-----

From: Grandma Rocks <gherndon67@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 10:35 AM
To: Help <help@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: E bike age

I sincerely believe 12 is still way too young to be riding on the busy streets their brains aren't developed. They are not able to make quick safe decisions. I think 14 years old would be much more appropriate as that is when we let them start to learn to drive also I would like to put in a strong vote that E bikes are not allowed in the poinsettia community park some of them ride. In gangs, they harass the dog walkers in our rude in general. Thank you for listening.

Thank you,
Gail Herndon

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From: Rob Hirsch <buckeyes1988@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Age Requirements

Hello,

I fully support an age limit on class 1 and class 2 e-bikes. No one under the age of 12 should be allowed to ride, what is basically a motorized "mini-bike", on city streets. While this may seem a harsh stand to take for children under the age of 12, and may "inconvenience" parents, it would reduce the potential of fatalities for children who are currently on these types of bikes.

They have limited understanding of "road rules" that apply to autos AND bikes. More often than not, I see the running of stop signs, failure to indicate which direction turns will be made, and the occurrence of "stunts" such as wheelie pops, and riding 2-3 individuals on one bike.

Please use these comments in any discussions that will determine if this ordinance will go into effect.

Thanks.

Rob Hirsch
Calle Viento
District 4

Email: buckeyes1988@gmail.com

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From: Jacky Hayes <jackyhayes01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 9:19 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum

I agree that there should be a minimum age to ride an e-bike. Age 12 at least, better if 15. Riders should also be required to pass a safety test so they understand the rules of the road.

Thank you!

Jacky Hayes

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From: Benni Mortimer <benni@rehabsource.org>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike age restriction

Hello - regarding the age restriction for children - I certainly do not think under age 12 should ride ebike. In fact I think minimum age should be 16. Thank you.

Behnush B. Mortimer, Ph.D., CRC, CVE

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From: Erin Mott <motterin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike safety

Dear Carlsbad Commision on Traffic Safety members,

I would like to very much add my support for the initiative to establish a minimum age of 12 for any ebikes. I am very concerned at the lack of safety I see on our streets, with too young, uninformed, and unlicensed children riding ebikes. I have had a very near miss with kids who ran a red light in Carlsbad and frequently see dangerous behaviors. These are children and they do not understand the grave potential consequences of their actions.

I am supportive of this measure, but I would urge you all to continue to push laws further. I believe that anyone riding an ebike should have not only a minimum age, but also must earn a license to ride one.

Thank you,
Erin Mott
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858 888 0505 (cell)

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From: Andrew Stepner <andrewstepner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 7:51 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Avoid more rules on e-bike riders

I urge you **not** to add new local age restrictions on e-bike riders. More regulations create unnecessary bureaucracy. A patchwork of city-by-city rules only creates confusion. Parents are best positioned to judge when their children are ready to ride responsibly and traffic enforcement regardless of age is the best way to stop recklessness.

Carlsbad should focus instead on enforcing reckless riding laws and expanding bike safety education without limiting individual freedom. New rules can sound good but they often just create more bureaucracy.

Andrew Stepner

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From: Emily A B <emmybeu@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Traffic
Cc: Adam Beu
Subject: Minimum age e-bike riders in Carlsbad

1. Minimum age of 15 to ride e-bike with a throttle
 2. Minimum age of 12 to ride e-bike with pedal assist (no throttle)
 3. Riders under 16 may not carry passengers
 4. Riders carrying passengers 17yrs and under must wear helmet, regardless of age, ie dad riding with child — both must be wearing a helmet
 5. Riders with passengers on an e-bike not intended to carry passengers can be cited/issue warning (ie seating a child on the top tube of a bike with parent sitting behind on seat)
 6. Required bike law class that includes a group ride with instructor (in-person only)
 7. Require parent/guardian to attend a bike law class (virtual or in-person with child)
 8. We need more severe penalties for not wearing helmet/not wearing helmet correctly (ie not buckled).
 9. We need more enforcement regarding bike lights at night
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- Most of the e-bikes kids ride don't fit them properly as they're made for adults.
 - City should provide better/actual infrastructure for safer routes to school. Think "the wiggle" in SF. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wiggle

Thanks,
Emily Beu
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[Connect on LinkedIn](#)

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From: Kristin Hardwick <kristin.l.hardwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2025 6:05 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Resident: Kristin Hardwick 7229 Sitio Lima carlsbad 92009

I would vote that 12 should be the minimum age, I would actually like to see it higher.

Thanks,
Kristin

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From: Dana Bonwell <bonwell@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2025 5:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion about the ebike situation. This seems to be a bigger problem in Carlsbad than most other towns where I have driven. It is terrifying the way young kids are driving through all lanes of traffic on these fast bikes.

I definitely agree that there should be a minimum age and I think kids should have to take a class about the rules of the road before they're able to drive an E bike or have a driver's license . The problem is that the kids don't know the rules of the road because they are not licensed drivers yet they are driving on the road and cutting across lanes of traffic to make left turns, etc.

I no longer live in Carlsbad, however, I drive there frequently because both of my sisters live there. When I get to Carlsbad or when I have friends who come into town, the first thing I tell them is to be extra careful when driving in Carlsbad because of all the children on the E bikes.

Thank you for trying to address this matter.

Dana Bonwell

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From: Jamie Schmidt <jamie.n.schmidt12@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2025 11:21 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum

Hello,

I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed minimum age requirement of 12 years old for e-bike use in the City of Carlsbad. While I appreciate that the City is taking steps to regulate these motorized vehicles, I strongly urge the Council to adopt a higher minimum age of 16.

E-bikes are not bicycles in the traditional sense—they are motorized vehicles capable of reaching speeds that can cause significant injury to both riders and pedestrians, often providing a false sense of security to their users. Allowing children as young as 12 to operate them on city roads, without permits, licensure, training, or insurance, places both the riders and the community at risk.

Developmental Considerations

- Research in child and adolescent brain development shows that the prefrontal cortex—the area responsible for impulse control, judgment, and risk assessment—is not fully developed until the mid-20s.
- Early adolescents (ages 12–14) are at a heightened stage of risk-taking behavior, with limited ability to accurately assess danger or manage speed in high-stakes situations.
- By contrast, mid-to-late teens (16+) demonstrate significantly improved decision-making, spatial awareness, and self-regulation—skills essential for operating a motorized vehicle safely.

Safety Data

- According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, e-bike injuries among children under 14 have increased sharply in recent years, including high rates of traumatic brain injury, fractures, and collisions with pedestrians and vehicles.
- The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reports that adolescents are disproportionately represented in e-bike crash data, particularly in areas with lower or unenforced age restrictions.

Local Impact

In our hospital system, we have already treated multiple cases of both e-bike riders and pedestrians injured in collisions—many of whom now face lifelong disability. These incidents have included significant head trauma, orthopedic injuries, and situations where untrained young riders lost control in traffic or on shared pathways. These are preventable injuries that could be reduced with stricter regulations.

Policy Considerations

Permitting 12-year-olds to operate e-bikes on public streets effectively sanctions the operation of motorized vehicles by unlicensed, uninsured, and untrained children in mixed traffic. Raising the minimum age to 16 would better align with the legal driving permit age, give families an opportunity to provide training and supervision, and reduce preventable injuries in our community.

For the safety of our residents, I respectfully request that the City adopt a higher minimum age requirement for e-bike operation. Carlsbad has been a leader in public safety initiatives, and this is an opportunity to take meaningful action to protect our children, families, and community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to keeping Carlsbad's streets safe for all.

Sincerely,

Jamie Schmidt

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From: Steve Mott <smott@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike feedback

I am responding to the City Manager's notes regarding feedback relative to ebike rules for Carlsbad. I believe, as a frequent driver in and around the city, that ebike riders should be required to have some kind of certificate or license to operate an ebike on roadways. I agree with the requirement of minimum of 12 years of age for any ebike rider on the roadways and to not allow for any rider to take on a passenger on any ebike. I hope that the Carlsbad schools continue the program to require any student who wishes to ride their ebike to school, and to park on school property, to have completed, and show proof of, the safety course provided by the Carlsbad Police Department. We have many riders who are obeying traffic laws, but many in violation. I worry about enforcement of the traffic laws and how parents of the younger riders can be held accountable for the safety of their kids. Be safe!

Steve Mott

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Rancho Carlsbad

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From: mmaichen@aol.com
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Hello,

I vote for age 16 as the minimum age to legally use an e-bike. I have witnessed too many youngsters show their ignorance on right-of-way, defensive driving and rules of the road, at their own jeopardy.

I think e-bikes should be treated the same way as motorcycles including the need to pass a DMV written test.

Thank you!

Marianne Maichen

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

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From: Judy Zygowicz <jgaze@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 10:40 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike input

I agree that e bike rider should be 12 or older to legally operate an e bike. I have seen too many young boys doing dangerous stunts, not paying close attention to traffic or people around them

Judy Zygowicz
La Costa Greens neighborhood.

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Carissa <carissa36@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 9:59 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Fwd: E-bike safety questions

I sent the below email two weeks ago and haven't heard a response yet. Not sure what the timeline for responses normally is.

Carissa Johnson

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carissa <carissa36@gmail.com>
Date: August 14, 2025 at 9:24:21 AM PDT
To: traffic@carlsbadca.gov
Subject: E-bike safety questions

Good morning!

Below is an email that we just received from our principal at Carlsbad high school. And it brought up two questions for me.

If you look at the email, you'll see that there are now two sections in red. The first one has me wondering what are the state laws that prevent cities from requiring licenses? I'm not complaining or being critical. I'm just genuinely curious since that is the biggest complaint that I hear from people, and to be honest, when my kids were younger, I felt the same way.

The second red part is giving safety tips and I'm confused. When my son took an E bike safety course at the library, from a police officer

two years ago, the kids and parents in that class, were told that when they were in a neighborhood and there was no bike lane, it was actually safest to ride in the middle of the road. I believe the reason for this was because in those types of places, there are often lots of cars parked on the side and it's safer for a bike to stay visible in the middle of the road when possible then to keep darting back into the road every time they need to go around the cars that are parked on the side of the road. I feel like E bikes riding in the middle of a road - when police officers have actually told them to do it - is one of the biggest frustrations I hear from drivers that have never been to these classes. But this new safety tip seems to be telling them that they should always be riding to the right, but just popping out to go around cars. Pretty much the exact opposite of what they were told in their safety class. Have things changed or is there a clarifying information that isn't given here?

Thank you!

Carissa Johnson

Julia Redfield • 4 minutes ago • Thursday, Aug 14 at 9:00 AM • Carlsbad High

Dear Parent/Guardians,
Please see the message below from the City of Carlsbad on E-bike safety.

Carlsbad seeking input on potential minimum age for e-bike riders

The City of Carlsbad asked us to share information about an upcoming special meeting to gather input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

There are two ways to provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.

Background

The Carlsbad City Council [requested](#) that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for the City Council to consider.

- When the city asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.
- The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#).

Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to "class 1" and "class 2" e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- ***State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.***

Bike and e-bike safety tips

If you're getting kids ready to bike back to school, now is a great time to review the rules of the road together to make sure they're ready to ride.

- Make sure your student knows the importance of always wearing a helmet. This [video](#) shows you how to make sure their helmet fits properly.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to everyone, including people riding bikes and e-bikes.
- **Bikes and e-bikes should ride to the right side of the road or in a bike lane if one is available. You can leave the bike lane or right side of the road to turn left, pass someone, avoid something in the road or go around a car turning right.**
- Consider taking a "test ride" with your student from home to school to help them get familiar with the route.
- In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes. Talk to your student about [Carlsbad-specific rules](#).

As you drive around town, you'll also notice increased traffic in the morning and afternoons as kids travel to and from school. Remember to:

- Eliminate distractions and put your phone away.
- Slow down and look out for people walking or biking, especially near schools.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go.

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From: MaryAnn White <maryann.white@smusd.org>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bikes

There is definitely a need to prohibit e-bike use on our city streets by children younger than 12. I honestly think the age limit should be 16, and they should be required to pass a driving test. It is basically a motorcycle, not a bike, and a lot of the children just don't have the knowledge that they need to navigate roads and cars safely. Let's do the right thing for our children - thank you!

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MaryAnn White
Carrillo Elementary School
Front Office/Attendance/Records
(760) 290-2901
maryann.white@smusd.org

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From: jay.park@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 10:53 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: yes to minimum age to ebike

as an ER doctor at UCSD, yes to minimum age for ebikes.
honestly, it should be minimum age should be higher than 12.
jay park md

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From: pcoffey1@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 8:22 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike age limit

My wife and I are residents of Carlsbad and we have no young kids. We don't see any need for this law. It is not the 12 and under kids who are being reckless and sometimes obnoxious on their bikes, but all the tweens and teen boys (rarely girls) who often scream at people as they pass by and even, on some occasions, threaten physical harm knowing they can make a speedy getaway. I'd prefer to consider rules, or better yet, some enforcement officers to patrol to reduce harassment from these young biker gangs.

William Coffey

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 5:13 PM
To: Traffic; Nathan Schmidt
Subject: FW: E-Bikes

Hi - Here is correspondence for the Sept. 16 TS&M Commission Meeting.
Thanks,
Morgen

From: Melanie Burkholder <melanie.burkholder@carlsbadca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 2:58 PM
To: City Clerk <Clerk@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: FW: E-Bikes



Dr. Melanie Burkholder
City Council Member, District 1
City of Carlsbad
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008
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From: Julianne Adamik <julieadamik@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 10:44 AM
To: Melanie Burkholder <melanie.burkholder@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: E-Bikes

With regards to the following item on the city Council agenda, I am in full support of the city requiring more control over E -bikes. The bikes should be registered and have a license plate attached to the back of the bike. That way we would be able to report to the authorities when we see someone doing something extremely unsafe on an E bike. Some of the stunts I see being pulled by these kids is dangerous to them and others.

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In the meantime, I feel forced to install a dash cam to protect myself from potential lawsuits when a kid on an E bike turns right in front of me while I'm moving through a green light.

The reason I have to obtain a drivers license to operate an automobile is to ensure that I know the rules of the road. Yet, we have 10, 11 and 12-year-old kids, riding E bikes in traffic who have no such requirement. Anyone owning and operating an E bike should be required to have a license to do so. It could be a simple written test and physical driving test to prove that they are capable of operating the bike.

The police should have the authority to impound an E bike when they see it being operated unsafely. This should include video provided by drivers. There should be an extremely large fine to get the bike back. Parents need a wake up call!

Regards,

Julie

Julianne DeWalt Adamik
julieadamik@me.com or
Julieadamik@gmail.com

951-567-3322 (Mobile Phone)

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 5:13 PM
To: Traffic; Nathan Schmidt
Subject: FW: Chula Vista's new E-bike restrictions

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From: Melanie Burkholder <Melanie.Burkholder@carlsbadca.gov>
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From: DEBBIE FOLEY <decroce@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 6:12 PM
To: Melanie Burkholder <Melanie.Burkholder@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Re: Chula Vista's new E-bike restrictions

That is wonderful to hear. If you need any community input I am happy to help.

Debbie

On Aug 18, 2025, at 6:07 PM, Melanie Burkholder <Melanie.Burkholder@carlsbadca.gov> wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for your email. This is what I asked at our last meeting:

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I am actively seeking remedy for the e-bike issues.

Warmly,

<Image.gif>

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From: DEBBIE FOLEY <decroce@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 6:04:02 PM

To: Melanie Burkholder <melanie.burkholder@carlsbadca.gov>

Subject: Chula Vista's new E-bike restrictions

Dear Melanie,

My request is short and simple. Chula Vista just passed some new E-bike rules and restrictions.

<https://fox5sandiego.com/news/local-news/new-age-limits-riding-restrictions-adopted-for-e-bikers-in-chula-vista/>

Please review and recommend, propose and urge Carlsbad to do the same. Time to show our children and citizen's that Carlsbad Cares!

Thank you.

Debbie Foley
3759 Greccourt Way

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From: Barrett Seymour <bearseymour@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 4:31 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Hello,

My name is Barrett Seymour, I am a local Carlsbad resident. I am writing to provide my input as requested by the city of Carlsbad regarding the minimum age for E-bike Riders.

It is my belief that the city **should prohibit e-bike use by children under the age of 12.**

I have unfortunately witnessed accidents, unsafe riding, wheelies, multiple riders (3+) at a time, texting/phone use while riding, and no handed riding take place very frequently on our city streets.

As a father to a young daughter, I would like the use of e-bikes to be as safe as possible for all riders, drivers, and pedestrians/etc. I don't believe a 12 year old has the proper judgement, experience, or maturity to ride a motorized bike or any kind of motorized vehicle on public streets.

Thanks for your attention to this matter and I look forward to the new ruling.

Sincerely,

Barrett Seymour

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From: Terry Morris <tmorris9@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age rules

I for one am all for anything Carlsbad can do to stop these e-bike 'gangs' that harass citizens (especially seniors) and this age rule is one possible way to do that. Somehow their parents need to be held liable as well, maybe even with fines or arrests when their kids spit on, hit or verbally abuse people just minding their own business.

Sent from my iPad

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From: Elyse O'Neill <elyse.d.oneill@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 10:09 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support for setting minimum e-bike age

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for setting a minimum age for e-bike riders. E-bikes have the potential to be extremely dangerous for riders, pedestrians, and drivers when used recklessly. I have seen e-bikes speeding on trails that prohibit them, weaving around traffic, and popping wheelies in front of cars regality in Carlsbad.

Allowing young children, who do not have fully developed decision making skills, to use e-bikes is just plain dangerous. However, I think the proposed age of 12 is too young. I believe that no one under the age of 14 should be able to ride e-bikes. Teenagers are starting to learn personal responsibility and 14 year olds are only 2 years away from driving. E-bike riding could allow them to learn the rules of traffic before driving, but not allow them to use them while they are too young to understand the risks.

I also believe that the city needs to invest in civil enforcement of e-bike rules to ensure that they are used safely, such as having city employees on trails that do not allow e-bikes issuing warnings and possibly small fines for riders using the motorized features in places where they create a clear danger to others.

Sincerely,
Elyse O'Neill
Carlsbad resident

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From: Diana Dereck <dianadereck1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:45 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Electronic bikes

I have a concern for the kids I see riding around town. I live on Belleflower Rd. which is street on a downhill, that leads to a sidewalk that goes to Pacific Rim Elementary. Kids tend to soar at full speed and veer left, which is dangerous because it is the wrong side of the road. Many people leave for work and are pulling out and have to break to avoid being hit by the kids flying down the hill. I have had very young kids on the sidewalk appear even when I looked up the street before getting in the car. I have seen kids pull right in front of cars and ride through stop signs oblivious to the danger they were in. Many older kids ride to the beach on Poinsettia lane and ride right through lights when cars are pulling onto Poinsettia from the freeway exit. The kids don't seem to understand what had happened.

I feel there needs to be a required safety course. Of course safety is the most important but I feel parents should be required to carry some kind of insurance in case there is an accident. I think jr high is a good age to allow electric bikes. It builds autonomy for kids and learn independence. I have a grand son who uses one and it has been great for him, but he has had to dodge cars to avoid being hit. It takes a certain amount of maturity. I saw some younger kids and they were about to cross four lanes on El Camino with cars coming! I fear for them.

Sincerely, Diana Dereck

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From: Rosangel Gratz <rosangel.gratz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:21 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike age

Hello,

Thanks for looking into this issue:

Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

Thank you,
Rosangel Gratz, Carlsbad resident,
Mom of middle schoolers

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From: Sarah Majors <sarahascher1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 5:07 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike age for kids

Hello -

I wanted to provide some feedback for the minimum age for e-bikers in Carlsbad. My husband and I have been residents here for quite some time and my son goes to Poinsettia Elementary. He will be turning 11 soon and we are purchasing an ebike for him for the sole purpose of going to and from school.

While we have been fortunate to work from home for the past few years, things are changing and we want him to have the ability to take himself to and from school. If this is taken away what are parents supposed to do who work? I understand we live in an affluent area and most people might not have to worry about this but there are people who do.

There are very minimal before/after school programs in this area and if there are they are either full or don't run late enough. A 10+ year old responsible child is more than capable of understanding the severity of what they are doing as long as they have proper guidance from parents.

Please take this feedback into consideration when making your decision.

Sarah Majors

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jason Szymanski <jcs1279@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 3:36 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: Kevin Shin; Council Internet Email; Police
Subject: Thoughts around age requirements for e-bikes

Hello,

Today, my daughter and I were witness to what could have been a potential life ending event for a middle school boy on an e-bike. My heart is still racing as I type this email.

We were waiting to turn left onto Tamarack from Harwhich when a boy in front of us (appeared to be 14yo), saw a car driving in his direction in the right line and he decided to turn anyway into traffic, forcing the car and him to swerve, avoiding a 35mph t-bone collision which would have certainly resulted in severe injury if not death. This is an example of the immaturity kids this age have when navigating our public roads, and there are daily examples with similar stories.

I'm aware the City of Carlsbad is looking to adopt an age restriction of 12 years old and honestly, this is just theatrics. First, e-bikes are the same as motorcycles, they reach speeds of 25-30 mph and travel on public roads. Extensive training and road testing is required by DMV to obtain a motorcycle license, why would we treat e-bikes differently? Second, there's a reason why 16 years is the age required to obtain a driver's license, that's the minimum age we decided children are mature enough to navigate our roadways. Third, and most importantly, how would the police enforce this age requirement? Many kids between 10 and 14 look the same age, my 10yo daughter looks like she's 13. CPD hardly enforces the helmet law, how can it be expected they will enforce this proposed age requirement? I know this because I drive Tamarack from Calavera to the beach daily and see kids with no helmets, sometimes riding by police with no consequence.

My hope is that the age requirement is raised to at least 14 or even 15 years old as the 12 year age limit simply risks the lives of our children.

Thanks for listening.

Regards,

Jason C. Szymanski
1-757-416-2946
Carlsbad Community Member

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From: Leslie Coles <4leslieacoles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 2:18 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike changes

Thank you for requesting citizen input regarding riders of E-bikes. Please, please mandate a minimum rider age of 12. I live in the village and see young people daily whizzing by on E-bikes. It is not unusual to see riders with unsafe passengers, lack of helmets, reckless wheelies or attempts at wheelies, disregard of stop signs and traffic laws.. One near miss of E-bike vs vehicle I witnessed still haunts me. I am all for kids enjoying their bikes, but so many are unsafe. CAUTION: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

From: Margaret Hing <margaretnghowhing@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e- bikes

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the current regulations for electric bicycle (e-bike) use in Carlsbad, particularly the minimum age requirement and lack of safety and licensing measures. I respectfully urge the city to consider raising the minimum age for e-bike operation to 16 and implementing mandatory safety education and licensing/registration requirements.

Current California law allows Class 1 and Class 2 e-bike use without a license or minimum age requirement. However, many cities are now reassessing this due to safety risks. According to the California DMV, the legal minimum age to operate a motor vehicle is 16, with required training, licensing, and insurance. E-bikes, particularly Class 2 and Class 3 models, can reach speeds of 20–28 mph, which introduces significant injury risk, especially to younger riders.

A recent study in Injury Prevention (2023) reported a dramatic rise in pediatric e-bike injuries, including head trauma and fractures. Many of these accidents involve young teens and tweens who lack formal traffic education and experience. As e-bike use grows, we are likely to see further increases in preventable injuries unless proper guardrails are in place.

I urge the city to consider adopting the following measures:

Raise the minimum age for all e-bike classes to 16.

Require completion of a safety class (similar to the California Motorcycle Safety Program or Bicycle Safety Education).

Implement e-bike licensing or registration to ensure accountability and reinforce safe behavior.

Enforce helmet use and limit use of e-bikes on sidewalks or in pedestrian-heavy areas.

These steps would help align regulation of e-bikes with the nature of these vehicle- these are not bicycles, they are much more akin to a motorcycle and should have comparable requirements to operate.

I appreciate your attention to this important public safety issue.

Best

Margaret Hing

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From: Serafina Kernberger <serafinak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 8:55 PM
To: Traffic; Council Internet Email
Subject: Kids on e-bikes

Hello,

I'm writing regarding the proposed ban on e-bikes for children under 12. While I understand the safety concerns, I believe the issue is being misidentified.

The real problem is not kids on bicycles with small electric assists, but high-powered electric motorcycles being sold as "e-bikes" simply because they have pedals. These machines can reach unsafe speeds, yet bypass regulations meant for mopeds and motorcycles.

Please watch this video for more details on this issue:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bB6hBLmBhPA&t=186s>

By focusing on age, the proposal penalizes families using safe, low-speed e-bikes while leaving the real danger unaddressed. A better solution is to:

- Differentiate between true e-bikes and high-speed electric motorcycles
- Close loopholes that let these vehicles be sold as bicycles
- Focus rules on speed and vehicle type, not just rider age.

This approach would improve safety without discouraging responsible use of e-bikes as a healthy, sustainable transportation option for families.

Thank you for considering this perspective,
Serafina Kernberger

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From: Caren Clayton <cqubed12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 7:28 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age minimum- My vote is in: No kids on e-bikes!

To whom it may concern,

Please have City of Carlsbad put a minimum age requirement in place. I strongly feel no 12 year old or younger child should operate an e-bike.

Sincerely,

Caren Clayton
Homeowner
2517 Navarra Drive #2C
Carlsbad, CA 92009
760.815-1451

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

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From: Analiese Hurd <analiesemhurd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 3:05 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Feedback for minimum age for E-bikes

To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent, resident, and driver in Carlsbad, I strongly believe there should be a minimum age for E-bike riders, especially to operate on main thoroughfares.

I believe the proposed minimum age of 12 would be acceptable, but truly 14 or 15 seems more appropriate, given the speeds that e-bikes are capable of.

For the safety of riders and motorists, I hope that the city will implement regulations to create a minimum age requirement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Analiese Hurd

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From: Julie Forester <julieforester7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 2:43 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

I am writing to voice my concern with the many E-bikes in the road. I cringe everyday while driving and dodging the many e-bikes that are in the streets going down the wrong way opposite traffic, wheeling with several people in the bike and not to mention too. Riding at night with no lights.

I really feel there are no rules for them and they have the run of the road. Couldn't there be a rule that they need a license plate to identify the rider? Only single riddlers on a bike under the age of 18?

When I was a kid, I had to have a bike license. What ever happened to that? The bikes are great but there needs to be rules. They share the road with me.... I pay taxes, insurance to ride in the roads and they don't.

If they get hit, we're in trouble.

It's just out of control.

Sincerely,

Julie Forester
Carlsbad,ca

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From: bventinove@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 1:55 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age limit for riding e-bikes in Carlsbad

I wrote before, and would like to update/change my input.

Please, please enforce age limits for e-bike riders.

I recently witnessed multiple incidents where groups of younger children and teens were performing very dangerous stunts with their ebike in the middle of the road while zipping in and out of the bike lane completely out of control.

They like to show off by balancing either on the front or back wheel at full speed, and to be able to do so they have to make sudden changes of direction into the traffic lanes. It's impossible to avoid them, cars have to break suddenly and swerve, especially when they also use the sidewalk and parked cars as part of their stunts.

Such stunts can only be performed using powered bikes, so the problem is not only being stupid, but is having access to the tools that enable acting on that stupidity.

At a neighborhood gathering the topic came up and I was shocked to find out how many in the area had multiple run-ins with gangs of children and teens on e-bikes being recklessly dangerous to themselves and others and extremely aggressive.

Do they really need power so they can travel 50-60 miles? They can get anywhere they need to be with a regular bike or their own feet. Please impose limits and enforce them.

Thank you, Roberta Malaman

92008 resident

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From: Carissa Mack <carissamack2007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike opinion

City Council Member

I am so grateful you are all asking people how they feel about ebikes and age. I am a mother of a 16 year old who has gone to Hope Elementary, Calavera Middle and now attends Sage Creek High. I have first hand witnessed the ebike boom as I have picked up/dropped my soon for school as these years. My son now has a driver's license and a car and refuses to drive to/from school for fear that he may hit an ebiker. We have experienced more bad behavior with ebikers than any other driver or walkers. We even put cameras in all of our cars for when an accident occurs. Here are a few of the behaviors we've witnessed on pick up/drop off: ebiker will sway into our lane, decide to do a "wheelie" in the middle of an intersection, ride bike while checking their social media, the gang group that piles up around cars at a light, the list goes on. It is the wild west on the streets during school arrival and departure. No one group is worse than the middle schoolers on Ebikes. That's the group that makes the poorest of decisions and then flips people off. They ARE the 12 year olds.

All of this to say, 12 Year old and younger should NOT be driving a motorized vehicle EBIKE of any kind. I would even argue that 15 is the LEAST appropriate age for an ebiker. That is the age where they seem to be more responsible and make safer decisions. They should also be required to have a license and pay taxes on the vehicle as they share the road. Please take this request seriously. I've never been one to give opinions nor am i a Karen. The law just hasn't caught up with the new mode of transportation.

Thank you for your consideration

Carissa Mack

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From: Megan Marsh <meganball2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 12:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Min Age

To Whom it May Concern,

I absolutely think there should be a minimum age for riding e-bikes. I personally don't think they should be allowed unless someone has a driver's license as they're being driven like cars in the car lanes. I am so fearful of hitting a child on an e-bike. I have a very responsible 12 year old who is quite comfortable on a dirt bike but I would never let her ride an e-bike on the streets. I'm quite surprised that so many parents are ok with it.

Anyway, just my thoughts on it!

Thank you,
Megan Marsh
7027 Via Candrejo, Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: Paul Goldner <pgoldner0524@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 7:26 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Share your input on potential e-bike minimum age

Good morning,

I oppose the minimum age requirement of 12 but support 16 years and older. Anyone driving a car or boat must be 16 years or older, know the rules of the road, take a driver's test and have insurance before operating the vehicle/boat. This should be the standard as there are far too many riders who either do not know or ignore the rules of the road resulting in traffic issues or accidents.

Thank you in advance for hearing my perspective.

Regards,
Paul Goldner
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Brooke Canterbury <brookecanterbury@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 8:26 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike restrictions

To whom it may concern, I am fully in support of having a minimum age limit for the E bikes. I think no matter what the speed they should all be 16 and require special courses and education in order to operate. Too many times have I seen young kids be completely irresponsible and as a cautious driver, it's terrifying.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brooke McCullough

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From: Millie Paul <mbpaul444@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 7:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum Age

To Whom It May Concern:

This email addresses the opinions of Millie Paul and John Morley on E-Bike minimum age. We have lived at 3421 Ann Drive, Carlsbad, 92008 for 10 years.

Our home is situated one block from Carlsbad High School. We moved here intentionally almost 10 years ago because we enjoyed the activity of the young people near the school. We live two doors from a 4 -way stop sign, but I can tell you, over and over, we have seen people in cars and on e-bikes go through these stop signs. Last year, I even saw a police officer drive right through the four-way intersection, even though it is plainly marked.

We firmly believe that the minimum e-bike age should be moved to **15 years old**. We do not believe that 12-year-old sixth-graders have the judgment and experience to ride a bike that can keep up with a car.

We have seen gangs of 12 year-olds riding down our street at the highest speed possible and blowing through that four-way stop at Ann and Gayle. It is dangerous!

We do not believe that 6th graders should have access to e-bikes. It is only a major accident or death that is waiting to happen. When will the adults take note of what's really happening here?

We have already had two fatalities of a mother and daughter who were on their bicycle, and hit by a car next to the tennis courts, which may not seem to count, but it does. When an accident is between a car and a bike or e-bike, guess who wins?

Thank you for asking for feedback.

Sincerely Yours,

Millie Paul/John Morley
3421 Ann Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

cell: 626-318-0207

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From: mbmcmahon@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 6:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: I support restrictions on eBikes

8-21-25

I support the proposed age requirement for ebike riders.

I also support better enforcement of prohibiting ebikes on the grass and sidewalks of city parks. Pine Park is one where ebikes are racing through the park risking injury to themselves and others. Police presence is necessary for the after-school hours. All bikes should abide by this guidance regarding parks.

- Mike McMahon -
Longtime resident and ebike rider

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From: Crystal Brynildsen <otbycrystal@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 5:24 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on ebike

To whom it may concern,

I believe there should be a minimum age restriction on ebike riding on roads. I believe that age should be 14 and that they should have to take a riding safety course where they demonstrate their knowledge.

Thank you,

Crystal Brynildsen

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From: Shelley Ross <shelleyhross@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 4:06 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E- bike requirements

ALL E-Bike operators REGARDLESS OF AGE SHOULD BE LICENSED!!

FOR ANY VIOLATION THEY SHOULD BE FINED AND THEIR E-BIKE CONFISCATED! AND THEIR LICENSE REVOKED FOR AT LEAST A YEAR.

PARENTS OF E-BIKE OPERATORS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 SHOULD BE FINED AS WELL.

E-BIKE OPERATORS WHO AGGRESSIVELY HARASS OTHER E-BIKES, AUTOMOBILES OR PEDESTRIANS SHOULD HAVE LICENSES REVOKED PERMANENTLY BE FORBIDDEN TO GET VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE LICENSES. THEY ARE dangerous to PEDESTRIANS and other operators of motorized vehicles and bicycles.

They have brought on these stringent actions by their aggressive behaviors.

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From: Kathleen Goldner <kcrusemire@customsolutionsllc.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Share your input on potential e-bike minimum age

Good morning,

I oppose the minimum age requirement of 12 but support 16 years and older. Anyone driving a car or boat must be 16 years or older, know the rules of the road, take a driver's test and have insurance before operating the vehicle/boat. This should be the standard as there are far too many riders who either do not know or ignore the rules of the road resulting in traffic issues or accidents.

Thank you in advance for hearing my perspective.

Regards,
Kathy Goldner
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Jay Crusemire <jay@customsolutionsllc.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Share your input on potential e-bike minimum age

I am sending this from mine - can I send it from your email? Good morning,

I oppose the minimum age requirement of 12 but support 16 years and older. Anyone driving a car or boat must be 16 years or older, know the rules of the road, take a driver's test and have insurance before operating the vehicle/boat. This should be the standard as there are far too many riders who either do not know or ignore the rules of the road resulting in traffic issues or accidents.

Thank you in advance for hearing my perspective.

Regards,

John (Jay) Crusemire
eMail: jay@customsolutionsllc.com
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Sonya Patel <sonyalad@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 8:32 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support for E-Bike Restrictions and Age Limitations

Dear Carlsbad City Officials,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed restrictions on e-bike usage, particularly the regulation that would prohibit children 12 years of age and under from operating e-bikes.

As a resident of Carlsbad, I share the concerns of many in our community about the safety risks posed by young children riding e-bikes without the necessary experience, judgment, or physical capability to operate them safely. E-bikes are significantly faster and heavier than traditional bicycles, and their improper use—especially by young riders—can lead to serious accidents for both the rider and others.

I believe that implementing age restrictions and further regulating e-bike use is a responsible and necessary step to ensure public safety, especially in high-traffic areas and shared pathways.

Thank you for addressing this important issue and for considering community input in shaping safe and thoughtful policies.

Sincerely,

Sonya Patel

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From: J Patel <jjpatel1175@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 8:27 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Restrictions

Hello,

I Carlsbad resident and I am writing to express my support for implementing restrictions on e-bike usage within the city, particularly regarding age limits.

I agree that children aged 12 and under should not be permitted to operate e-bikes. These vehicles can reach high speeds and require a level of judgment and experience that younger children often have not yet developed. Ensuring that only older, more capable individuals are allowed to operate e-bikes will help reduce the risk of accidents and improve safety for all residents—especially on shared paths and public roadways.

Thank you for taking proactive steps to address this issue. I hope to see thoughtful regulations put in place to promote responsible and safe use of e-bikes in our community.

Jigar Patel

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From: Lynne Scharf <lynnescharf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 6:21 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike minimum age

Hello,

I think a minimum age requirement of 12 years old for E-bikes seems reasonable. I also think it would be great if kids who don't have driver's licenses yet were required to take a class about the rules of the road, but one thing at a time.

Thanks for alllowing us to share input!

Lynne Scharf

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From: Carolyn Wachter <cgwachter37@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 2:41 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes/ Age limit.

I think 14 and above or high school age as they should have a more mature outlook on traffic safety. A personal experience was when a young (12 or so) kid almost ran me over after running a red light with a smile on his face.

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From: James Dorsey <jdors56@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 2:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

I found this California DMV Website that states the following:

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/handbook/motorcycle-handbook/two-wheel-vehicle-operation/>

Electric Bicycles

An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts. Three classes of electric bicycles have been established:

- Class 1: A low speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor which provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when a speed of 20 mph is reached.
- Class 2: A low speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor used exclusively to propel the bicycle and NOT capable of providing assistance when a speed of 20 mph is reached.
- Class 3: A low speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer, and a motor which provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when a speed of 28 mph is reached.

The operator of a Class 3 electric bicycle:

- **Must** be 16 years old or older.
- **Must** wear a bicycle safety helmet.
- **Must** not transport passengers.
- **May** ride an electric bicycle in a bicycle lane **if** authorized by local authority or ordinance.

All electric bicycle classes are exempt from the motor vehicle financial responsibility, DL, and license plate requirements (CVC §24016).

Therefore they should be at least 16 years old.

I have seen very often they do not obey the traffic laws, running stop signs, red lights, transporting passengers and not giving pedestrians the right of way.

I am saying all this as a concerned citizen. I do not want to see any children hurt operating a vehicle they have no business operating.

Thank you

James Dorsey

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From: Craig Calsbeek <ccalsbeek@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 1:57 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: New e-Bike Legislation

We wholeheartedly support any new legislation in San Diego County to establish age restrictions for e-bike riders.

Hope Carlsbad will do the same. It is out of control here.

CC

Craig Calsbeek
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Carlsbad, CA 92009-7433
ccalsbeek@gmail.com
Mobile: 760-822-8918

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From: William Dunmeyer <william.dunmeyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 12:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input for E-bike Regulations for Minors

Updated from Aug 22 submission, please replace with this copy.

Input for E-bike Regulations for Minors

William Dunmeyer <william.dunmeyer@gmail.com>

Bill Dunmeyer
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I am a retired school administrator and have been a resident of Carlsbad for close to 40 years. I have watched the city grow to a wonderful city to raise a family, become a hub of commerce, and a destination spot for vacationers. During that time the City Council has steadfastly worked toward creating a vision for maintaining the unique qualities that make Carlsbad what it is today. I noted in reading the news that Carlsbad is considering implementing limitations on the use of E-bikes for minors. The proposal, as I understand it is to limit the use of certain E-bike for minors under the age of 12.

I believe not only should the use of E-bikes be illegal for children under 12, but that additional limitations should be placed on the use of E-bikes by all age groups. For children, I have been alarmed at the frequency of dangerous practices and decisions while riding. Here are ones I have seen on multiple occasions with children not only going and coming from school but riding in general.

1. Multiple riders together frequently ride down the middle of the street with cars blocked behind them, doing tricks on their bikes, such as pulling the front up and riding "unicycle" while laughing and joking with friends, often competing with each other impervious to vehicles. They are often seen riding with arms folded, no hands on the handlebars. Although I have seen this behavior in both boys and girls, it most often happens with boys.
2. Frequently, young riders make a dart across lanes of traffic from bike lanes to left turn lanes in front of moving vehicles in the lanes without looking or signaling.
3. I have never seen a single rider (any age) make a signal for turning or lane change.
4. Most often E-bikers (kids mostly, but adults as well) run red lights making right turns, ignoring or oblivious to cross traffic, and they often ignore signal lights, and rarely seem to stop at stop signs.
5. On "walk/wait" sign corners, bikers are often seen using the crosswalk "walk" sign to cross the road on a red signal in the marked crosswalk, and simultaneously with individuals crossing on foot.
6. There is an increasing use of cell phones with cell phone holders on E-bikes jutting up to eye level on the handle bars.

7. Young E-bikers often have a rider on the bike behind them, and are often involved in conversation. The rear biker doesn't have a helmet and is frequently sitting on the fender.
8. Frequently E-bikers are not wearing protective headgear.
9. They can often be seen carrying objects under one arm or in-hand while using the other on the handlebar, with no visible basket for carrying objects.
10. They travel outside bike lanes on busy roads.

The minimal requirements I would like to see implemented in Carlsbad:

1. No one under the age 12 can operate any E-bike on a public street or trail in Carlsbad unless accompanied by a parent or an adult (age 18 or older).
2. Transporting a passenger on an E-bike shall not occur unless the E-bike is equipped with an appropriate seat and fenders, and the operator of the E-bike is 16 years old or older. The passenger as well as the biker must have an appropriately sized and approved helmet and wear the helmet while using the bike. The passenger must be able to and hold on with both hands around the E-biker or onto an installed passenger handlebar. For the safety of the rider, an E-biker cannot wear a backpack or carry other items on his/her back while transporting a passenger.
3. The use of E-bikes on public streets or trails is limited to transporting an individual in compliance with all laws and regulations, and requires the use of both hands on the handlebars except as needed to signal, and to keep both wheels in contact with the roadway. (Using an E-bike for "play" or competition on a public road or trail is prohibited.)
4. Any items transported on an E-bike must be in a backpack or carrier mounted on the bike for the purpose of transporting items (applies to biker and any passenger). Large items such as, but not limited to, surf or body boards shall not be transported on an E-bike. All carried items must fit in a pocket, a backpack or E-bike mounted carrier.
5. E-bikes shall not use a controlled cross walk on a red light unless the biker dismounts and walks the bike across the street on the appropriate "walk" signal.
6. Using a cellphone on a moving E-bike is prohibited. No E-bike used by a minor shall have any device or holder that allows the biker to use a cell phone while in transit.
7. No E-biker shall wear or use earphones while using an E-bike (does not apply to medically required hearing devices).
8. Failure to obey laws, regulations and adopted city ordinances regarding the use of E-bikes on any public road or trail may result in confiscation of the bike requiring the parent or guardian to retrieve the E-bike from the Carlsbad Police Department and pay a fee to cover the administrative costs and storage.
9. E-bikes used by a minor must be equipped with at least one rear-view mirror (includes rental bikes).
10. All E-bike rentals and sales in Carlsbad shall provide a copy of Carlsbad's regulations of E-bike use by minors to individuals renting or purchasing an E-bike.

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From: Pamela Chana <pcaloha@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 9:44 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Traffic Committee,

Yes, I support the minimum age of 12 for e-bikes! Even though, from my observation most are middle school or high school students anyway. I support a required training on traffic laws, e-bike safety and completion for a license or certification ! A license or approved e-bike ID card or school ID ...with birthdate showing E bike certification(completion of course) to be carried at all times when riding a bike incase laws or traffic violations need to be enforced in any way. Mostly, I believe Carlsbad is doing a great job addressing these concerns.

Also, All e-bike riders as well as ALL bicycle clubs and individuals on non motorized bikes need to be reminded to stay in the bike lanes! Now because some lanes are wider they ride 2-3 across spilling out into traffic lanes still making it dangerous .

Also I love the freeway direction signs placed on the actual road to give people a heads up what lanes to use to get on freeways! I recommend the left lane going west on poinsettia for south 5 needs an extra one just east of Paseo Del Norte/Lowder light signal that says " 5 south ONLY" for a sooner heads up. Not every one reads the pole signage that says "ONLY".

Thank you for requesting input.
Pam

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From: Sean Pop <sdsean6861@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 7:59 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike age restrictions

12 years old is way too young.

As a person with multiple neighbors in that age range, I have yet to see responsible behavior from any of them. Going around blind corners at full speed, exceeding neighborhood speed limits, that's enough.

In addition, the parents should also be required to certify probably best handled with a Motor vehicles test. Those kids in my neighborhood I referred to, the parents are some of the most disconnected and overgrown children that I've ever known throughout my life.

It's almost like the ZIP code drops their IQ.

I think Carlsbad is dropping the ball.

If you insist it allowing them as young as 12 years old, then put some teeth into all of the laws of the road. Video evidence should be sufficient to revoke permission to use an E-bike. That is, unless Carlsbad police officers wish to camp out on the routes to schools and patrol the neighborhoods more frequently.

There should be a collection portal for evidence online. Adults are stupid, they're full of themselves and expect cars to turn on a dime to avoid hitting them too, I think video submissions would improve safety rates by eliminating the unsafe riders before they're killed.

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From: Robin Barrett <robinpix@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 7:23 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders

Hello,

I would like to provide some input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders.

I believe 12-years-old is a good minimum age.

Since there aren't school buses for school districts, parents struggle to get their kids to school, especially multiple kids at different schools, and get to work on time.

Having the option to allow their children to travel safely on e-bikes to Middle School and High School is a good option.

What I would suggest is that e-bike riders be required to carry an ID that shows they've passed a safety e-bike class. The card includes their parent or guardian's information (perhaps a copy of the parent's driver's license and contact info (cell number)).

If a youth e-bike rider gets pulled over and a serious warning is issued, there is a spot to punch the card "A warning has been issued".

This may be punched by law enforcement or school administration (if kids receive an infraction on school property).

If they get pulled over a second time, their e-bike card is either confiscated or punched that the rider must enroll in a safety class, take a test, before they may ride again and a new card is issued.

I believe knowing these are consequences will encourage these kids more to ride safely.

Plus, this will hopefully teach them to be more responsible drivers when they turn 16 years old.

Kind regards,

Robin

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From: Lin Ball <linjball@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 7:05 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bikes

We live near the beach and village just off tamarack and Jefferson. We have many teens with e-bikes. Although some have improved their riding skills since last year, many have not. They don't understand the road rules since they've never driven a car. The minimum age should be 14 or 15. They should require some kind of permit or mandatory completion of a safety course.

Thank you
Lin and joe ball
4021 canario st
Carlsbad
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From: Stephanie Teramura <stephanieteramura@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 10:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on Potential Minimum Age for e-bike Riders

Hello,

I live right up the street from the elementary and junior high school and have seen first hand how negligent these children are on those hundred + pound e-bikes. It's nerve racking to be on the road with them especially when school lets out since they completely disregard road rules. Also the amount of children I see performing wheelies on an e-bike on public streets or public property is extremely alarming.

I would like to vote for a 12 year-old minimum age requirement for class 1 and class 2 e-bikes. I would also like to see anyone performing wheelie ticketed/fined as that should not be allowed on our roads.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stephanie Teramura

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From: Carlsbad Unified School District via ParentSquare <donotreply+e2e7aba0-f99f-5062-a8d6-1184d0328238@parentsquare.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 15, 2025, 6:18 PM
Subject: Aug 15, 2025 Digest: 1 new message from Carlsbad Unified School District today
To: <stephanieteramura@gmail.com>

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Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for e-bike Riders

Posted by Carlsbad Unified School District on Friday, Aug 15 at 11:31 AM in Carlsbad Unified School District



City of Carlsbad

E-bike Minimum Age Input



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Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

The City of Carlsbad asked us to share information about an upcoming special meeting to gather input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

There are **two ways** to provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
[1200 Carlsbad Village Drive](#)

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.



Background

The Carlsbad City Council [requested](#) that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for the City Council to consider.

- When the city asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.
- The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addresses this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#).

Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to "class 1" and "class 2" e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.



Bike and E-bike Safety Tips

If you're getting kids ready to bike back to school, now is a great time to review the rules of the road together to make sure they're ready to ride.

- Make sure your student knows the importance of always wearing a helmet. This [video](#) shows you how to make sure their helmet fits properly.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to everyone, including people riding bikes and e-bikes.

- Bikes and e-bikes should ride to the right side of the road or in a bike lane if one is available. You can leave the lane or right side of the road to turn left, pass someone, avoid something in the road or go around a [car turning right](#).
- Consider taking a “test ride” with your student from home to school to help them get familiar with the route.
- In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes. Talk to your student about [Carlsbad-specific rules](#).

As you drive around town, you’ll also notice increased traffic in the morning and afternoons as kids travel to and from school. Remember to:

- Eliminate distractions and put your phone away.
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From: Gary Pifer <garyleepifer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 7:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bkies

I've been walking for over 5 years about 4 to 5 miles a day. Number of times walking by the Carlsbad mall I've had ebikes come up on me silently and a few of them have nicked me, luckily no crashes yet. The other day I saw a group of three e-bikes with 6 teen riders racing down Monroe toward the mall ..one kid was sitting backwards with his hands holding the seat.. three of the kids were not wearing helmets. They were doing about 40 mph as I clocked them as I was coming down the hill. At the stoplight I yelled at them and told the kid to sit forward and they started flipping me off and arguing with me. I told them it was very unsafe and then I asked if they ever seen a dead body and they zoomed across into the shopping center and zip through the parking at very high rates of speed. I've typically seen many girls up to three on a bike of all teen ages wearing or not wearing helmets. I also see a lot of young people doing wheelies on Mall property on sidewalks basically everywhere. They ride them like motorcycles as I don't see any difference... Sooner or later one of the three person bike riders are going to get killed and that will make National headlines.

Gary L. Pifer

GaryleePifer@gmail.com

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From: Craig Arterburn <craig.arterburn51@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Motorcycles, Mopeds, and Scooters - California DMV

To Traffic Commission and City Council:

e-bikes are becoming a nuisance. e-bikes are essentially mopeds, certainly the Class 2 versions with throttles. Please seriously consider adhering to DMV regulations for mopeds, or banning Class 2 e-bikes altogether. I'll have more to say later, regarding what I've witnessed.

Craig Arterburn
5335 El Arbol Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Motorcycles, Mopeds, and Scooters - California DMV <https://share.google/Y4lGGkCX5nY3SC8gY>

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From: Shirley <dahlburs2@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age restriction

I definitely think that the minimum age should be 12 years for ebikes.

I have seen a younger sister riding around Kelly School and the park with a younger child on the back of her ebike. It really scares me. Minimum age for ebikes is 12 for all the right reasons.

Shirley Dahlquist Bursvold

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From: Joakim <joakimparker@protonmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 12:34 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: comment on e-bike age-restriction proposal

Hello, I live in south Carlsbad near the intersection of La Costa Ave and Rancho Santa Fe. I understand that the city seeks input on a proposal to impose a 12+ age restriction on e-bike use. I support this; in fact, I would suggest 14+.

I ride a bicycle myself, as do my teens, and we see e-bikers from all levels of schools in our neighborhood: La Costa Heights elementary, Diegueno middle, and La Costa Canyon high. Risky behaviors are pervasive at all ages, including: no helmet (or helmet without strap engaged), sidewalk riding, wheelies, multiple passengers, left turns against traffic without signaling, ignoring stop signs, etc. And much of this is on busy streets. I love cycling and wouldn't want to fully restrict even e-bike use, but the maturity and judgment just isn't there for riders younger than 12, or even 14. And those younger riders tend to be small and not as strong, such that they can't control a heavy e-bike as easily as older kids. I also suggest an explicit rule against more than 1 passenger.

thanks,
Joakim Parker

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From: Kyle Campbell <kyle.campbell28@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 11:51 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Age Consideration - NO

Hello,

I don't think a minimum age should be implemented for e-bike riders. If an e-biker is capable and responsible, they should be able to ride regardless of age. E-bikes provide a great option for kids to get around town without their parents having to shuttle them around or if their parents are unable.

The issue is some kids are not comfortable and/or don't know the rules of the road. Training/practice should be in order. Carlsbad could do a **simple** training and could provide an e-bike training certificate. It could be a milestone that kids could be proud to achieve, much like a driver's license (but far less burdensome).

I wouldn't even strictly enforce it, I would encourage parents to push their kids to do it.

Best,
Kyle

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From: Julie Simpson <juliesweetcookies@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

To the City,

I am sending my input on the e-bikes .

I live off Poinsettia and Crystalline so I see a lot of e-bike traffic .

I would be happy if the law was 16 to drive these bikes, I think 12 is too young as these kids have no desire nor the brain development to follow the rules.

This is what I see daily ...no use of hand signals, no helmets, ride on the wrong side of the rode(I am assuming they do not cross the street as it is not convenient) ride on the side walks, Riding at dusk with no lights (I come home from work about 7-8pm) I have to be very diligent looking out for the e-bikes,I come from Melrose down Poinsettia almost daily , not following the light signals skating through red lights (which I am sure they have learned from parents way too many red light runners).

Last I would like to say I am very disappointed in all the money that has been spent on lanes for the e-bikes and car traffic on Poinsettia and Avenida Encinas and has only made driving worseI do not know anyone in this part of town that is pleased with making these one lanes where there is alot of traffic and as stated these kids still ride on sidewalks and the wrong side of street and going the wrong way .

I have lived in Carlsbad for 26 years, raised 3 daughters here and have always thought Carlsbad was doing a great job but lately I think choices are being made for the entitlement of too many people not for the good of everyone in the community/city.

Thanks,

Julie Simpson

Juliesweetcookies@hotmail.com

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From: Amber Atwater <amberatwater@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 10:56 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: eBike Voting

Hello - I would like to take this opportunity to weigh in on the e-Bike minimum age for Carlsbad. I would like to support the measure to make 12 years old the minimum age and for what its worth would prefer an older age as 12 is still too young for our youth to operate vehicles. Please let me know if anything else is needed to vote.

Thank you,
Amber Atwater
Carlsbad Resident
1605 Sapphire Dr. Carlsbad, CA 92011

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From: Steve Kowalski <skowalski@placementstrategies.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 10:39 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike rider age

Please raise the minimum age to at least 12 years old for riding an E bike.

Thank you,
Steve Kowalski
6614 Oceanview Dr.
Carlsbad CA 92011

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From: James Shepard <jshepard2@me.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bikes

I live near Valley Middle School and Carlsbad High School. I see kids riding recklessly down Highland and Tamarack almost every day.

They are probably over 12....but still CRAZY! Wheel...eez, passengers "hanging on: behind," no helmets! Kids riding "double" down the middle of the street blocking traffic...etc.

Age should. be 16 and a DRIVER's LICENSE to ride those things. Age 12 won't do it.

James Shepard
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jshepard2@me.com

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From: kimartin22 <kimartin22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike Rider Age

I think the minimum age for e-bike riders should be 12 years of age plus proof of e-bike education course.

Kim Martin
7494 Altiva Pl

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: Marc Furlong <marc@marcfurlong.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Traffic; Teresa Acosta
Subject: Alternative Proposal to E-Bike Age Ban

Dear Carlsbad Traffic Committee and Councilmember Teresa,

I am a resident of District 4 and would like to suggest an alternative to the proposed ban on e-bikes for children under 12. Rather than an age-based restriction, I recommend prohibiting e-bike use on roads with speed limits over 35 mph unless the rider has a valid driver's license or is accompanied by an adult who does. This policy should still allow riders to cross higher-speed roads on foot at designated crosswalks.

Reasoning:

The primary safety concern with e-bikes arises when they are used on high-capacity, high-speed roads. This risk applies not only to younger children but to teenagers as well. At the same time, e-bikes are an important means of transportation for students traveling to and from school, which can typically be accomplished using neighborhood streets rather than high-speed corridors.

An age-based ban would also be challenging to enforce, as distinguishing between an 11-year-old and a 13-year-old is not practical without stopping riders. In contrast, it is much more straightforward for officers to address unsafe use on roads such as El Camino Real, where riders without licenses clearly should not be.

I would be happy to discuss this further. Please feel free to reach out to me at 818-267-7330 or by email.

Best regards,
Marc Furlong

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From: livingston.ERICA@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 8:59 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age limit on e-bike question

Hi,

I live around Hope Elementary, Calavera Hills Elementary and Middle Schools and Sage Creek High School and I have kids who have attended each of these schools, so I see many e-bikers at pickup and drop-off every day.

I want to provide my thoughts on an age limit for e-bike riders. My opinion is that there should not be an age limit. For some parents, having their kids be able to get themselves to/from school is essential. And we do not offer good bussing solutions.

Obviously, I understand that the bikes can be dangerous and cause issues. I have seen multiple accidents, including two that required ambulances. However, I do think the CPD should increase enforcement. I rarely ever see kids getting tickets. In fact, I haven't seen a ticket being issued since the beginning of school two years ago. Kids that are doing wheelies in lanes in front of cars should get tickets. Kids who don't buckle their helmet and ride with 2-3 kids on the bike should get tickets. Kids who throw rocks at passing cars should be arrested. Kids who circle and harass girls should be arrested. Their bikes should be impounded and their parents should be held accountable.

If police brought down the hammer I really think the kids would fall in line. They are reckless because they think they are operating without consequences, and I believe they will behave much better once word gets out that the police are serious.

Thanks,
Erica Livingston, 92010

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From: William Dunmeyer <william.dunmeyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 8:39 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input for E-bike Regulations for Minors

Bill Dunmeyer
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William.dunmeyer@gmail.com

I am a retired school administrator and have been a resident of Carlsbad for close to 40 years. I have watched the city grow to a wonderful city to raise a family, become a hub of commerce, and a destination spot for vacationers. During that time the City Council has steadfastly worked toward creating a vision for maintaining the unique qualities that make Carlsbad what it is today. I noted in reading the news that Carlsbad is considering implementing limitations on the use of E-bikes for minors. The proposal, as I understand it is to limit the use of certain E-bike for minors under the age of 12.

I believe not only should the use of E-bikes be illegal for children under 12, but that additional limitations should be placed on the use of E-bikes by all age groups. For children, I have been alarmed at the frequency of dangerous practices and decisions while riding. Here are ones I have seen on multiple occasions with children not only going and coming from school but in riding in general.

1. Multiple riders together frequently ride down the middle of the street with cars blocked behind them, doing tricks on their bikes, such as pulling the front up and riding "unicycle" while laughing and joking with friends, often competing with each other impervious to vehicles. They are often seen riding with arms folded, no hands on the handlebars. Although I have seen this behavior in both boys and girls, it most often happens with boys.
2. Frequently, young riders make a dart across lanes of traffic from bike lanes to left turn lanes in front of moving vehicles in the lanes without looking or signaling.
3. I have never seen a single rider (any age) make a signal for turning or lane change.
4. Most often E-bikers (kids mostly, but adults as well) run red lights making right turns, ignoring or oblivious to cross traffic, and they often ignore signal lights, and rarely seem to stop at stop signs.
5. On "walk/wait" sign corners, bikers are often seen using the crosswalk "walk" sign to cross the road on a red signal in the marked crosswalk, and simultaneously with individuals crossing on foot.
6. There is an increasing use of cell phones with cell phone holders on E-bikes jutting up to eye level on the handle bars.
7. Young E-bikers often have a rider on the bike behind them, and are often involved in conversation. The rear biker doesn't have a helmet and is frequently sitting on the fender.

8. Frequently E-bikers are not wearing protective headgear.
9. They can often be seen carrying objects under one arm or in-hand while using the other on the handlebar, with no visible basket for carrying objects.
10. They travel outside bike lanes on busy roads.

The minimal requirements I would like to see implemented in Carlsbad:

1. No one under the age 12 can operate any E-bike on a public street or trail in Carlsbad unless accompanied by a parent or an adult (age 18 or older).
2. Transporting a person on an E-bike shall not occur unless the E-bike is equipped with an appropriate seat and fenders, and the operator of the E-bike is 16 years old or older, the passenger as well as the biker must have an appropriately sized and approved helmet and both are wearing the helmet while using the bike. The passenger must be able to hold with both hands to the E-biker or an installed passenger handlebar. For the safety of the rider, an E-biker cannot wear a backpack or other item on his/her back while transporting a passenger.
3. The use of E-bikes on public streets or trails is limited to transporting an individual in compliance with all laws and regulations, requires the use of both hands on the handlebars except as needed to signal, to keep both wheels in contact with the roadway. (Using an E-bike for “play” or competition on a public road or trail is prohibited.)
4. Any items transported on an E-bike must be in a backpack or carrier mounted on the bike for the purpose of transporting items (applies to biker and any passenger). Large items such as, but limited to, surf or body boards shall not be transported on an E-bike. All carried items must fit a backpack or E-bike mounted carrier.
5. E-bikes shall not use a controlled cross walk on a red light unless the biker dismounts and walks the bike across the street on the appropriate “walk” signal.
6. Using a cellphone on a moving E-bike is prohibited. No E-bike used by a minor shall have any device or holder that allows the biker to use a cell phone while in transit.
7. No E-biker shall wear or use earphones while using an E-bike (does not apply to medically required hearing devices).
8. Failure to obey any adopted regulation, traffic sign, signal-light, to use appropriate hand signals or bike mounted turn signal light, or to use an E-bike for doing "tricks" or keep hands on handlebars except for signaling will result in confiscation of the bike requiring the parent or guardian to retrieve the E-bike from the Carlsbad Police Department and pay a fee to cover the cost of service and storage.
9. E-bikes used by a minor must be equipped with at least one rear-view mirror (includes rental bikes).
10. All E-bike rentals and sales in Carlsbad shall provide a copy of Carlsbad’s regulations of E-bike use by minors to individuals renting or purchasing an E-bike.

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From: Renee Reimonenq <renee812@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 8:13 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-Bike minimum age proposal

Hello, thanks for the opportunity to hear from the community. We live on a residential street that is a popular bike route (York Rd.) so have a unique perspective.

This law will not solve the "problem" with e-bikes. We see middle and high schoolers ride in the middle of the street; we also see e-dirt bikes at very high speeds. We see less frequently younger aged kids on bikes or e-bikes. When we do, they often ride on sidewalks at a reasonable speed.

Last, this is a parenting issue. Parents should determine for their own family whether their child is ready for an e-bike. This is not an issue for the state.

Thank you,
Renee R. Watson

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Renee
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From: Terry Annicchiarico <tsannicchiarico@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 6:41 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike minimum age

I don't think we need a minimum age, but registering the bikes under the age of 16. The city of Carlsbad provided info on the types of e-bikes that kids could ride (pedal assist, no throttle). They all have illegal bikes by that standard.

Thank you

Terry

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From: Serafina Kernberger <serafinak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikers under 12

Hello,

As a Carlsbad resident and mom to three under 12yrs old, I support the ban on children under 12 riding e-bikes in Carlsbad.

Thank you,
~Serafina

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From: pam1 whisnant.org <pam1@whisnant.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:51 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes and 12 year olds

I have seen too many young boys doing wheelies, holding onto another's bike, two on bike with the back one standing, etc. Often they run right through stops signs or lights.

I believe 12 year olds are way too young to be driving e-bikes. Even the 13, 14 and 15 year old boys, who have so much testosterone, are willing to take all sorts of crazy risks on these bikes!

I think the very minimum age should be 15 years old with some sort of written test and special license given prior.

Pamela J. Whisnant
2560 Faraday Ave. #109
Carlsbad, CA 92010

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From: Mary Lou Vanderpool <vanderpoolpml@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:42 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: eibikes

I feel the age should be 14, some 12 years old are only in sixth grade, which in some areas is still elementary school. They need to take a written test, plus driving test.

I feel they should not be allowed to carry anyone else, relation or not! TOO MUCH DESTRUCTION.
If the
bikes had a license plate, they could be identified and reported for unsafe driving.

Mary Lou Vanderpool
3527 Milford Place
Carlsbad, Ca 92010
760-434-8916

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From: Clayton Roth <w.claytonroth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Law Resident Comment

Hello,

I am a Carlsbad resident and father of two. Bikes of all kinds—regular pedal bikes and e-bikes—are fantastic for people and this town. They reduce traffic congestion, cut down on pollution, and provide an easy, healthy and affordable way for people of all ages and financial means to get around. I ride one myself and find it to be an amazing way to travel around town. My kids love riding on the e-bike with me, and we make sure to follow all traffic rules and safety measures including wearing helmets.

Let's be very clear: **the bikes themselves are not the danger.** Cars are the danger!! They make riding these eco-friendly, affordable, and fun bikes unsafe. **Instead of focusing on restricting youth from riding, let's focus on making it safer for them to ride their bikes** by enabling our city to safely accommodate them. This means building larger bike lanes that are protected with barriers such as high curbs, adding bike- and pedestrian-only crossings over or under train tracks (like Encinitas has successfully done), and creating designated bike thoroughfares on neighborhood and city roads.

Investing in bike and walking infrastructure brings tremendous benefits to towns like ours. Safer streets mean more kids can bike to school, fewer cars on the road mean less traffic and pollution, and better walkability and bikeability help local businesses thrive as more people stop and shop locally. Strong bike networks also raise property values, attract visitors, and improve public health by making it easier for residents to choose active, sustainable transportation.

Carlsbad has a real opportunity to become the Southern California town that every other community aspires to be. Encinitas has made serious improvements to promote biking. Let's go even further and make Carlsbad a leader in safe, sustainable, family-friendly transportation. Imagine a barrier protected biking path along the entire coast of Carlsbad! That would bring massive financial benefits from tourism to the city while drastically reducing traffic for residents.

Lastly, we should absolutely enforce kids to wear a helmet while riding bikes. But let's promote bikes by making it safer for them and everyone!

Thank you,

Clayton

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From: mary rombotis <merombotis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:20 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: melanie Burkholder
Subject: Children riding electric vehicles.

To our city traffic management staff, city manager, city police department and city council members:

I have found that although the city has instituted safe driving programs for students with e-bikes there are many youngsters on motorized vehicles "running amuk" .

For example this evening August 21 at around 5:30pm, while driving in the Barrio enroute to Blue Water Grill there were a multitude of e-bikes (a pack with at least 10 riders) all ridden by juveniles that breezed through an intersection without stopping at the stop sign or even looking for oncoming traffic. The few at the end of the pack that did look, still ran the stop sign in front of oncoming traffic. Later upon leaving the restaurant around 7:30pm while stopped at the intersection of Carlsbad Village Dr and Carlsbad Blvd, several e-bike riders drove into the intersection with the pedestrian crossing signal and proceeded to do wheelies, circles, jump off the bikes run around and then proceed to drive while the pedestrians were attempting to cross the 4 way intersection. This will only continue unless there are major consequences to this dangerous and inappropriate driving.

My belief is that motorized vehicles that children are riding such as bikes and scooters, should have the same requirements to follow the rules of the road as anyone who has a legal California driving license. Why would a permit be available to 12+ year olds. Even with our city and schools instructional programs and permits for e-bikes at schools, Carlsbad has a major problem with these e-bikes. I am surprised there have not been more serious accidents or fatalities.

What are the parents thinking in equipping their children with these motorized vehicles and what are our city leaders thinking in permitting or allowing this problem to exist and increase.

On the other hand we have a neighbor who has a high school student with an e-bike and we observe him frequently driving carefully and safely in both our neighborhood and throughout the city. I wish to commend him and his parents for his adherence to safety. This adherence protects him and others. I believe he is the exception in both my observations and while having to navigate safely with the onslaught of e-bike groups. I would like to see stiff penalties for the rider when the rules are not followed. I do not support the idea that one has to be a minimum of 12 years old to legally drive these in our city. I support the minimum age of 16 years old for driving a motorized vehicle on our city streets. I also believe they should have a license and be required to follow the same vehicle regulations and laws as any licensed driver.

Something has to be done to improve the safety within our city!

Thank you,
Mary Rombotis
4869n Sevilla Way
Carlsbad 92008

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From: Argenia Torres Hill <argenia.torres@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:59 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: Prohibit e-bikes under 12

hmmm the more i think about this, the more i am not sure. please retract my email below, for now. thank you.

On Sun, Aug 17, 2025 at 8:09 AM Argenia Torres <argenia.torres@gmail.com> wrote:
Yes.

Geny Hill, Carlsbad Resident
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Shirley Cole <shirley.cole@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:45 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike minimum age

I highly recommend to adopt a minimum age for E Bike users. E Bikes are more like motorcycles; the rider does not have to pedal to move forward. There is a throttle that gives them power that can exceed the speed limit on pedestrian streets. A youth under the age of 12 does not know the rules of the road, so they cannot anticipate what a car might do, making them very vulnerable for accidents. I fear for the many close calls I have seen due to the actions of the cyclists. I live on Basswood Avenue close to Holiday Park. We have alot of e bike traffic from the high school and elementary schools east of Highland. Many of the young people do not abide by the laws-they do not stop at the sign at the bottom of Basswood , they have more than one passenger on the bike and many do not wear helmets. They also do tricks, such as wheel stands and standing on the seat as they go up and down the hill. I sure many parents think this is not their child, but I can tell you more times than not, the youth are are riding safely.

Thank you for considering my input.

Shirley Cole
1252 Basswood Avenue
Carlsbad, CA. 92008

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From: Carl Pope <seatp3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:03 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Age Requirements

I support a minimum age of 12 to ride an e-bike in Carlsbad. Unfortunately I don't know how this can be enforced effectively and am not in favor of passing laws that have little to no chance of being effectively enforced.

Can this question please be addressed at the meeting?

Thank you

Carl Pope

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From: Kerry Vara <kerryvara@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes under 12 SHOULD be prohibited!

Thanks

Kerry...Sent from my iPhone

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From: Karen Smarr <kjsmarr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:33 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: City of Carlsbad E-bike policy

I am a Carlsbad resident and homeowner and am in agreement with the proposal to set a minimum age of 12 for e-bike riders. I also feel that mandatory and/or additional training is needed.

I am constantly seeing young ebike riders acting irresponsibly - ignoring traffic laws, lights and lane markings, no helmet, carrying a passenger with no helmet, riding the wrong way in bike lanes, doing wheelies going down 40 mph plus roads, holding hands, drinking and using their cell phone while driving (not hands free). We are lucky that there have not been more traffic accidents.

While I personally believe age 14 is more appropriate, children under 12 are simply not capable of making mature safe decisions on ebikes.

Thank you,

Karen Smarr

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From: Richard Bame <rkbame@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: input on potential e-bike minimum age

My input is this:

(1) yes there should be an age limit on use of e-bikes.

(2) I agree no one under 12 should be allow to drive an e-bike.

(3) I also think no one under 16 should be allowed - setting the limit at 12 is not high enough.

(4) I see e-bike drivers frequently being reckless, going faster than the speed limit, going through red lights and stop signs, making turns across traffic at intersections, riding without helmets or passengers with without helmets, and carrying more than one passenger. These are all signs of a too-young drivers making bad choices and behavior on a very dangerous mode of transportation.

We need a more restrictive rule on these e-bikes and far better enforcement of law breakers.

-Richard Bame
Carlsbad resident

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From: Shauna Hurst <hurst.shauna@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:22 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Age

As a parent with teen drivers I strongly support a minimum age for riding e-bike. Quite frankly I would prefer it to be 14...but 12 is a good starting point.

Shauna Hurst
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Ria Hoffman <riahoffman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:57 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for e-bikes

Given the bike functions more like a car than a bike, I believe the minimum age requirement should be 12

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone - please excuse any typos!

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From: Brenda Harai <bharai@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Hi,

I am opposed to allowing kids under 12 to ride e-bikes in Carlsbad. I believe they lack the maturity to be going that fast. I see kids riding recklessly and it is scary. Even kids older than 12 often do not follow the rules of the road.

Thank you,
Brenda Harai
Carlsbad resident

Sent from my iPhone

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From: MICHAEL FOLEY <mefoley@prodigy.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:42 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum

I absolutely feel there should be a minimum age. I'm not sure it shouldn't be higher than twelve. We live on Unicornio St. ,and, for the most part, they don't obey the traffic laws..

Mike Foley

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From: Hannah Lane <hannahlane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum E-bike Age

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the minimum e-bike age of 12 to help make our streets safer.

Sincerely,

Hannah Lane

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Bruce Tipton <brucetipton99@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:22 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age limit for e bikes

I have been cycling for over 30 years and 23 years in Carlsbad and N country where I lead groups of cyclist in and around Carlsbad. Our most serious threat on the roads for years has been the automobile, specifically distracted drivers. This threat is substantial & now a close second are kids on e bikes who are clueless about fundamental cycling courtesies and ignorant about cycling etiquette. I admonish the parents to some degree, and I appreciate how I was as a young rider, not appreciating the perils of cycling on our busy streets! Basic cycling safety information should be disseminated by every bike dealer-retailer or online-at a minimum. Furthermore parents must appreciate the inherent dangers of cycling as frequently I have witnessed younger e bikes riders take irresponsible and dangerous risks on the roads- including passing in the bike lanes with no warning, lack of proper signaling and foolish stunts on their bikes. I get it..... as this would likely have been me in my earlier years....and now, via years of experience and maturity...I know better.

As important as a minimum age requirement is, in my view, cycling education is every bit as important. So if mandatory age requirements are instigated some fundamental level of cycling education should follow. Thanks for addressing this topic

Sincerely

Bruce Tipton

Sent from my Apple machine

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From: dwatsonmax@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for E-Bikers - Strong No to Age Limit

I have a 10-year old daughter who responsibly rides a Class 1 e-bike around the neighborhood, to school, and with her parents. There should be no 12-year old limit for e-bikes. This is a parent issue, not an e-bike issue. Thank you.

David Watson, Carlsbad

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From: Sandra Peterson <sdpeterson42@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:17 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: New Laws for E-Bike Riders

I wholeheartedly add my "YES" to approving this law.

I live in Rancho Carrillo and shop in the Bressi Ranch Plaza. The young boys that live in Bressi Ranch riding on e-bikes have created such an almost traumatic experience driving around. They ride on the sidewalks, are riding way over the speed limits and are constantly doing wheelies and then stopping abruptly in the middle of the street. They block the sidewalks when they leave their bikes (some laying on the sidewalk) so a pedestrian has to walk around by going into the street to pass.

I also think the parents of these kids should be fined for allowing such unsafe behavior for the kids, pedestrians and drivers of cars.

Thank you so much for proposing this. It will make our communities and children/teenagers much safer.

Sandra Peterson
6309 Citracado Circle
Carlsbad 92009

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Sarah Kuntsal <sarahkuntsal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 1:59 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Concern About E-Bike Use by Kids - ECC Parent

To whom it may concern,

Per your request in our ECC newsletter, I'm writing to suggest that e-bikes should have a **minimum age limit of 16** and require a **basic license or safety certification** to operate. Many of these bikes are essentially low-speed motorized vehicles, yet they're being treated — and used — like regular bicycles.

Young, untrained riders are using e-bikes at high speeds in areas with pedestrians and traffic, creating serious safety risks. I've watched several kids on an e-bike shoot down Palomar Airport Rd at max speed *in the center divide*, I've had an e-bike (with *three passengers* on it) jump out in front of my vehicle while heading down El Camino Real, and I've watched a group of 12 e-bikes drive *all over sidewalks and pedestrian areas* in La Costa Town Square like they own the place. A more structured approach to age and training would help ensure safer streets for everyone. It's only a matter of time before we see another tragic incident involving an e-bike and an underage rider.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kuntsal

Carlsbad citizen and ECC mom

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From: ELIZABETH MACK <bethmack@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 1:40 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Regulations

I would like to see Carlsbad take the same action as Chula Vista.

Beth Mack
7106 Linden Terrace
Carlsbad

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From: Julie Krumrei <juliekrumrei@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 1:06 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: YES On Minimum Age, License & License Plate For E-Bikers

[\\$44 eBike Turn Signals - Front & Rear Blinkers - Engwe M20 - YouTube](#)

Here is an example of turn signal lights that can be easily installed on e-bikes

From: Julie Krumrei <juliekrumrei@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:57 PM
To: traffic@carlsbadca.gov <traffic@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Re: YES On Minimum Age, License & License Plate For E-Bikers

Turn Signal Installation Requirement

This morning, while following the car line to drop off my children at school, ***without any signal or indication***, a student e-bike rider appeared and abruptly cut across from the passenger side of my car to the left lane, directly in front of me. I had to slam on my brakes to avoid hitting him.

This could have resulted in a serious injury to this student and significant trauma for me and my children.

I would like to add to my previous requests that regulatory steps are urgently taken to also:

1. **Mandate the installation of turn signals and brake lights on all e-bikes**, similar to those found on motor vehicles.
2. **Require e-bike riders to use these signals when changing lanes or turning**, to make their intentions visible to drivers and pedestrians.
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These reckless and irresponsible e-bike riders pose a real risk to themselves and others.

Manufacturers, lawmakers, parents and educators all have a role to play in making sure these vehicles are used responsibly and keeping the streets safe for everyone.

Thank you,
Julie Krumrei

From: Julie Bui-Krumrei <juliekrumrei@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:36 AM
To: traffic@carlsbadca.gov <traffic@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: YES On Minimum Age, License & License Plate For E-Bikers

Dear Sir or Madam,

Minimum Age & License Requirement

We strongly support prohibiting children under the age of 12 from riding e-bikes, and we urge the establishment of a licensing requirement for all e-bike riders. A license should only be issued after completing a rider education course similar to the DMV knowledge test that everyone must pass to drive. It would take too long to detail the many disorderly and dangerous incidents we have encountered and witnessed from young e-bikers, but one experience stands out: on 2 consecutive days, a group of middle schoolers intentionally tried to run over us in a parking lot. We narrowly escaped injury by jumping out of their way.

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Community Safety

We urge you to act quickly to pass regulations that will protect both e-bike riders and the broader community. Many young riders are inexperienced, uneducated about the rules of the road, and sometimes reckless. In one terrifying incident, a boy deliberately jumped in front of my moving car to impress his friends FOR FUN! If I hadn't slammed hard on my brakes, he could have been seriously injured or killed.

These dangerous behaviors are not only disruptive but also life-threatening. The responsibility lies with parents, who should be held accountable just as they would be if their child were driving a car.

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Sincerely,

Carl and Julie Krumrei

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From: Samantha Raymond <samantha.rmnd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike law and regulation

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you this email in regards to the current status of our City regarding the E bikes. I think it is a wonderful idea to start regulating them and also putting an age limit on them. 12 years old is a little too young to be riding on the streets with the general population. Making traffic decisions and what not. It should be the same as a permit. Children's brains develop different at different ages in their lives. The decision-making and other cognitive abilities are just not in place for a child that young. It truly is putting the children's lives at danger to allow them to ride on the same street as cars that are going 60 to 70 mph and making traffic decisions what not.

The bikes need to be regulated as our cities, police and fire are responding daily to multiple calls. There have been death and also other people lives are put in danger by their decision-making, riding on sidewalks, pulling out in front of people. Also riding high-powered electric bikes on public trails where there are people walking. Not a good idea. Time is up and you guys need to start regulating. It is unfair to citizens like us who have to pay annually car and insurance to be able to drive on these streets. It is mayhem in the city of Carlsbad and also around the schools. Very nerve-racking for the general drivers who are just trying to get to work or drop their children off at school. Please follow through with this law. Thank you so much.

Take care,
Samantha P

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From: william franz <william_franz51@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:05 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Resident INPUT on E-bikes in norteast Carlsbad ~

My personal experiences with potentially dangerous e-bike encounters are numerous:

- 1 kids on ebikes zooming in sidewalks on my street - almost got hit
kids zooming right in front of Albertsons west & east exit doors - people there were in disbelief of what happened... should we call the police ?
- 2 kids pulling wheelies, standing on the seats, reckless weaving in and out behind, in front of and across moving traffic, not staying in designated bike lanes, passing cars on the right just as they are making a right hand turn ...
making very poor and dangerous decisions !!!
- 3 some of the kids are very safety concious but too many are putting themselves and us motor vehicle drivers in frightful positions.
God help us if anything goes wrong !

Can you please give serious consideration to these problems ???

WD Franz
Greenwich Street
Carlsbad

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From: Megan Schenck <megandschenck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Please do not change the age limit to allow children UNDER age 12 to have an e-bike. We live by a middle and elementary school and see so many accidents with kids on e-bikes, kids not following the safety protocols put in place, cars speeding or running red lights, friends not properly on the back of e-bikes, no helmets, on their phones, etc and it is terrifying to witness. For the safety of children please do not lower the age limit to under 12.

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Megan Schenck
Cell: (858) 776-0427
Email: megandschenck@gmail.com

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From: Peter B <peterbgood1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:22 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: E-bikes

This is Peter Byrne again. I apologize for sending another email. But I forgot one thing. On a side note it's also a great way for the city to generate income. When a child is ticketed for road violations or not having insurance, a heavy fine would go right to the city. Also, this would help them realize what it's like to disobey the law and have to pay financially for their actions.

Peter Byrne
760-579-9912

On Thu, Aug 21, 2025, 10:58 AM Peter B <peterbgood1@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello My name is Peter Byrne. I am very pleased to see that you are requesting community input on this issue. For a long time I feel that an idea I have could quite possibly help the younger riders learn more about responsibility associated with sharing the road.

I feel that if we require each person to be insured on these "Vehicles" then it would give them a sense of ownership as opposed to just having a bike.

The community I'm sure is split on the idea of restricting kids under a certain age from riding these bikes because on one side it is extremely convenient for kids to be able to "drive" themselves to school and around town so why take away something that the parents are also benefiting from? On the other hand there are people that just get annoyed at the sight of kids on the road driving a vehicle irresponsibly knowing that that child could have been killed If they cut off a drunk driver who's reaction time is significantly impaired (and sadly this does happen).

So why not require kids to be insured on these bikes. This could be a great opportunity to teach them what real life is like. Let's face it. By the time they turn 16 they will probably never ride a bike again. Until then, I feel it is important to hold them accountable for their actions by becoming financially responsible if they drive crazy and cause damage or injure themselves or others. In the mean time it could also be a great opportunity for parents to sign paperwork through the insurance company accepting responsibility for their child driving on public streets with a vehicle that will harm them if they act irresponsibly.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion.

Peter Byrne
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From: ammtax@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Rules Meeting Comments

As a Carlsbad resident living near Poinsettia Lane and west of the 5 Freeway, there is a significant amount of e-bike traffic traveling to and from the beach almost every day but especially after school and on weekends and holidays.

While most riders use the bike lanes and some signal turns properly, many use the car lanes, cut in front of moving traffic, do “wheelies”, fail to signal properly when changing lanes or making turns, and/or ride in the wrong direction against traffic resulting in hazards not

only to the e-bike riders but to car drivers and pedestrians as well.

In addition, a surprising number of e-bike riders appear to be under 12 years of age and many of those are unaccompanied by an adult.

On some occasions, the e-bikers ride in groups where the riders race each other, clown around, and/or spill into the car lanes.

Clearly, the City needs to establish e-bike rules to control these dangerous practices and needs to enforce these rules using police and/or volunteer personnel.

The proposal to prohibit riders under the age of 12 (at least when unaccompanied by an adult) is necessary but not sufficient.

The City of Chula Vista’s rules adding restrictions on riding on sidewalks, requiring helmets for anyone under 18, and banning children from riding with passengers is a common-sense approach.

However, I believe that Carlsbad should go further by requiring a class that teaches the “rules of the road” and issues a certificate of completion.

Furthermore, Carlsbad needs to maintain a bike serial registry to assist in the recovery of stolen e-bikes similar to regular bikes.

Albert M. Shifberg-Mencher
7312 San Luis St.
Carlsbad, CA 92011-4625
714-865-5812

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From: Monique <moniqueg09@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age input

To the City of Carlsbad Council,

I am writing in support of instituting a minimum age requirement of 12 years old for e-bike riders in our city, and I would strongly advocate for considering an even older age threshold.

E-bikes are not traditional bicycles. They share far more in common with motorcycles, powerful, fast-moving vehicles that require maturity, judgment, and experience to operate safely. Just as we would never suggest that an electric car is “not a car” simply because it runs on a battery instead of gasoline, an e-bike is similar to a motorcycle that runs on battery instead of gasoline, and we should not treat e-bikes as equivalent to pedal bikes. The speed, weight, and traffic risks associated with e-bikes make them a different class of vehicle, and our policies should reflect that reality.

It’s also important to note that bicycles are classified under traffic laws as vehicles. This means that when a child is on an e-bike, depending on **motor wattage and maximum assisted speed**, they are essentially operating a motorized vehicle and sharing the same streets as cars, trucks, and motorcycles. We would never consider giving a 10- or 11-year-old child the keys to a motorized vehicle and sending them out into traffic, yet that is, in effect, what happens when children this young ride e-bikes on our roads.

The concern here is first and foremost about safety. Children and young adolescents often lack the decision-making skills and road awareness needed to navigate heavy traffic, interact safely with drivers, or handle the risks that come with higher speeds. This puts not only our kids at risk, but also creates serious dangers for community members driving cars who must react quickly to unpredictable situations.

By raising the minimum age, we can reduce preventable accidents, protect our children, and create a safer environment for everyone who shares the road, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. This is not about restricting independence; it is about aligning our rules with common sense and prioritizing the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your ongoing efforts to make Carlsbad a safer place to live, work, and raise families.

Respectfully,

Monique Filler

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Peter Byrne
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From: Kai Kamp <kaikamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:47 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Proposed 12-year-old ebike restriction

Hi,

I think this is a great opportunity, however it should be written in such a way that children bike riding with an adult are exempt since the adult is going to be the one ensuring they're following all the rules of the road. This not only provides exercise and family bonding, but ensures that when they turn 13 they'll be well versed in how to ride. My son is 10 and he's too heavy to be able to ride a normal bike.

The easiest thing to do is to ensure increase enforcement of kids riding motorcycles without a license, I see kids on these sur ron motorcycles almost every day without a license plates or a driver's license.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kai Kamp

7916 Terraza Disoma, Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: McCrady, Sean <Sean.Mccrady@ul.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:42 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for E bike

Hello,

I hope this message finds you well. As a resident of Carlsbad, CA, and a father to two young girls aged 7 and 9, I am writing to express my strong belief that we need to establish an age requirement for children riding E-bikes.

Given the increasing popularity of E-bikes and the potential risks they pose, I think setting the minimum age at 13 would be a prudent measure. This would help ensure that children are sufficiently mature and responsible to handle these vehicles safely.

Thank you very much for considering our children's safety and for taking this important matter into account.

Best regards,
Sean McCrady

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From: Sabrina Johnson <sabrin33@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for E-Bike

Hello,

I am a resident of Carlsbad, CA and mom to two girls (7 and 9). I strongly believe we need an age requirement for children riding E-bikes. I think 12 or even 13 is a great idea. Thank you for considering our children's safety.

Best,

Sabrina McCrady

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From: Bridget Ortiz <nmbridget@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum Age

Good morning,

I am in favor of Carlsbad making a minimum e-bike age of 12 years old. There are many reasons to enact this rule, but mainly it's a matter of safety. Eleven year olds and under simply do not have the development in their pre-frontal cortex to abide by street safety rules, nor do they have the heft in their body to survive any serious accidents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bridget Ortiz

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From: Raelene Wooden <rae123@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:57 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Bike minimum age & more

Hello, I am a mother of 4 Carlsbad kids. Ages 12/14/15/16.

I vote minimum age 12 and minimum height/weight 4'10" 95lbs

I also vote that parents get fined/ticketd if child disobeys safety laws/rules. This would affect me for sure but it would hold myself and my kids accountable.

I also would like the City to get funding for FREE SAFETY checks & repairs along with free helmets.

There were two young girls (probably 125 lbs or more each) going east on Tamarack down the giant hill on one ebike. Their bikes were smoking/rubbing, only one helmet, and they could barely stop. They would have crashed or gone right through the light at El Camino & Tamarack and been seriously injured or killed.

Raelene Wooden
3562 Hastings Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92010

rae123@me.com
760 | 889-2433

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From: John Gjata <johndgjata@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:35 AM
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Hello,
I would suggest an ebike system similar to how bikes were licensed in the '60s-'80s.

Class 1 (pedal assist only, max 20 mph): young minimum age, perhaps 12 years old. Large green license decal.
Open to all trails

Class 2 (throttle control up to 20 mph):
Requires driver's learner's permit (min 15.5 yo) Yellow decal.
Open to most trails

Class 3 (throttle control up to 28 (+?) mph):
Requires driver's license (min 16 yo).
Blue or red decal
Open only to certain trails.

Trails would highlight which licenses/decal colors are allowed on specific trails. It would make enforcement much easier.
Licenses would cost a minimal amount and would offset signage and other costs.

Thank you,
John Gjata

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From: Alison Van Vleck <aavanvleck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:18 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bike riders

YES, I am in favor of a minimum age for e-bike riders. The consequences of an accident at e-bike speeds can be life altering. There needs to be a maturity level met to not only understand traffic laws, but to follow them. This protects the rider, pedestrians, and drivers on the road!

Thank you,
Alison Schulz

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From: Anna Andrade <aldandrade@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:57 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age and license

Hi,

As a resident of Carlsbad and a school age parent I strongly urge that Carlsbad implement a minimum age of 14 and license requirement for all e-bike riders of Class 1 and 2 e-bikes. The kids are irresponsible and currently unaccountable for their unsafe road behavior and distracted driving. I request consequences be implemented for unsafe driving such as loosing riding privileges and or license. Having consequences will encourage safe driving. Current situation has been a negative impact on public safety.

I am glad that Carlsbad city is considering requiring a license and a minimum age for e-bike riders.

Regards,
Anna Andrade

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From: Sheri Menelli <sherj@rjmmusic.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:29 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes age restriction vote

Hi

I was delighted to see that you will be voting on an age restriction for e-bikes. However I was disappointed that it was 12 and not 16.

I live in Rancho Carrillo. There is a nice shopping center down in La Costa that I won't go to because of a gang of entitled boys that are probably around the age of 12. They are dangerous to themselves and others on the bike, they are mean, they are terrible at following the rules, laws, common sense. I'm way too worried that there is going to be a fatality.

Same with Stater Brothers in Bressi Ranch now. There is a gang of kids blocking the street in front of the store and no one can do anything about them because they are too young.

I hate driving in parts of Carlsbad because they do not follow the laws, rules and they don't seem to realize that they can die or get injured.

OK, yes, we will likely still have these entitled gangs if they have regular bikes instead of ebikes however I feel that the regular bikes are much safer for the kids and those driving near them.

I really wish every ebike had to have a license plate and that they were required to take a course before they could get on an ebike. It would be much easier for the police to track the ones causing trouble.

Anyway, this letter sounds like i really hate kids. I don't. It is just terrifying when they can be so erratic that you almost hit them on the street and the electric bikes gives them a lot more power to go further. We wouldn't give a car or motorcycles to kids this age. We shouldn't be giving ebikes.

Thank you
Sheri Menelli
Carlsbad, CA

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Sheri Menelli
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From: rschwartz20@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:13 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum e-bike age

Hi - I am a Carlsbad resident and feel strongly that Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike usage for kids under 12. It's unsafe for both the kids riding them and drivers trying to avoid them.

Thank you for your consideration.
Best,

Robin

Robin Weber
312-343-1503

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From: phil antonopoulos <koastalkaos@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:19 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for ebike riders

I think it should be 14 minimum

Phil Antonopoulos
Koastal Kaos Productions
760-889-1918

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From: Laura Pitts <lostin226@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:18 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for ebikers

Greetings-

Kids should be required to have a drivers license in order to drive e-bikes. Age 16 and a permit at 15 with restrictions.

Thanks!
Laura

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From: Mark Ralston <lowfastball@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 8:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Response to feedback on e-bike age limit

Children under 12 should definitely not be allowed to operate E bikes. The age limit should be 16. It's a motorized vehicle. You don't allow children to ride motorcycles on the street but then again you guys completely screwed up the traffic pattern on Kelly Drive by Kelly Elementary School by removing one of the traffic circles that was a great job.

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With astonishment
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rana Coleman <ranak001@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 6:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age vote

Hello,

I would like to add my input and agree that the age should be 12 at a minimum to ride an e-bike. In addition, should require a license, registration and take proper safety classes prior to riding.

Thank you,
Rana Coleman

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From: julie radtko <julieradtke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 6:30 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age requirement

Hello,

My two sons attend Valley Middle School, and I wanted to offer my opinion that Carlsbad should have minimum age requirement of 12 for riding an E-bike.

Thank you for your time,

Julie Radtko
2020 Karren Ln, Carlsbad, CA 92008

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From: Tatiana Kuzmina <tatiana.kuzmina1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 5:43 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age min for ebikes in CA

I strongly OPPOSE to the proposal to change min age of kids to be able to ride ebikes to 12 years old. I strongly believe that it should be no earlier than 16 years old.

It would be unsafe to let younger than 16 years old kids to ride ebikes.

Thank you.

Best,
Tatiana

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From: Kelly Liekkio <kliekkio242@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 5:17 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum age

To whom it may concern,

There should absolutely be a minimum age for e-bike use in Carlsbad. Almost daily, I see extremely unsafe riding behaviors from young e-bike riders including but not limited to: too many passengers on one bike, no helmets, unclipped helmets, not following the rules of the road, doing wheelies into oncoming traffic, talking to friends in the middle of the street, yelling at drivers, and causing hazardous driving conditions to name a few. It continues to astonish me how little kids are monitored while driving dangerous e-bikes and uninvolved disengaged parents give them to their kids to get them out of the house. These younger kids are putting themselves in grave danger as well as putting drivers in danger who have to make erratic movements to avoid them when they are not following traffic laws. This is a near daily topic of conversation in our home and the danger needs to stop, please enforce a minimum age requirement in Carlsbad for the safety of everyone.

Thank you for your time,

Kelly Liekkio

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From: Aaron <amansker21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 5:17 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Input

To whom it may concern,

As a Carlsbad resident and police officer for the City of Coronado I'm absolutely in favor of e-bike age limits. The City of Coronado enacted age 12 limitation and I believe it reduced our number of e-bike complaints. While age 12 and under was not a significant number of our collisions I think not having them on the road makes everyone safer.

Best regards,

Aaron Mansker

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Catherine Fulmer <catherinefulmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 5:10 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: no more E bikes!

This is my second email to you guys, but this is a very big concern of mine in here in Carlsbad. I've watched countless kids almost get hit by cars and I have an 11-year-old at Aviara who wants to eat bike and it's not gonna happen but it's causing a lot of problems. I wish the other kids didn't have access or weren't allowed to use them so young!? It needs to be restricted.



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From: Karl Clausen <karlclausen@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:50 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Age Limit

I approve of the proposal to limit e-bike riders to 12 and older.

Karl Clausen

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From: Andre Lopez <andrelopezmx28@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Min. age for E-bikers

Hi,

Just wanted to provide some input. I think this is a great idea. However, I do not believe there should be a minimum age requirement for Class 1 E-bikes. These are pedal assist only bikes and provide great help for kids to ride bikes period. I have three kids and they have ridden Class 1 E-bikes since very young. This has enabled them to keep up with me when on the trails and going up hills. This would have been impossible on an Acoustic bike.

I do agree with a minimum age requirement of 12 for Class 2 E-bikes and age 16 for Class 3 E-bikes. This makes a lot of sense since these bikes can operate on throttle only and are basically electric mopeds.

Nevertheless, I am a two wheel enthusiast and love seeing kids outdoors instead of on screens. Keeping them safe is key though! Thank you!

Andre Lopez
949-292-7082

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From: glenfrick@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:26 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Potential Minimum Age for E-Bike Riders

Hello,

About the suggestion to make the minimum age to ride an e-bike be 12 years of age.

Even 12 is too young to be riding an e-bike to class or on crowded streets. Carlsbad may want to consider 13 with some type of permit needed.

Best,

Glen Frick

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From: A Partlow <aypartlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:23 PM
To: Traffic; Sabrina Partlow
Subject: Input on Minimum Age for E-Bike Riders

To the City of Carlsbad Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

We would like to provide input regarding the discussion on setting a minimum age for e-bike riders. While we understand the current proposal sets the minimum at 12 for Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes, we believe the rule should be expanded to set the minimum age at 16.

Our reasoning is as follows:

1. **Brain Development:** Children's brains are not fully developed to the point where they can effectively operate a motorized vehicle. The ability to process risk, make quick judgments, and maintain safe awareness of surroundings continues to mature well into the teenage years.
2. **Health and Fitness:** Children benefit more from riding pedal bicycles, which encourage overall physical health, endurance, and fitness, rather than relying on motorized assistance at such a young age.
3. **Safety Concerns:** E-bikes can be dangerous in parks and off-road settings, where the speed and weight of the bikes pose higher risks to both riders and pedestrians.
4. **Vehicle-Like Nature:** E-bikes increasingly function as car replacements. Given their speed, power, and ability to travel alongside motor vehicles, the responsibility of operating an e-bike should align more closely with that of a motor vehicle driver.
5. **Passenger Safety:** We routinely see passengers on e-bikes who are relying entirely on the driver to maintain their personal safety. This is simply not an appropriate level of responsibility for even a 12-year-old to carry.
6. **E-Bike vs. Car Collisions:** Accidents between e-bikes and cars have the potential to be catastrophic. Given the speed and weight disparity, younger children are especially vulnerable and ill-prepared to handle these life-threatening risks.

For these reasons, we fully support the resolution as written, but strongly encourage the City of Carlsbad to consider expanding the minimum age requirement to cover children under the age of 16.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrew and Sabrina Partlow
5114 Delaney Ct.
Carlsbad, CA 92008

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From: Alana Alvarez <sampson.alana@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:01 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Prohibit ebike usage for kids

Hello,

I want to wholeheartedly **voice support for prohibiting ebike usage for kids** 12 and under. In fact, I would actually go so far as to say this age should be pulled up to 13. As a corollary [13 is the age of digital consent in the United States](#), which means kids under this age are not deemed able to provide consent to basic online agreements. Given the knowledge needed to understand the rules of the road to ride an ebike safely, it would be unreasonable to set the age any lower.

Why

Kids who don't know how to drive cars should not have motor vehicles that they can drive with the flow of traffic. This kind of effort will save lives and limit the parental bind that I hear often that "I got my kid an ebike so he wouldn't feel left out".

Enforcement

The ask I have is what the enforcement plan would be. Without some kind of teeth, there will be minimal penalty for parents and kids to follow this ordinance. A few ideas include:

Sale:

- ebike stores in Carlsbad cannot sell to kids
- ebike stores cannot rent to kids

usage:

- law enforcement can stop kids who appear to be under a certain age who are riding these bikes
- law enforcement can ticket parents whose kids under certain age ride unallowed ebikes
- school administrators can set strict no ebike rules to protect child safety

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss these policies.

Thank you,

Alana Alvarez

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From: Jordan Masciorini <masciorini@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:50 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Potential Minimum Age for E-Bike Riders

Hello,

I do not think there should be a minimum age to ride e-bikes. Often times, I feel as though e-bikes are safer than normal bikes, because you have the ability to accelerate in certain situations, such as when you want to avoid being in the blind spot of a vehicle. The increase in e-bike accidents is because e-bikes have become more popular so there are obviously more bikes on the roads, I do not think bicycle accidents would be down if everyone was riding beach cruisers around.

I would like to see stronger enforcements of making sure the helmets are **buckled**. So many of these kids leave the buckles unbuckled. I don't know if they think it is cool or something. I also see some of these kids looking at their phone while riding. I think this should be an immediate citation.

Other than that, I am really happy with how the city has made it safer for riding bikes. I also think it will continue to be super important to give citations to distracted drivers. I hope that the city continues to make Carlsbad a bike friendly city.

Best,
Jordan Masciorini

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From: laurene ryan <lganci3995@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for ebikes

Oh my goodness- please! Riding e-bikes should be restricted to age 15-16 at minimum!
My son begged me for one this summer when he turned 13 but I do not agree- how is this age legal to basically be riding a quasi motorcycle!
All his friends have them. It's a real struggle this isn't safe!
All the kids riding these to middle school is so unsafe I see so many close calls on my way to school. Please do not allow 12 and under and please reconsider changing to 15-16 years of age. I think NY does not allow kids to operate e-bikes
Laurene Ryan Sent from my iPhone
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From: Anne Curtolo <annecurtolo@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

My name is Anne Curtolo and I live in Olde Carlsbad. My husband and I have a 4th grader (9 years old) and we are in full support of a minimum age for riding an e-bike to *at least* 12 years old.

We are also in full support of a requirement that the children take a class on e-bike safety in order to ride their bikes to school. This was required during the 2023-2024 school year and seems to have dropped off. I recently saw an online course option, which we all know is not as effective as in person. I understand budgets may come into play, but we supported this in person class requirement.

The children are riding in the streets without having any experience with knowing the rules of the road, on bikes that can go as fast as vehicles. Restrictions and education are the best way forward.

Thank you,
Anne Curtolo

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From: Mike Beyer <mrbeyer88@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age 12 required for ebike

I vote Yes. My son is 9 and goes to Jefferson. I think its wreckless for kids to be under age 12 and on the streets with e bikes. -Mike Beyer Sent from my iPhone

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From: Natalie <nbh0405@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 2:15 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Riders

Hello,

As a local resident and employee in Carlsbad Village. I am strongly against allowing children under 12 years old to operate an E-Bike.

Sincerely,
Natalie
760.828.6316

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From: Lynnette Wong <lynnette.wong@carlsbadusd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 1:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Hello,

Many young e-bike riders often lack a clear understanding of traffic rules and, as a result, don't consistently follow them. Because e-bikes are relatively new and fall somewhere between bicycles and motor vehicles, younger riders may not receive proper education or training before hitting the road. This can lead to risky behavior such as running stop signs, riding against traffic, weaving through cars, or using sidewalks where it's not allowed. This highlights the need for establishing a minimum age and perhaps even licensing requirements specifically tailored for e-bike use.

Best regards,



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From: Kevin Jones <cagerama@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 11:42 AM
To: Traffic
Cc: dawnpimentel@ymail.com
Subject: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Importance: High

Hi there,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to bring up a matter of significant concern regarding the use of e-bikes by children under the age of 12. As we know, e-bikes are fun and efficient modes of transportation, but they can also be quite fast, which inherently introduces safety risks, especially for younger children who may not have the necessary experience or judgment to handle them safely.

From my perspective, the current proposed age limit of 12 years is a start, but is too low given the potential dangers in my opinion. Considering the speed and power of e-bikes, I would actually propose raising the **minimum allowable age to 14 and above**. This adjustment would better ensure that the users have developed more mature reflexes and decision-making abilities, which are critical for safe riding.

I believe this change would significantly reduce the risk of accidents and injuries among younger riders. Let's prioritize safety and take a proactive approach in protecting our children otherwise I foresee what no one wants to see where kids are getting killed or critically injured b/c of these e-bikes and lack of regulation by adults.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important issue. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

---Kevin Jones

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From: Nathan <nathanst2121@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 8:04 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support 12 year old e-bike limit

Goodmorning,

I strongly support a 12 y/o age limit on e-bike limit. Having a kid of my own and seeing young kids drive in and out of traffic is terrifying and a disaster in the making. I do realize that most kids are responsible and try to do the right thing but there are a few that are reckless and/or do not understand the real dangers they are putting themselves in. They do not understand the rules of the road and are counting on drivers to protect them or look out for them.

Lastly, the amount of distracted and privileged drivers in the Carlsbad area make a potentially dangerous situation worse because they are not looking out for these young kids riding e-bikes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nathan

15 year Carlsbad resident.

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From: Amanda Stringer <amandastringer2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 7:58 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Age Limit Input

As a Carlsbad resident and parent of children I strongly support the 12 year old age limit for e-bikes. This is in the best interest of the kids and other community members.

Warm Regards,
Amanda Stringer
760-846-8484

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sophie McClellan <sophiecorah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 10:30 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Bike safety rules

Greetings,

I propose that we have stronger biking rules regarding e-bikes. I would like to see the helmet age requirements increased to 16 (or higher), and a license required for e-bike riders. I don't believe that 12 is an appropriate age to be letting people ride what is basically a motorcycle without appropriate training on our streets.

Thank you,

Sophie McClellan

768 Val Sereno Dr, Encinitas, CA 92024

Sent from my tiny computer

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From: Trevor Scott <trevorthescott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 8:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebikes

To whom it may concern,

I believe that ebike riding should at the very least be limited to 12 year olds if not older. On multiple occasions I have had children on Ebikes blowing through stop lights, stop signs, yield signs and even cutting from one side of the road across the road through incoming traffic; all to the cheers of their friends. These kids have no idea what basic traffic laws are and then give you a dirty look when you follow them. It is time to keep drivers and kids safer by limiting access to those that have the most basic concept of road safety. accelerating with a motor, no matter combustion or electric, directly into my car door will hurt them just as much. To the parents that claim it is a good way to get them out of the house, they have no supervision and no idea what their children are actually doing once out on the road. Giving them complete control of the road before they are allowed to have control of any other portion of their lives is ludicris.

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From: Peggy Elliott <peggyelliott79@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 4:09 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike

I strongly believe no child under 12 should be riding a motorized bike

Thank you,

Peggy Elliott
760.815.7383
PeggyLElliott79@gmail.com

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From: Jess Clough <jessjclough@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 1:30 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: Matt O'Reilly
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Good afternoon,

We would like to provide input on the e-bike minimum age requirement. We agree that there should be a minimum age requirement of at least 12 years old.

Thank you,
Jess and Matt O'Reilly

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ursula and Matthew Null <umnull@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 12:14 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support age restrictions

We support limiting e-bike age to twelve and older. We would support limiting from age 16 and older.

Best,
Ursula and Matthew Null

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Nikki Gallion <nikki@soulkal.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input - E-Bike Minimum Age Requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in the beautiful city of Carlsbad since 2016, and in that time I have seen the explosion of e-bike riders in the past few years.

Pros:

- Get you around faster than walking or normal bikes.
- Get you around easier than walking or normal bikes.
- You can go places farther than you would on a normal bike with less exertion.
- Lots of fun to ride one, and that is why so many people are that would normally not ride a bike.
- More people of all ages and weights and fitness level can join in.
- Avoids having to drive and look for parking at over impacted places like beaches.
- Allows parents to have their kids ride to school when normally they would have driven them.

Cons:

- Has made many children and adults more at risk by accidents or unsafe riding.
- changed the whole streets road laws and new "Green" paint lines that have left more gridlock for cars
- Made it more riskier for the drivers on the road to look out for them.
- Ruins grassy areas and vegetation when riders go where they are not supposed to, which is often.
- Basically some can go the same speed as autos on certain roads.
- Hard to judge for auto drivers the distance of them approaching or turning around them which can cause more accidents.
- Has made many more young children chances to get injured
 - I have personally seen 2-3 kids around the age of 9-13 on one bike together
 - Seen kids around 11-14 years of age on an e-bike at 11PM at night at major intersection with an ipad on the front on with them
 - Seen kids cross over 3 lane streets like Palomar Airport road to get into the turn lane with cars going around 55-60 miles and hour and then they have to slam on their brakes to avoid hitting the kids (Almost had a heart attack watching this happen)
 - Seen kids in large groups spread over the road and doing pop-a-willies
- Made parents less aware -socially responsible - and basically not caring or taking responsibility of their childrens riding on an e-bike.

Conclusion:

We can't get rid of e-bikes, bad parenting, immature and dangerous youth that will make bad decisions, or restrict auto drivers anymore to their driving just to allow e-bikes on the road.

In that case, we should adjust the minimum age for e-bikes to be the at least 15-years with a drivers.

Thank you

Melissa Gallion (A concerned citizen)

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Nikki Gallion

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From: Kevin Horning <kevin.horning@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 10:41 AM
To: Traffic
Cc: Karen Horning
Subject: Support for Establishing Minimum Age Requirement for E-Bike Us

To whom it may concern,

As a long-time Carlsbad resident, I care deeply about the well-being of our community, especially when it comes to public safety. I am writing to express my support for legislation that would prohibit e-bike use by children under the age of 12.

While I recognize that many kids will be disappointed by such a restriction, I firmly believe that setting a minimum age will reduce accidents, prevent injuries, and ultimately save lives—both for young riders and for others who share our streets, paths, and sidewalks. This is a common-sense step to help ensure safer roads and a stronger community.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important measure to protect Carlsbad's residents.

Sincerely,

Kevin Horning
3335 Valley St
Carlsbad, CA

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From: kes749@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 10:05 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Requirements

Please count my vote for safer laws and guidelines for E-bikes.

I think 12 is still young but if that is what is being proposed then I agree. I vote for:

Minimum age 12

License or Certificate of Completion of Safety Class

The kids lack basic road skills and are a danger to themselves and other drivers. I live by Aviara Oaks Elementary and Middle School.

Kathleen Serrano
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Michael Silva <emailmds@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 9:15 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Community Input on Propsed E-Bike Minimum Age

Dear Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

I'm writing to oppose the proposed minimum age for e-bike use in Carlsbad. Many reckless riders are older high school/ middle school students, while younger kids often ride more cautiously. E-bikes are vital for kids to stay active, traveling to practices, friends' houses, and the beach. This drastically helps our kids by reducing screen time and promoting healthy lifestyles.

The issue stems from rider behavior, not the e-bikes themselves. Instead of an age limit, I urge the city to encourage parental oversight to ensure safe riding habits. Additionally, implementing a "scared straight" program showing the consequences of reckless e-bike use could deter unsafe behavior.

Let's focus on education and responsibility rather than restricting access.

Thank you,

Michael Silva

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From: Piew <piewdr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 9:11 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Min she for ebikers

My opinion is that kids under 14 should not be driving e-bikes. The younger kids are actually more responsible and willing to follow rules but many kids from about 12-14 act like they know how to drive and they are the most danger.

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From: Julia Connell <julia.connell09@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 7:58 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age limits

No, definitely not! E-bikes should absolutely not be allowed to be driven by kids under 12 and I'm surprised the age limit is that low.

While e-bikes add a whole new element of fun for families, expecting young kids to abide by traffic laws and be able to make quick decisions amongst vehicle traffic is crazy! The majority of our roads are not built for sufficient bike safety and we're putting kids at risk allowing them to ride mini motorcycles amongst the vehicle traffic on busy streets.

Please support our young kids and don't allow the age limit to drop even lower.

Julia Connell
760-390-9889
92011

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From: Chris Amy HARBERT <caharbert@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 7:32 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Public comment - support for 12 year old minimum age for e-bikes

I am writing to express support for the City of Carlsbad to establish a minimum age of 12 for e-bike riders in our city.

Thank you,
Amy Harbert
92010

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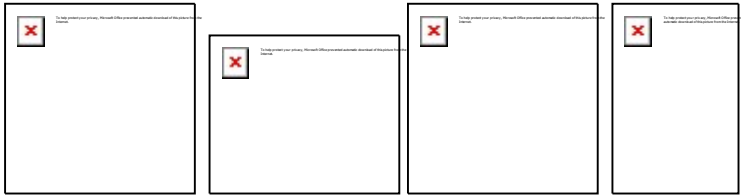
From: Lauren Suggett <l.r.suggett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 6:38 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike age restriction

I believe kids under 12 should not be allowed to ride e-bikes on city streets.

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From: Andrea Oshima <aoshima@carlsbadusd.net>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 6:17 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Yes, limit age to 12(or even higher with safety classes required)

[Andrea Oshima](#)
AOE Library Media Technician
6900 Ambrosia Lane | Carlsbad Ca 92011
760-331-6088
[Website](#) | [Canine Corner](#) | [Currently Reading](#)



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From: gloria Luke <glvargas23@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Hi, I received a request for feedback and input in terms of which should be the minimum age for riding class one and 2 e-bikes. My opinion would be at least 12 years old, but the preference would be 16 just like class three. Unfortunately it's very complicated to enforce distinction between them and kids that are under 16 are using class 3, I think it would be easier to standardize the age. Carlsbad has been unfortunately victim of a lot of kids that are not mature enough to manage an e-bike by vandalizing places, harassing younger kids, or girls, throwing stuff at cars and putting at risk car drivers and people or even regular bicycles by not following standard driving rules.

Thank you for requesting this input and all the parents and citizens of Carlsbad are looking forward to have our children and streets in a safe environment to prevent tragedies and disruption in general.

Gloria Owens

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From: Haley Sadig <halehsadig@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:41 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bikes should be prohibited for children under 12

Hello,

Having seen the dangers of adult bike riders get hit by car, I think it is too dangerous and just unsafe for children under 14 to be driving e-bikes. Too many children lose lives in our community on e-bike accidents.

Sincerely,
Haley S.

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From: Alisha Bjorndal <abjorndal@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 6:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike Minimum Age Input

Dear City of Carlsbad,

I strongly support prohibiting e-bike use by children under age 12, and I believe the minimum age should be raised to at least 14. These are not toys; they are high-speed vehicles that can easily exceed safe limits for a child's judgment and reaction time.

As an adult e-bike rider myself, I sometimes feel uneasy at the speeds these bikes can reach, even with years of cycling experience. The risks are significantly greater for young children who lack the maturity, strength, and road awareness to handle such powerful equipment safely.

This is a matter of protecting our children and our community. Please consider stricter age limits to ensure safety for riders, pedestrians, and drivers alike.

Best regards,

Alisha Bjorndal

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From: Rachel Parks <rachelfinkparks@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 6:07 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

I'm definitely in favor of a minimum age for e-bikes. I would prefer 13 not 12 but also that they have to do some kind of drivers education and safety test just like a car license.

Thanks,
Rachel 92009

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From: Analia Loevenguth <analiaguth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 4:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: eBike age

I am writing to request that the City of Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

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Analia Loevenguth
Sage Creek High School Teacher

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From: Shauntel Palmer <shauntel.palmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 1:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike input

I am writing to petition that ebike riders should be 12 or older.

Thanks,
Shauntel Palmer

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From: Tim Hanks <trisurftim@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike driver age limit

I feel that the age limit for e-bikes that do more than 12 mph should be 14 years old (high school age) and only after completing a safety course with proof of completion. Anything capable of more than 20 mph should require a driver's license with motorcycle certification. I live near a middle school and every morning and afternoon the street in front of our house resembles a Mad Max movie, with kids speeding, doing wheelies, cutting in and out of traffic on the street and sidewalk, riding 2 or more to a bike, and endangering themselves and others.

Tim Hanks
3690 Strata Dr
Carlsbad, CA 92010
(760)720-2081

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From: Samantha Wilson <wilson.samanthac@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support for Age Restriction on E-bike Use

Hello,

As a longtime resident and parent of a young child living in Carlsbad, and attending Carlsbad public schools, I fully support a minimum age restriction for e-bike use on our streets. I would vote for a restriction higher than 12 but if that's what's on the table right now, I would vote in favor.

Best,

Samantha Wilson
858-243-7487

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From: Irina Merryman <irina.merryman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:22 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: It should be 12

Best regards,

Irina

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From: Veronica Raggio <raggiova@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 8:19 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike input

I have an 11 year old son. I don't even think 12 is old enough. I would say no e-bikes until the age of 14 or 15 which would be high school age. Keep them off the e-bikes at middle. They are not mature enough. I live in Aviara and I can't tell you how many times these middle schoolers have cut right in front of me with no warning to get into a turning lane. Or the wheelies they attempt on the road. Friends riding on the back of a one seater most of the time without helmets. Helmets aren't hooked. Nextdoor has post all the time of them getting together in groups and being disrespectful. Most of the kids that own them are boys and they are the slowest to mature. Do them a favor raise the age to HS age.

That's my opinion anyhow.
Veronica

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From: Argenia Torres <argenia.torres@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Prohibit e-bikes under 12

Yes.

Geny Hill, Carlsbad Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Cynthia Wilson <drwilcyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 7:40 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike

Thank you for gathering input regarding E bike restrictions and kids.

I do agree that having a minimum age of 12 years old is of benefit. I vote yes on this measure.

The more concerning issue I see is kids who are riding bikes and sharing the road with cars. I believe that an E bike rider that is sharing the road with cars should understand the rules of the road and/or driving rules. For example, I saw a middle school boy not understand who had the right of way when taking a left through an intersection and was almost hit by oncoming traffic. I believe this could have been avoided if he understood the rules for taking a left-hand turn through an intersection.

I would love to see stronger enforcement for kids wearing helmets properly. Frequently I see e-bike riders wearing a helmet that is not buckled.

Thank you for trying to keep our kids safe.

Cynthia Wilson

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From: tiffany shelton <sheltont25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 7:17 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike users.

Good morning, I have raised three sons in carlsbad village area. Right when e bike were starting. So I have seen the evolution of the potential dangers. When my sons were what I thought was old enough to comprehend basic bike Saftey around (12) I required them to take an online bike Saftey class. Before I would allow them to ride around town. I think at 12 they should take an online class and receive a bike license similar the boaters license that kids can get. I feel that to many kids do not understand that bikers need to follow the same rules of the road as cars.

Tiffany Shelton
Patriot Portable Restrooms
VIP Restrooms
661-212-5908

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From: Oliver Stahl <stahlollie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 12:18 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

I'm in favor of a minimum age for e-bike riders.

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From: Peter Reilly <peter@reilogix.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:21 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum age for e-bikes

Greetings,

My name is Peter Reilly and I have been a Carlsbad residence since 2016, where I live with my wife and our 3 children, aged 13 and 9 and 9.

My wife and I regularly remark about the need for new regulation, enforcement, and parental involvement when it comes to children and e-bikes. I know there have been tragedies and accidents in our town and to be honest, I'm surprised there are not more.

I strongly urge the city to adopt the 12 year minimum requirement. I regularly see children blatantly violating numerous traffic laws, riding unsafely, riding with multiple passengers, with and without helmets, and more.

I look forward to hearing more on the 16th and thank you for your service to our community,

Peter Reilly
(626) 826-4476
Reilogix Computer Services, Inc.

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From: Kaylynn Rilott <kaylynnrilott@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 6:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Please limit age of e-bike riders

As a Carlsbad resident and an educator in the CUSD, I'm writing to ask you to PROHIBIT e-bike use by children under age 12.

I have two children, age 9 and 11, and feel strongly that they are not ready for this level of responsibility — nor could they possibly understand the rules of the road as well as teenagers who have taken courses to study these. In our community I've observed children riding e-bikes unsafely and have seen and heard so many traumatic stories.

Please move to PROHIBIT e-bike use by children under the age of 12.

**Kaylynn Pfister
Carlsbad resident & K-12 educator**

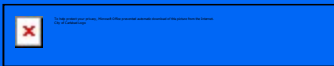
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From: Kate McFarlane <kmcfarlane777@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:22 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for e-bike Riders

Hello,
I agree that e-bike minimum age should be 12 years old in Carlsbad.

Thank you,
Kate McFarlane
Aviara Oaks Elementary & Middle School
6629 Sitio Sago, Carlsbad 92011

On Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 11:31 AM Carlsbad Unified School District via ParentSquare
<donotreply+68facbd5-1c21-5730-b323-cfe87b7f574d@parentsquare.com> wrote:



City of Carlsbad

E-bike Minimum Age Input



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Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

The City of Carlsbad asked us to share information about an upcoming special meeting to gather input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

There are **two ways** to provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
[1200 Carlsbad Village Drive](#)

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.



Background

The Carlsbad City Council [requested](#) that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for the City Council to consider.

- When the city asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address the unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.
- The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#).

Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to “class 1” and “class 2” e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.



Bike and E-bike Safety Tips

If you’re getting kids ready to bike back to school, now is a great time to review the rules of the road together to make sure they’re ready to ride.

- Make sure your student knows the importance of always wearing a helmet. This [video](#) shows you how to make sure their helmet fits properly.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to everyone, including people riding bikes and e-bikes.
- Bikes and e-bikes should ride to the right side of the road or in a bike lane if one is available. You must leave the bike lane or right side of the road to turn left, pass someone, avoid something in the road or go around a [car turning right](#).
- Consider taking a “test ride” with your student from home to school to help them get familiar with the route.
- In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes. Talk to your student about [Carlsbad-specific rules](#).

As you drive around town, you’ll also notice increased traffic in the morning and afternoons as kids travel to and from school. Remember to:

- Eliminate distractions and put your phone away.

- Slow down and look out for people walking or biking, especially near schools.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go.

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From: April Maniscalco <sbcapril@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes

I am all for the minimum age to be 12

April

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From: Bart Reilly <bartsurfs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:03 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bikes

Sent from my iPhone

I've had several encounters with these gangs of juvenile preteens parading all over town. On 7-7 free Slurpee day my wife had a Slurpee thrown at her car by these kids on E bikes. Just the other day at the corner of Tamarack and Garfield, as I was going through the intersection Four or five of them, ran the stop sign and almost hit my car. These kids are disrespectful and out of control. If you are under 18 there needs to be some kind of safety class that is passed and a license plate or sticker identifying who the bike is registered to so they can be reported. This needs to end before someone gets killed, again...

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From: Karen Ludlow <jackar287@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Safety

Thank you for asking for community input regarding E-bike safety.

8/16/25

1 – There should be a minimum age for any rider on a bike that is considered an E-Bike, regardless of the classification, and it should be closer to 12 (or less) than 16.

2 – There should be mandatory “Rider Education” classes, including a written exam with a Certificate of Completion. Maybe parents have to attend with their children because it seems that many are just buying their child one of these bikes, assuming the child knows the rules of the road because they have ridden regular bikes, and can handle the speed, and send them on their way. Drivers of automobiles are required to do this (sometimes an actual driving test, sometimes a written test) and these kids are riding, without guidance or instruction, on the roads with thousands of cars.

3 – Encourage parents to go for some rides with their children to make sure the child knows and follows the rules of the road and etiquette. Enforce things like not riding next to each other (side-by-side) in a bike lane (this puts them dangerously close to oncoming traffic), no “hands-off-the-handle-bars” riding, no riding through people’s property (Example: there’s a group of kids in our neighborhood who ride across my lawn, over the dirt slope, across the sidewalk, and into the “wrong side” of the street), crossing when the green traffic light indicates it is the proper time to do so, no riding double unless the bike is equipped for that (which I don’t think any of them should be), etc. I see all of these infractions way too often.

4 – As a child, we always rode our bikes facing traffic...so you could get out of the way if you saw danger coming at you. I am sure a lot of studies were done before they changed the rules and bikers now ride “with traffic” meaning that their backs to the oncoming vehicles – this means they don’t have a chance to get out of harms way. Maybe it is time to do that “study” again before too many more bikers get hit from behind. Some years ago, one of my neighbors, a wonderful young man with a young family, was killed riding his bike (not an e-bike) on El Camino Real when a driver fell asleep at the wheel and hit him....My neighbor never saw it coming, so he couldn’t avoid it. That’s just wrong.

Again, thank you for your Carlsbad E-mail Updates and caring about this wonderful city.

Ms. Karen Ludlow
Jackar287@roadrunner.com

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From: Angela Scheufele <ascheufele@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 6:49 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bikes

Absolutely the age minimum should be at least 12 years of age. I believe it should be 16 or older since it is essentially like driving a motorized vehicle. It has gotten totally out of hand and dangerous with kids looking at phones while riding, multiple riders per bike and lacking helmets in many cases. Also not following basic traffic laws.

Police need to be pulling these kids over when they see no helmets or reckless biking. And the bikes should also have tags and identification.

-Angela Scheufele - kids attend PAC Rim and Sage Creek.

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From: George Groza <georgegroza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 3:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for e-Bike Riders

Good afternoon,

The proposed 12 year minimum age for e-bike riders is concerning because many children start riding bikes before then. E-bikes are far safer than pedal bikes because the children can use the power of the e-bike to climb hills instead of having to large s-style switchbacks which swing out into traffic. Please re-consider the minimum age as it will force children to use pedal bikes or e-scooters which are both less safe in the bike lane.

Respectfully,

George Groza

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From: Deb von Rosenberg <deb.vonrosenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 3:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Hi-

I believe e-bikers need to know the laws of driving before being able to ride. That would make the minimum age 15 and in drivers ed. Realistically, they need to be at least in middle school so 12-13 years of old with a course in drivers ed (even better would be an e-bike license). So many kids do not stop at stop signs, run red lights, ride on the wrong side of the road etc. It's unsafe without the road knowledge no matter what the minimum age is.

Thank you!

Deb von Rosenberg
1059 Beacon Bay Dr, Carlsbad, CA 92011

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From: sage mccann <emailsagemccann@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike minimum age

Children under 12 should not be permitted to drive an e-bike due to the increased safety risk at high speeds. Children under 12 lack the maturity and development to drive what is essentially a light motorcycle safely. The common practice of multiple riders doubles the likelihood of harm.

Most children of all ages do not wear their helmets properly, further increasing the chances of injury or death. It is essential that proper helmet safety be ENFORCED for all riders (chin strap buckled and tight, not loose) to mitigate deaths and injuries.

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From: Lucas Dyer <lucas.dyer16@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 12:07 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike age

Under the age of 15.

Thanks

Dr. Lucas Dyer

Military Author | A Battle Won by Handshakes: The Story of Alpha Co 1/5 in Afghanistan

Twitter: @ABWbH_Lucas

"People don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care" Theodore Roosevelt

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From: Jill Thomas <info@jillthomas.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike input

Hello,

I strongly disagree with an age limit. It is the parents responsibility to teach safety in riding. With this area being so “hilly” it has limited my children on where they can ride bikes. Ebikes have brought riding bikes and getting out back to my children. They can ride to school, friends home, stores etc. the world wants kids to get off divides and out in the world however then they are upset if my kids are at local stores with out adults, riding e-bikes to the beach, park etc. my kids could not ride, predictive independence and and be out in the world in the same way in this very hilly area without e-bikes. It’s bringing that life back to my kids!

We need to adapt things like “first errand” that they do in Japan, promote independence, kids getting out and stop limiting them and then getting upset they aren’t outside. Most households have to be dual working house holds in the economy and kids need healthy and safe independence. We need to come together as a community to support this!

This is my opinion and I would like it noted if possible!

Thank you,

Ben and Jill Thomas
6906 Blue Orchid Lane
Carlsbad CA 92011

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From: JA Tepper <julie.a.tepper@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:26 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on Under 12 rule being contemplated

I think this is a waste of time and resources. Most kids that ride e-bikes are 12 and above already. I don't think this is a true issue.

What I do think is a true issue is the toxicity that many adults have in our community about e-bikers in general. Just look on nextdoor- the comments are disgusting and the police are feeding into this toxicity by singling out e-bikes. They have every right to the road as cyclists on regular bikes and cars do. And everyone needs to follow the law.

For the most part I see more e-bikers following the rules of the road than car drivers every single day. The time spent by police on this issue in Carlsbad needs to be spent on making everyone follow rules of the road, not simply focused on e-bike riders.

For example, I see cars run red lights in Carlsbad literally every day, I see cars run the stop signs in front of Alga Norte park about every other day and I see people speeding constantly. Not to mention all the parents that are breaking traffic laws at school drop off and pick up putting many kids in danger. If you truly watched dismissals at AOMS and Poinsettia it would be very apparent that this is the TRUE issue. Yet I hear of more e-bike riders being pulled over than cars. For example, parents run the stop sign exiting Poinsettia school probably about 80% of the time. And just patrol Saturday mornings with cyclists- they also run more red lights, have multiple cycles across lanes and break many traffic laws. I have never seen one of them pulled over for their dangerous bike riding.

There is more damage that can be done with cars than e-bikes.

Let parents parent their kids, if they are responsible they can ride an e-bike. If they break a law, police can ticket them.

Safety needs to start with the traffic laws and enforcing them for the truly deadly culprits- cars.

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From: Darin Mingo <darinmingo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:21 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for e-bike Riders

Dear Carlsbad City Council,

I believe Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

I have 2 children under 12 and they do not have an e-bike. I have a 15 year old who does not own an e-bike. I walk with my youngest children to Calavera Hills Schools almost every day. While I believe the e-bike riders going to Calavera Hills Schools are middle-schoolers, I have seen more e-bike crashes in the last 2 years near the schools than I've seen during decades of road cycling. I've witnessed solo, loss of control accidents, e-bike on e-bike accidents, and car vs e-bike accidents. Luckily, none have been fatal.

E-bikes are large and heavy for teens, so it makes sense to prohibit their use for even smaller children, like those under 12. The speeds they are able to attain are also much greater than what can be achieved on a peddle bike, so younger riders may not appreciate the speed they are going, the weight of the bike, and the distance it will take to slow down or stop.

There are many good reasons to prohibit the use of e-bikes for riders under 12. Please help keep those children safe.

Sincerely,
Darin Mingo

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From: Robert Manni <rmanni01@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 10:58 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike minimum age

Traffic Team:

'We support setting a minimum age requirement for riding ebikes in Carlsbad. 12 and up would be the bare minimum. 14-15 seems wiser.

The recklessness of some young ebikers is a danger to themselves, autos, pedestrians, and other bikers. Consider requiring them to take a test and get a license at the minimum age.

Thank you,

Robert and Uni Manni

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From: Kathy Nichols <nicholsk74@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 10:30 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum Age

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support that children should be at least 12 years old to ride an e-bike in Carlsbad.

Sincerely,
Kathyn Nichols
1420 Sweet Briar Cir, Carlsbad, CA 92011

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From: Mirle Bussell <m-sbussell@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: I support a minimum age for e-bike riders

Dear Carlsbad City Council ~

I support the proposal to establish a minimum age for e-bike riders in Carlsbad. I live in La Costa Valley and I see a lot of youth e-bike riders in my neighborhood as well as on El Camino Real. I worry about their safety, especially the younger children who don't have the spatial awareness nor the general understanding of what it means to travel at a relatively high speed. Just the other day I saw a young girl on her e-bike. She was stopped at a red light at the intersection of El Camino Real and Calle Barcelona (a very busy intersection!) and she was looking down at her phone the entire time when she should have been looking up and paying attention to traffic.

I'm pleased to know that this issue is under consideration by the Carlsbad City Council.

Kind regards,
~Mirle Bussell

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From: Kristina Ludwig <kristinaludwig07@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9:26 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for eBike Riders

Hello City Council,

As a mom of 2 kids who attend AOE, I wholeheartedly support the proposal of a minimum age of 12 for eBike riders in Carlsbad. Personally, I think a minimum age of 14 would be even better, as I've encountered multiple cases of AOMS students (ages 12-14) riding their eBikes recklessly, too fast for traffic conditions, and blatantly disregarding traffic lights (turning left on red, directly through the pedestrian crosswalk at Aviara and Ambrosia and almost plowing into pedestrians crossing the street). In fact, I reported these repeated traffic violations to the Carlsbad police traffic line last school year, and believe that there should be a police officer stationed at that intersection every day around 2:35 pm to prevent these incidents before someone gets seriously hurt.

I have heard a lot of feedback from parents around AOE about the unsafe and frankly scary incidents happening with middle schoolers on eBikes, and I believe a minimum eBike riding age of 12 (preferably 14) would positively impact the safety of the children riding the eBikes and everyone else around them.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration,
Kristina

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From: Stephen Vallone <stephen.vallone@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:57 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Survey

Yes 12 should be the minimum age for any class of e bikes.

Steve

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From: elissa Edwards <elight78@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:52 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age limit

Hello,

I have been a resident in Olde Carlsbad now for 20 years and I would agree with making the age limit to 12 years and older to ride an e-bike in the city of Carlsbad. I have seen way too many little kids on E-bikes in the village even and they are WAY too young to be unsupervised by parents or an adult. I even think that 12 may be too young, maybe consider 13 and age limit. I do know that most e-bikers are in middle school and 12 is middle school age so I don't disagree with this Age.

Thank you,
Elissa Edwards

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From: Julie Bui-Krumrei <juliekrumrei@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:37 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: YES On Minimum Age, License & License Plate For E-Bikers

Dear Sir or Madam,

Minimum Age & License Requirement

We strongly support prohibiting children under the age of 12 from riding e-bikes, and we urge the establishment of a licensing requirement for all e-bike riders. A license should only be issued after completing a rider education course similar to the DMV knowledge test that everyone must pass to drive.

It would take too long to detail the many disorderly and dangerous incidents we have encountered and witnessed from young e-bikers, but one experience stands out: on 2 consecutive days, a group of middle schoolers intentionally tried to run over us in a parking lot. We narrowly escaped injury by jumping out of their way.

License Plate Requirement

Additionally, every e-bike should be required to have a license plate that links to the parent or guardian of the rider. Without this accountability, victims have no recourse. For example, an e-biker hit my friend's car causing \$1,000 in damage. When she asked for his information, he gave a fake name and phone number. She had to pay for the repairs herself. Unfortunately, her case is not unique. Stories of this type of financial burden has been appearing frequently on community boards like Nextdoor.

Community Safety

We urge you to act quickly to pass regulations that will protect both e-bike riders and the broader community. Many young riders are inexperienced, uneducated about the rules of the road, and sometimes reckless. In one terrifying incident, a boy deliberately jumped in front of my moving car to impress his friends FOR FUN! If I hadn't slammed hard on my brakes, he could have been seriously injured or killed.

These dangerous behaviors are not only disruptive but also life-threatening. The responsibility lies with parents, who should be held accountable just as they would be if their child were driving a car.

We respectfully ask that you move swiftly to pass stronger laws governing e-bikes before another tragedy occurs. Please don't wait until a preventable death happens to take action.

Sincerely,
Carl and Julie Krumrei

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From: Erik <erikdekold@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:17 AM
To: Traffic
Cc: Cayley Rasmussen
Subject: Minimum e-bike age vote

We both agree 16 should be the minimum age.

Erik DeKold & Cayley Rasmussen
3509 Landsford Way

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From: Amanda D <beachmandyd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:12 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike age limit for Carlsbad

Hello,

I'm a parent of two teens and we live in Carlsbad. I fully support setting an age limit for E bike riders to over the age of 12. Even older! We have had an E bike at home for over 5 years and my son was already 14 when we got it. Thankfully he was what I considered an advanced rider because he already knew how to ride motorcycles out in the desert.

We actually made the decision to recently purchased one for our daughter who just turned 14. We wouldn't let her ride the one that we have here because it has a pretty decent motor on it even though it's just a beach cruiser. I don't even like riding it because most E bikes jolt when they take off and they're pretty dangerous! Even for an adult. The one we found for her was an inexpensive one from Walmart. We went that route because it has a very low powered battery on it. It doesn't go very fast and it doesn't jolt when it takes off.

Regardless, she's only allowed to ride in our neighborhood, not going out on main streets where there's a lot of traffic. It's not her that I don't trust. It's the cars that aren't paying attention. But putting that combination together with younger kids who are really not paying attention: DISASTER just waiting to happen!

I think younger kids should be learning how to ride and master a regular bike in the first place. Definitely 13 and above should be the E bike age. Then they should take a mandatory course before they can ride an E bike. I think there should be some little card or something to prove that they took the course. They should also get in trouble for not wearing helmets strapped to their heads. I see it ALL the time!!

Please add our names to the list. We definitely think the age should be above 12 for E bike riders in every city.

Respectfully,

Amanda and Bret Dudl

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From: Brandi Rosen <brandi.rosen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike age minimum

Hello,

As a mother of 3 kids who attend high school, middle school, and elementary, I have seen a fair share of reckless behavior. Middle schoolers in particular are the majority of e-bikers who do not seem to have the sense of the risk and dangers and are not yet at an age to be responsible enough to keep safe.

I would recommend a minimum age of at least 15 and courses similar to driver's ed should be required.

Thanks for reaching out to the community on this important topic.

Brandi

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From: KELLY SALES <kellyalbert99@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:08 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes are not for young kids

To whom this concerns,

Thank you for addressing the issue of young children, riding bikes. I own two of these bikes for my husband and I. They are heavy. They are fast and they can be very dangerous. **I do not think that children under the either 12 should be allowed to ride these bikes in Carlsbad.** It poses a threat to the children , other bikers, and to the drivers, as often times they are not abiding by the laws. I have two children and support this idea of reserving an E bikes for older children at minimum age of 12 years old. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kelly Sales

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From: Lisa DeVuyst <lmdevuyst@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:52 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike age

I have children in the Carlsbad school district and I am concerned with the local children that have been commuting to school on e-bikes.

I do not think children under age 12 are able to safely use e-bikes to and from school.

I would also hope that the city would consider changing the age to 16 and requiring either a valid drivers license or require the ebike children to be able to pass some kind of license test for the rules of the roads. Children, ages 12-16, are not properly educated how to be safe on their ebikes

These children do not know the rules that a valid driver's license requires. These children have not demonstrated maturity to abide by the road laws. This is extremely unsafe and potentially fatal for them. The school "ebike test" is not sufficient at providing them with safety measures.

Calavera Middle Schoolers are not properly educated on the laws of cars and ebikes sharing the streets together. Daily, at school release, these problems occur:

1. They are constantly cutting in front of cars unsafely and bumming into cars.
2. They do not use the traffic lights to cross streets safely. They go on red lights, turning left across main intersections because the crosswalks are on.
3. They are distracted by friends, fellow ebikers, and their cell phones.
4. They act like pedestrians when they should follow vehicle laws.
5. They do not merge properly into traffic.

These children simply do not know how to be safe ebiking amongst cars. They have not been taught how to be safe. They do not pay attention to the cars around them because they are used to "pedestrians having the right of way." They do not know how to merge properly into vehicle traffic. They simply need more education to be required prior to using their ebikes.

I fear serious injury to these students if there is not required "bike licences." Not only do I believe that children under 12 should not be allowed to ebike to school, but I believe that the children ages 12-16 are also at serious risk for injuries and fatalities without improved education measures put into place.

Thank you,
Lisa DeVuyst

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From: Alana Schmidt <alana.r.schmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:32 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum age

Hi- I'm a Carlsbad resident and I support e bike minimum age of 12. Ideally it would be older like 15 or 16 but we gotta start somewhere.

Thanks,

Alana Schmidt

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From: Lisa Smith <lsmith@carlsbadusd.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:26 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

I do not think anyone under 12, or ever 15 for that matter, should be allowed to ride an E-bike.
-Lisa Smith

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From: Rachel Cobb <rachellyncobb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:23 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum E-bike Age

Good Morning,

I would suggest the minimum age for e-bikes be 16 years old, because they will be more likely to have some understanding of the driving laws. Hopefully, that will result in more children riding e-bikes with more respect to the other people on the road.

Thank you,

Rachel Cobb

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From: Suzanne <mrscongleton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 7:01 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum e-bike age

I am writing to encourage you to pass a minimum e-bike age. I think kids should definitely not be riding e-bikes younger than 12 or 13. We would not let our children ride an e-bike until they had taken a class. They took a three hour class through the city of Encinitas. Carlsbad wasn't offering one at the time. It was an hour in the classroom, an hour in the parking lot, and an hour around the city. This was a very helpful class.

Thank you,

Suzanne Congleton
858-717-8504

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From: Coach Publico <coachpublico@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 6:59 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Age Limit

Good morning, I am in favor of an e bike age restriction.

I think it should be 16 years old and they should have to have a license. Anything you can do to keep the kids safer, younger, we all appreciate.

Thanks,
Paul Publico
Cbad resident

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From: Jennifer Bannock <jbannock@carlsbadusd.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 6:53 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

Hi there. I do think there should be a minimum age of at least 12 for a child to ride an E bike. I think children under the age of 12 are too young to understand the rules of the road or the potential consequences if they do not follow them. I support any law that would require a child to be at least 12 years old to ride an E bike.

Thank you,
Jennifer Bannock

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Jennifer Bannock
Early Childhood Education Specialist
Buena Vista Elementary
(760) 331-5430

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From: Amie Garcia <amiegarcia@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 6:01 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Safe age for e-bikers

I think it is ultimately up to the parent when they feel their child can properly handle the heavy bike and follow all traffic laws. I appreciated the mandatory e-bike safety class that was provided.

Our children began riding in 7th and 8th grade with a parent. When we felt they had proper safety skills and road skills they rode together.

The problem isn't exactly the age, it is the bikers who weave in and out of traffic ignoring traffic laws often with extra riders. Many of them do not wear helmets. Ticketing and revoking e-bike use for repeat offenders might be a solution to improve safety on the streets. License plates for bikes?

Thank you for the many new and visible bike lanes. Without a safe busing system, biking is our only option.

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From: Masoud Koochakzadeh <maskoch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 6:00 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Age

Hello,
Yes please limit tge age for e-bike riders. Should be 18 years old minimum.

Regards,
Masoud

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From: Jennifer Goldberg <jwgberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2025 5:54 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety

Hi,

I saw the flier about setting an age limit for ebikers. I agree there should be an age limit but honestly I think it should be 14 or 15. The kids riding ebikes need to know the rules of the road with cars and pass some sort of driving test. There are so many kids riding oblivious to the cars around them and it is so unsafe. Often they have their helmets unbuckled too!

Last, if we don't raise the age for e bikers or add on some sort of permit, we need to make the roads even safer. Especially along Poinsettia as the road goes over the freeway. I know Leucadia has those green cones in addition to the green painted road. But we need something with a barrier between the cars and the young ebikers. Maybe teen e bikers are allowed to ride on the sidewalk to keep them off the road with cars?

I love that you added the no turn on red for people crossing the street over the freeway exit going north on Poinsettia. Is there a way for bikers to trigger that light as they bike east on Poinsettia, besides getting off the bike and walking over to the crosswalk button? I also think in addition to the do not turn right sign, if we had the light up crosswalk lights on the ground like they have between Tamarack and the village. Unfortunately cars just don't look left as they are turning right off the freeway. It is very dangerous.

I'm not sure what the solution is but I'm sure we could come up with something.

Thanks for allowing community input,

Jen

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From: jose feliciano <manuletf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:53 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike ride age

I agree to having an age restriction with ebike riders. Make the minimum at 14 y/o. I've had too many close calls with kids going thru intersections without stopping or even slowing down..

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From: Gmail <sebree.haley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:33 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike use age limit

Hello,

As a resident of Carlsbad, emergency RN and parent to young children, I am in favor of an age restriction for e-bike use. For the safety of the kids (riders), pedestrians and motor vehicles, I believe that kids need to know the rules of the road before driving e-bikes.

Thank you,
Haley Sebree

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From: Bria Tannler <briah.tannler@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:22 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike age query

I think all e bike riders should be 15 years or over and should be required to take classes on safety for a permit.

Thank you.

Bria Tannler

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From: Carly Ciruolo <carlyciruolo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 9:53 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: PLEASE!

Please prohibit e-bike riders under the age of 12! I believe the age should be even higher, like the age you need to be to drive a car! If you are going to be on the road with other cars, you should need to be of driving age! Kids' brains aren't anywhere near developed to be riding next to traffic! Especially without the protection a car provides around them. I see so many very young kids on their e-bikes on major roads. It scares me every time. Protect kids and make this a law!

Carly Ciruolo

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From: April Takacs <april.takacs@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 9:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Prohibit e-bike use for children under 16

Hi there,

As Carlsbad residents and parents of school aged children we would like to vote to prohibit e-bike usage for children under 16 years old.

We regularly see children riding e-bikes in an unsafe manner. No helmets, many children on one bike with no helmets etc.

Thank you,
April and Donald Clement
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From: Melanie Daly <melanieddaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 9:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum e-bike age requirement

I received a message via my daughter's school about this meeting and it said you can provide input - yes, we should absolutely prohibit ebike use under age 12, if not higher. Children are riding in the road just like cars - it's truly no different, if anything less safe less protection than in a car. They need to be able to understand the rules of the road and be at a certain cognitive level to do so. Thanks so much, mother to 2 in carlsbad - Melanie Daly

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From: Briggs, Jeremy <jbriggs@rdolson.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 8:59 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike safety

Hello-

Yes, I would strongly agree with the city adopting a minimum age limit for e bikes.

In addition, I would strongly recommend banning the use of e-bikes within the limits of city parks, specifically anywhere off roads/walkways. Especially on playgrounds, grass areas, hills, etc.

The consistent unsafe riding by e-bike users at our playgrounds and parks has to stop. Someone is going to get hurt very badly, it's really out of hand. Spend an hour any afternoon at Pine Park (or many others) and you will see groups of young kids riding e-bikes at high speeds thru play areas and dangerously close to many people, including young children.

Please help city before heaven forbid a little kid gets seriously injured by the many disrespectful and unsafe kids on e-bikes. We need better rules AND better enforcement of such.

Thank you so much for the assistance on this matter.

JEREMY BRIGGS

321 Tamarack Ave.

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From: Neal Forman <nformandvm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 8:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on e bikes

My feeling is that e bikes pose great potential for more injuries and fatalities. In my opinion e bikes should require a permit for ALL users just like a license is needed for driving a car or motorcycle. Yes e bikes should be banned for children under 12. But how many more deaths should Carlsbad allow for our youth????

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From: Meredith Pieratt-Driver <Meredith@wspinsurance.net>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 8:13 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input re: E-Bike Concerns

Dear Members of the City Council,

As a parent of two young children who attend both Aviara Oaks Elementary and Kelly Elementary, I am writing to express serious concerns about the growing dangers associated with e-bikes in our community and to urge the Council to strengthen and enforce regulations for their use.

While current rules allow children as young as 12 to operate certain e-bikes that are capped at lower speeds, these rules are not being enforced. In reality, children well under driving age are riding high-powered e-bikes at reckless speeds, weaving in and out of traffic, ignoring signals, and endangering both themselves and the public. Without the emotional maturity or the legal responsibility that comes with a driver's license, these children are simply not prepared to safely share the road.

For the safety of our community, I urge the Council to adopt the following measures:

1. **Raise the Minimum Age to 16** — E-bikes should not be permitted for use until a rider has obtained a valid driver's license, ensuring a basic understanding of road laws and accountability.
2. **Require Registration and Identifiers** — Just as cars must have license plates and insurance, e-bikes should have visible identifiers. This will allow community members and law enforcement to properly report reckless or harassing behavior and ensure accountability.
3. **Enforce Helmet and Passenger Rules** — Far too often, adults and children ride without helmets, with multiple passengers stacked onto a single e-bike. Enforcement of basic safety requirements is essential to reduce injuries and fatalities.

As it stands, e-bikes have become a growing public safety threat. Groups of children ride in packs, harassing drivers and pedestrians, playing dangerous games with vehicles, and creating an atmosphere of lawlessness. When accidents occur, parents often fail to report them, leaving no accountability or path for resolution. Without stronger oversight, these behaviors will continue to escalate.

The City has an opportunity to act before more serious tragedies occur. By raising the minimum age, requiring identifiers, and enforcing basic safety standards, we can protect both riders and the broader community. Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. I respectfully urge you to prioritize e-bike regulation as a matter of public safety.

Respectfully,

Meredith

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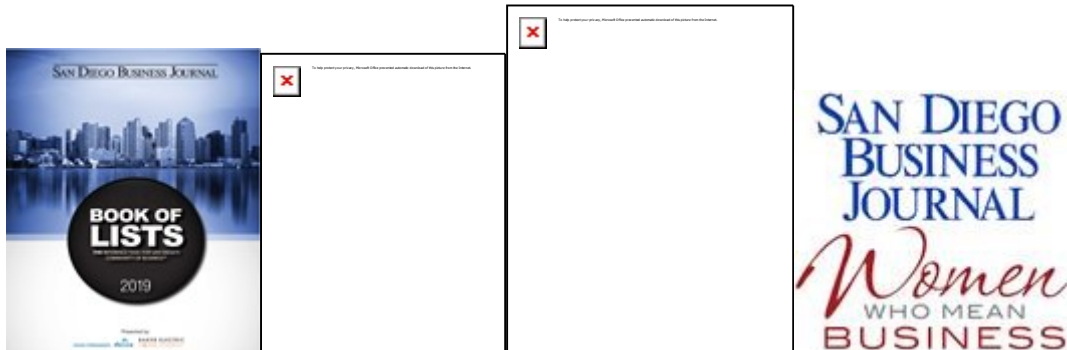
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From: Lydia Good <lydia@pierviewcounseling.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:57 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike saftey Feedback

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback.

As a mother of two young children in Carlsbad, I want to express my full support prohibiting e-bike use by children under the age 12. E-bikes are dangerously fast and require a lot of maturity for a child to operate safely. I believe keeping the age of riders above at least 12 years old will help reduce preventable injuries for riders and children who walk in the area near where these young bikes ride.

Thank you, Lydia

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Lydia Lombardi Good, MSW, LCSW
LCS 27399

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From: Cheney Squier <cheneysquier@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

On Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 6:57 PM Cheney Squier <cheneysquier@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello ,

I am writing to provide my input on the minimum age requirement for e bike riders in Carlsbad . I believe that under no circumstances should a child under 12 be on an e-vehicle , and in fact , I suggest the minimum age requirement be 16 years old . Thank you for your time .

Cheney Squier
6978 Sweetwater st .
Carlsbad, ca 92011

Mother of two girls , 8 years and 13 years old .

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From: Brinn Belyea <brinn.belyea@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:41 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age limit

Dear City of Carlsbad,

Please set the age limit to 12.

Brinn Belyea

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From: Tim H <householdertj@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Yes, please make the minimum age as old as possible.

Tim Householder
3453 Ravine Dr

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From: Joseph Hirniak <jvhirniak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:34 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: Joseph Hirniak
Subject: Yes, by all means 12 if not older

I see kids on ebikes using their phones while riding, doing wheelies, riding on the wrong side of the road, riding two to a bike. Enough! Minimum age should be 14 in my opinion. It's too much. What's worse is you have waves of these imbeciles riding behind your car trying to be cool performing one or all one the above after schools are released.

Yes, please raise the age!

Respectfully,
Joseph Hirniak

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From: Matthew Weber <mpwrpv@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:30 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age support

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Carlsbad, I strongly support setting a minimum age for E-bike use. As I'm sure you know, this has been growing as one of the most common cause of serious injuries to children in recent years.

I applaud your effort at addressing this serious safety concern for children of Carlsbad.

Matthew Weber

544 Meridian Way,
Carlsbad, CA 92011

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From: James Sherbondy <jimsherbondy@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Vote on e-bikes

James Sherbondy, 2429 Mica Rd Carlsbad, 92009

I vote NO to e-bikes under 12.

I would also vote NO for e-bikes under 16. I can't even believe that I see e-bikes on the main roads here. I don't think there is any statistic that will say this is safe for teenagers or drivers to have to avoid. I'm looking forward to seeing the results and pushing the age even higher.

Best,
Jim

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From: Eli Dinamarca <elidinamarca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:16 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age min e-bikes

I think kids should take a class and min age should be 14 or maybe 15.

Helmet needed and pass a text about road signs, etc.

also ALL kids should take a MADD class if possible.

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From: Peter Fritz <peter.e.fritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:11 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Limit

Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for introducing an age restriction to e-bike use. It sounds like the potential age hurdle is 12 years old, I would support up to 14.

These are motorized vehicles and the number of near devastating accidents I've witnessed between kids on e-bikes and cars is alarming.

Protect our kids. They can ride real bikes.

Peter Fritz

Carlsbad Resident

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From: Kendra Arooji-szymanski <karooji@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:09 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes Age

Carlsbad,

I often see kids doing wheelies and riding without helmets and have no fear while on these bikes. They drive recklessly and it's really frustrating in the village. Parents these days don't hold these kids responsible and I feel like this rich Carlsbad community just let their kids do whatever they want! I personally feel that the age should be at least 15. Then maybe the parents should be the one who gets a ticket if they're riding without a helmet. Thank you for taking this matter seriously in our community.

Kendra

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From: Sally Osborn <sallyosborn3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:06 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike age minimum

I vote yes! There should be a minimum age of 12 for riding an ebike. Children under the age of 12 are riding too fast and do not have the maturity to learn the rules of the road for a high speed ebike. They also tend to be in packs and create an unsafe road environment for cars around them.

Thank you,
Sally

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From: Lauren Gibbons <laurengibbons226@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum e-bike age

Hi There,

I believe the minimum e-bike age should be 14. I'm a new resident of Bressi Ranch and there are kids constantly riding them dangerously in the neighborhood.

Thanks!

Lauren Gibbons

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From: Dana Reddy <danacope@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike users

E-bike use should be prohibited for those under 12, although likely 14 would be more appropriate.

Thank you,

Dana Reddy, MD

Carlsbad school district parent

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From: Shannon Dudley <shannon.dudley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike

E-bike minimum age should be 16, and if rider is under 18 parents carry an insurance policy and drivers test required by DMV not city. If rider is over 18, they are also required to carry insurance and drivers license or equivalent if unable to obtain a drivers license.

The development of the brain has not changed, the fact is young children are not capable of processing information related to riding an e-bike in the way we drive a car. Many parents still are also extremely irresponsible with guidelines and supervision. I am a parent of two boys, ages 14 and 12 and we will not get an e-bike or allow our children to ride a friends e-bike.

The green "bike lanes" are utilized by some but not many and have been a confusing waste in my opinion. As an active road bike cyclist I understand the dangers of unprotected bike buffer lanes but the green paint does not make me as an adult feel any safer when I cycle in Carlsbad. Please truly consider this danger to the children in the community and to the community in whole, it is an extreme problem that needs an immediate appropriate and enforced by police solution.

Thank you
Shannon

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From: Caroline Flood Joyce <cjfloodjoyce@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

Yes, age should be increased to 12 or older. They are giving motorbikes to children. They should be older than 12, night school age is more appropriate.

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From: Kristin Nguyen <kristinknguyen@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input about minimum e-bike age

Hi there,

Just wanted to give input on this. I think that individuals should not be permitted to ride e-bikes unless they have a drivers license. So my input is that yes, Carlsbad should prohibit use of e-bike use by children under the age of 12, at the very least.

Thank you,
Kristin

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From: Shaya Assareh <shayajoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:50 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike minimum age

I think it's a great idea to put an age limit on e-bike riders— for their safety and for the safety of others. I feel it should be even higher than 12 honestly, it should be regulated and licensed like a car or motorcycle.

Thanks,
Shaya Assareh

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From: Andrey Novitchenko <andreyn101@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:46 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

I feel that children over the age of 10 are fully capable to be a responsible rider on an ebike.

Thank you,

Andrey Novitchenko

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From: Jamie Hand <jhand312@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:46 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Please set a minimum age for e-bike riders to age 12. Thank you

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From: Haley DiDonato <haleydidonato@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:43 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike Age Limit Recommendation

Recommendation to Limit Bike Permits for Safety

Dear City,

I would like to propose a policy adjustment regarding the issuance of bike permits. Given the safety risks associated with electric bikes (E-bikes), I recommend limiting permits to individuals all or over the age of 14.

E-bikes function similarly to vehicles, such as motorcycles, and their increased speed and complexity can pose significant dangers, especially for younger riders. Implementing this age restriction could enhance safety for all road users and ensure responsible riding practices.

Thank you for considering this important safety measure.

Best regards,

Haley DiDonato
(858) 220-0687

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From: Ashlee Hendrickson <ashlee.thegreat@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

I don't think kids should be allowed to ride e-bikes till they're at least 15. I see them all the time they have no clue of cars or stop signs They ride two at a time they're on their phone, not paying attention. So dangerous.

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From: Rachel Davis <luccidavis@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 6:34 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum e-bike age

Hello,

It is my belief that Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

Thank you,

Rachel Davis
Carlsbad aviara resident
(858)229-9120

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From: Dana Ketts <dketts@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 5:50 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike age request

I propose we have a minimum age of 16 years old for registered e-bikes in our city.

I also propose mandatory safety and road knowledge classes as kids don't know vehicle road signs and signals.

Mandatory safety equipment or you'll be cited.

Helmets

Reflective vest

Proper lights for night biking

Possibly insurance policies as these are e-motorized bikes going speeds faster than cars in our city.

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From: Christy Turnlund <christyturnlund@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Bike safety

I would really like the e-bike age to be raised. I have witness scary situations with e bikers and cars on our roads.

Christy Turnlund

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From: Lora Shevlin <lorashevlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 5:32 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike vote

Yes, I agree the minimum age for e-bikes should be 12yo. Actually I think class 1-3 should all be 16 with a license/permit but we have to start somewhere!

Thank you,
Lora Shevlin

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From: Jan-Margaret Llorey <jmllorey@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 4:41 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Age Requirement

Hello,

I am a mother of two and live in Carlsbad. Regarding the minimum age for E bikes, I am supportive of the minimum age being no younger than 12. To be perfectly honest, I would make it 14 to ensure that the children have some sense of traffic laws before entering them in a motorized vehicle. Too often I find children turning in front of moving vehicles or pulling stunts in the middle of the road outside of the bike lane. I wish them nothing but safety and believe a minimum age requirement will help facilitate that.

Warm regards,
Jan-Margaret Llorey
4716 Borden Ct Carlsbad

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From: Terri Trexler <territrexler@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

Hello,

I feel that E-bike riders should be at least twelve years old. I also believe that they should not allow passengers until at least sixteen years old. Too many young bike riders are on the roads not paying attention and doing unsafe things. Thank you for seeking input.

Terri Trexler
3459 Pleasant Vale Drive, Carlsbad
651-423-1729

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From: Stephen Poovey <smpoovey@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:27 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bikes

Yes 12 years minimum age makes sense with safety training required. Best for all.

Please continue to work to slow down vehicular traffic as well; none of us are or should be in any big rush.

Thanks,
Steve

Olde Carlsbad

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From: Michael Stewart <masismore1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:24 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age requirement for e-bikes

To Whom it May Concern,

As a Carlsbad resident, I support the idea of a minimum age restriction for riding e-bikes on our public streets, and think age 12 is a reasonable minimum age. I hope that such a requirement will help to keep children safe.

Thank you,
Michael Stewart, PhD

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From: Cindy Sample <samplehome10@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: min ebike age

Hi,

I have two boys who have been riding ebikes since 2020, when they became a thing. Children should be at least 12, but possibly 13 or older, to ride these.

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Sincerely,
Cindy Sample

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From: chyanne pinedo <shygurllovesbois@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:55 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age restriction

Hello, if the city of Carlsbad is seriously considering putting an age restriction on e-bikes Carlsbad needs to consider offering school bus options. A lot of families rely on alternative transportation I.e. e-bikes that are self efficient enough for children to use.

Kindly,

Ms. Pinedo

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From: Madison Schepps <mattyschepps@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum Age

My name is Madison Schepps. I have lived in Carlsbad since 1986 and currently live at 2739 Stirling Court in Carlsbad. For context, I currently drive a motorcycle and recently rode on an E-bike.

As E-bikes can travel up to 30 mph, I strongly recommend children under the age of 12 not be allowed to use E-bikes. Given many E-bike riders ride in the regular lanes alongside cars, I believe the minimum age should be even higher. Regardless of the age you approve I strongly recommend the following:

All E-bike riders take a mandatory safety class to demonstrate proficiency as well as learn the rules of the road. As a motorcycle rider, I was required to take a written and drivers test. E-bikes and even regular bicycles should be required to do the same.

All E-bike riders be required to wear a helmet just as motorcycle riders are required to do. Again, bicycle riders should be required to do the same.

All E-bike riders be required to register their electric bikes and pay a nominal fee. I have to do that for my motorcycle and E-bikes share the road with me. Again, bicycle riders should be required to do the same. Even a nominal fee will ensure E-bike riders have some "skin in the game". They are using the roads that cars, motorcycles, bicycles and E-bikes use so should share in the upkeep.

Since the E-bikes have proliferated, I can't count the number of times E-bike riders in Carlsbad have ignored the rules by riding unsafely in and out of lanes and other dangerous examples. Recently on Carlsbad Village Drive 4 boys on E-bikes were riding dangerously in and out of lanes. When I tapped my horn to let them know I was there, all 4 of them "flipped me off".

Additionally, the Carlsbad police need to enforce whatever rules you put in place or the E-bike riders will continue to disregard standard driving rules.

Unfortunately, given the current way many E-bike riders ignore the rules, unless strict laws are put in place, we will be reading about the death of someone young who lives in our city.

Thanks for your consideration.

Madison Schepps

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From: Lauren Witbeck <lauren.n.witbeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:28 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age Restrictions E Bike

Persons should be over 18yo. Period.

Lauren Witbeck, LCSW # 100701

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619.357.5763
<http://www.linkedin.com/in/laurenwitbeck>

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From: Ron Cordell <rcordell@carlsbadusd.net>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: 14 years of age for e-bike

Thanks for asking.
I think 14 years of age would be a good cut point.

Ron Cordell

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From: Nicole Giordani <nicole.giordani@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:25 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express concern regarding the current regulations for electric bicycle (e-bike) use in our city, particularly the minimum age requirement and lack of safety and licensing measures. Given the growing popularity of e-bikes among youth and the increasing number of accidents, I respectfully urge the city to consider raising the minimum age for e-bike operation to 18 and implementing mandatory safety education and licensing/registration requirements.

Current California law allows Class 1 and Class 2 e-bike use without a license or minimum age requirement. However, many cities are now reassessing this due to safety risks. According to the California DMV, the legal minimum age to operate a motor vehicle is 16, with required training, licensing, and insurance. E-bikes, particularly Class 2 and Class 3 models, can reach speeds of 20–28 mph, which introduces significant injury risk, especially to younger riders.

Research shows that brain development—especially areas related to impulse control, judgment, and risk assessment—is not fully mature until at least age 18 or later (Casey, Jones, & Hare, 2008, *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*). Younger adolescents are less equipped to make safe decisions in traffic environments.

A recent study in *Injury Prevention* (2023) reported a dramatic rise in pediatric e-bike injuries, including head trauma and fractures. Many of these accidents involve young teens and tweens who lack formal traffic education and experience. As e-bike use grows, we are likely to see further increases in preventable injuries unless proper guardrails are in place.

I urge the city to consider adopting the following measures:

Raise the minimum age for all e-bike classes to 18 (consistent with the age to obtain a driver’s license in California).

Require completion of a safety class (similar to the California Motorcycle Safety Program or Bicycle Safety Education).

Implement e-bike licensing or registration for riders under 18, to ensure accountability and reinforce safe behavior.

Enforce helmet use and limit use of e-bikes on sidewalks or in pedestrian-heavy areas.

These steps would help align e-bike policy with the developmental readiness of youth, the proven risks of high-speed cycling, and existing transportation norms.

I appreciate your attention to this important public safety issue.

Thank you,
Nicole Giordani

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From: Sonny Felkins <sonnyfelkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:11 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike

Hi there

I've been living in Carlsbad for the past 10 years I Bike quite a bit on a normal bike into the village to the beach to the bank groceries, etc.

I bike by myself, and I also bike with my daughter on the back at times in a bike seat.

I'd like to share my experiences

For the last couple years, I've had various issues with teenagers on packs of E bikes, Ive always looked the other way and kind of let it go because my thought was I was happy to see kids outside, and for the kids who were just going to the beach, fishing, surfing, etc. I think that's kind of a nice option. So I didn't report when I was heckled, or flipped off again by a pack of Ebikes, or barked at, or swerved at with them doing 25 miles an hour, or doing burnouts in the park grass, one time I was even whipped in the back with something as they rode by and then flipped off by the last one as they sped away. Keep in mind. This is a bike with a child seat on the back as well, and these things have happened with her on the bike at times- so I have explain what's happening but I suppose it's a teachable moment as a parent.

I've also been spit at before, and it seems like it's just a game that they play to upset you and then speed away because they know they can't be caught.

I had actually let all that go, but my recent experiences with my five year-old daughter biking on her own have been completely unacceptable, and have made me change my stance because I just feel like I can't keep my family safe anymore around the village and bike trails.

My daughter is five years old and she is biking on her own pretty well now. We try to stick to the bike trail between Tamarack and Oak Avenue as it's a nice place for her to Bike with together safe from cars, etc.

The city does a great job of maintaining that trail as well. It's a big deal for it us to have that near to us have a safe place to walk her bike into the village.

We have had two instances this week where packs of E bikes have swerved into our lane towards us and towards her just to scare her and started barking at her, and then they flipped me off, or yelled the F word at me and speed away.

I just feel like I can't walk or bike into the village with my five year-old anymore safely because I feel like we're being terrorized by packs of E bikers. I'm assuming they're around early teenage years.

Clearly, this is not all E bikers and clearly this is not all kids on bikes either But it's been enough where I have hit my limit and feel unsafe for my family.

I reported one of these to the police recently.

It just doesn't matter because they just speed away doing 25 miles an hour.

I also have the concern of my daughter or wife and I being hit by an E bike that weighs 80 to 100 pounds going 25 miles an hour.

I feel like older kids and adults are mature enough to manage their speed and be safe around families and kids, but I've come to the conclusion that the younger kids not only seem to have no awareness of safety, but almost are treating it like a way to taunt people and cause trouble while having ability to get away without any repercussions.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and I'm hopeful for a solution as I feel like Carlsbad has done a good job protecting families. I look forward to raising my family here.

Thanks

Sonny Felkins
4006 layang circle
Carlsbad ca 92008

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From: Angela Cantrell <angtrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:08 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age requirements

Dear City of Carlsbad,

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I urge the city to consider adopting the following measures:

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2. Require completion of a safety class (similar to the California Motorcycle Safety Program or Bicycle Safety Education).
3. Implement e-bike licensing or registration for riders under 18, to ensure accountability and reinforce safe behavior.
4. Enforce helmet use and limit use of e-bikes on sidewalks or in pedestrian-heavy areas.

These steps would help align e-bike policy with the developmental readiness of youth, the proven risks of high-speed cycling, and existing transportation norms.

I appreciate your attention to this important public safety issue and would be happy to provide additional resources or assist in public outreach.

Sincerely,
Angela Cantrell
3637 Four Peaks Street, Carlsbad, CA 92010
(650) 714-0347

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From: Carrie Filla <carriefilla@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:02 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike age requirement

I believe that e-bikers should have the following requirements:

- 16 years of age
- complete mandatory training with license
- be required to carry insurance

Thanks

Carrie Filla

7053 Marsh Wren st

Carlsbad

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From: carmen escobar <carm_esco@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:01 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Good afternoon,

I received notification from our high school, Carlsbad HS, regarding seeking input from parents regard minimum age restrictions for e-bikes.

As a parent of a 15 year old boy my son does not own an e-bike due I do not feel they are safe. As well as I see way to many reckless kids on the rode riding these e-bikes that I fear what my kid could be reckless as well while on the e-bike. I also feel that giving kids, especially younger kids, that much freedom to ride around at all hours (day, night, middle of the night) leads to trouble. I do allow my son to ride on back of friends e-bike but there are rules, conversations made before riding. And to be honest he doesn't ride on one very often because I'm afraid he may get in an accident. My son has learned how to ride the city bus or I give him a ride. He and his friends actually enjoy riding the bus.

With that said I feel that the minimum age to legally ride an E-bike on the rode should be 16 and have to have a registered ID card with them. ID card proves they have taken the safe riding classes. And parents should have to attend the class too. If a parent is giving their kid that much freedom their kid should know how important it is to know the rules of the rode.

Thank you for your time
Carmen

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From: Anna <anna.mayfield@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Min Age

Hello!

My name is Anna Mayfield. I am a mom to twin girls going into 4th grade ar Calavera Hills this year. I live in between CHE and Sage Creek HS. I absolutely support the minimum age for class 1 and class 2 ebikes being AT LEAST 12 years old, if not older.

Thank you,
Anna Mayfield

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From: Katie S <katie@katieskow.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:55 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike rules commentary

Hello,

I'm glad there will be a public meeting on the topic of e-bikes. Thank you for addressing this issue. I would like to provide my input as a Carlsbad resident (3127 Salina Road) and as a parent of a 7th grader at Calavera Hills Middle School.

Let me begin by saying I will not allow my child to use an e-bike or e-scooter, especially on public roads. This is due to the behavior of kids I have seen riding to/from school and around town on their e-bikes and e-scooters. While I am pleased to know there is a bike permit system in place for the middle schools and high schools, I am disheartened by the dangerous behaviors I see from e-cyclists every single day. This leads me to think the permit system has become a mere formality and then the kids do what they want. Bottom line: They are riding in traffic with cars going high speeds and they have no idea (or don't care) about the laws and rules of the road. This puts not just themselves, but the drivers in potentially dangerous situations. I have seen kids cut in front of cars to move into a left hand turn lane without so much as a glance over their shoulders to check for cars. I see them running red lights, making turns on red arrows when there is oncoming traffic, swerving out of the bike lanes, tailgating cars. Every single day there are kids on e-bikes without helmets or who have helmets on their heads but don't buckle the chin straps. I have seen kids biking and looking at their phones or biking and sipping iced coffee drinks. I have seen kids somehow managing to bike with their phones and coffees in hand at the same time. ER doctors have clearly stated that the e-bikes and e-scooter accidents they see when kids come through the doors are more akin to motorcycle accidents due to the high speeds. The lucky ones might walk out needing to recover from serious injuries. The not-so-lucky kids die. These kids can't assume cars see them or are able to anticipate their sudden moves. It just takes a second of distraction for an accident to happen. Sadly, drivers are usually in a rush or on-and-off distracted. The speed limits on the roads around here are high (i.e. College Blvd which is home to Calavera Hills Elementary & Middle School as well as Sage Creek High) and a bad combination when it comes to dangerous e-bike behavior.

I support not only the minimum age for e-bikes, but a licensing process (for all classes of e-bikes) in which kids need to learn the rules of the road as if they are drivers and take a test. If they are going to share the road at higher speeds with cars, they should be aware of the laws and follow them. Then there needs to be a system in place for e-bikers who break the laws or demonstrate dangerous behavior on the road. Banning e-bikes entirely, I understand, isn't a practical solution -- many working parents rely on their kids getting themselves to and from school in the absence of a school bus system. Instead, let's make our roads a mutually safer place for both kids and drivers.

Thanks for hearing my concerns,
Katie Skow

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From: Audrey Ravia <audrey.ravia@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:46 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

I think that e-bikes should have a minimum age of 12 and that all e-bike riders under the age of 18 should have to obtain a permit to ride, which they will receive after attending e-bike and road safety courses.

Audrey Ravia

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From: Janai Maulhardt <janairaine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:34 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike age requirement

Hi,

I completely agree we should enforce an age minimum for e-bike use. I think age 12 is okay - I believe they should be even older. It is dangerous, not only for the kids riding the bikes, but also drivers in vehicles to be sharing the road with kids that don't understand the rules of the road yet and are at the stage of life when they feel invincible. I think we should set the minimum age at 16 but I'm happy to hear there is discussion of putting a minimum on at all.

Thank you,

Janai Maulhardt
JanaiRaine@gmail.com
Call/Text 760.390.6330

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From: Lauren Tilley <laurentilley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:17 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes

To whom it may concern,
Please please make the minimum age for ebikers 12 (or better yet 16). I was nearly hit by one two days ago and it was terrifying! (The kid didn't even notice)
Thank you,
Lauren

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From: Mahida Javed-Saifi <mahida.javed@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike

To whom it may concern,

I am unsure if I can cast a vote via email however, as residents of Carlsbad and parents of CUSD students, my husband and I vote to either require e-bike riders to have licenses or for there to be a minimum age requirement.

Best regards,

Mahida and Talha Saifi

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From: Mary Hager <maryahager@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:09 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support of minimum e-biker age

Hello,

My name is Mary Cap and I am a resident and small business owner in Carlsbad. I live here with my husband and two young children, ages 2 and 8. We live near Pacific Rim elementary where my oldest son attends school. I am writing today to support a minimum e-bike rider age of 12 (I actually think that it should be higher, age 16 for all e-bikes regardless of their class). It sickens me to watch the children around our area riding these e-bikes piled with up to 3 people on a bike, often riding with helmets unbuckled and looking at their cell phones while riding. I have seen SO many near accidents and completely reckless decisions made by the young people riding these bikes and I am terrified for their safety. Cars drive around fast and people are often looking down at their cell phones despite the laws trying to stop them, and the atmosphere for riders is dangerous in this area, most especially during the Summer when so many tourists are present and not used to the amount of bikers and e-bikes that we have here. It honestly shocks me the amount of parents who have their elementary aged children riding e-bikes to school. I will do anything I can to help support minimum rider ages to help protect our kids. Their brains are not fully developed and they do not have the self control and awareness needed to be riding around on bikes that move that quickly. We are doing them a disservice by putting them on bikes they are not getting exercise on any longer and not setting them up for success with these dopamine inducing toys.

Please please put this law into place to have a minimum rider age - it would mean the world to me as a concerned parent of young children who will never allow them to ride e-bikes.

Thank you,

Mary Cap
707.287.2935
Altamira Resident, South Carlsbad

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From: Angela Dargitz <agaeto4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike laws

Hello,

I wanted to extend my support for limiting e bikes for children under 12 years old. We need to be protecting kids the same way helmet laws are in place.

Angela Dargitz
(760) 481-5204

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From: Jennifer Becker <jbeckern@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Traffic; Neil Martin Becker
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Thank you for considering my proposal regarding the minimum age for e-bike use. I understand the county's current policy permits twelve-year-olds to operate e-bikes, but I strongly advocate for raising the minimum age to fourteen. This recommendation is rooted in the latest research on adolescent brain development and its implications for safety and responsible decision-making.

Neurobiological studies consistently demonstrate that the prefrontal cortex, the brain region crucial for judgment, impulse control, and risk assessment, continues to develop well into the late teens. At age twelve, these cognitive functions are still significantly maturing. Allowing twelve-year-olds to operate e-bikes, which are powerful vehicles requiring advanced spatial awareness and traffic comprehension, exposes them to heightened risk of accidents. A higher minimum age of fourteen would provide critical developmental time, allowing for improved judgment, better impulse control, and a more comprehensive understanding of traffic safety.

My experience at Carlsbad High School further reinforces this perspective. The city's decision to set the minimum age for Vespa-style bikes at sixteen highlighted the inherent safety concerns associated with younger riders and their limited ability to navigate complex traffic situations. I witnessed firsthand, during my time working at CHS, the recurring near-misses and accidents involving e-bikes at the intersection of Chestnut and Monroe. These incidents underscored the need for a more cautious approach, particularly given the perceived sense of safety that dedicated bike lanes can inadvertently create among younger riders. These lanes, while beneficial, should not replace the need for comprehensive traffic safety education and mature judgment in navigating shared

I believe raising the minimum age to fourteen represents a balanced approach: safeguarding the well-being of young people while still permitting older adolescents to enjoy this mode of transportation responsibly.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Becker RN

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From: Amber Reza <amberkreza@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:56 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age

Hello,

I received a message from my son's school to send an email to this address to vote for the E-bike age requirement. I would like to vote yes, they must be at least 12.

Technically, I think they should have to be 16 and have a license but 12 at a bare minimum.

We see kids pop wheelies, drive on the wrong side of the road, and almost cause accidents daily.

Thanks,
Amber

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From: jocelyn kuklok <jocelynkuklok@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:48 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for E bikes

Hello,

I think all e-bikes should be minimum age 16. There are too many accidents and issues with teenagers driving these on the streets. Bikes should be fine until they are 16. It is too dangerous.

Thank you,
Jocelyn Baldwin

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From: Stephanie Condrat <StephanieC@shworldwide.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:48 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike

Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 16.

Thank you!

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From: Heather Miller <heemiller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:42 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for ebike riders

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to contribute my input as a lifelong Carlsbad resident with two teenage kids. I wholeheartedly agree that the minimum age restriction for a ebike rider should be set at 12. Additionally I feel that a mandatory class should be required, not just for ebikes, parked at the schools, but for any ebike rider says does not have a valid drivers license. This may mean that rental ebikes cannot be used by anyone without a valid drivers license, and I would support that too.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincere regards,

Heather Ely Miller
5526 Coyote Court
Carlsbad, CA 92010

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From: Josh Youngman <sbpadres@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:40 AM
To: Traffic
Cc: Veronica Youngman
Subject: E-bike age limit

Hello,

I am a Carlsbad resident and write today to support the proposed age limit for e-bike riders.

We have a 12 year old and a 9 year old, and also live in a neighborhood where tons of kids ride e-bikes.

I think it is absolutely essential to have an age limit for e-bikes as even the 12 year olds do not fully comprehend the rules of the road and pose a danger to themselves and to other drivers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!!

Sincerely,

Josh Youngman

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From: Brad Paugh <bradley.paugh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:39 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum e-bike age

Minimum age should be 14

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From: Allison Moy <allisonrmoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:36 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Safety Concern re: e-bikers

Providing input regarding minimum age for e-bikers:

It has become such a safety hazard, it is my opinion e-bikers should be of driving age. These kids are reckless.
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From: Tracy Wankner <trae.wank@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:36 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Minimum Age

To whom it may concern,

Children under the age of 12 should not be allowed to ride E-bikes. And all e-bike riders should have a special permit, training or knowledge of riding on the road. Thank you for this consideration.

Tracy Wankner
Resident

Life's a peach.

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From: Cory <cwaterhouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:36 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes minimum age

Hello...

I think with these vehicles definitely not being anything resembling a bike, the minimum age should be 16, and there should be not only a class required, but also a physical written test to pass.

It's basically letting children take motorcycles on the open street with zero experience.

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From: Heather Nash <heatherlynn14@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

I believe they should be 16 and up. 12 still seems too young with the issues going on in the village and surrounding areas. Thank you

--

Heather L. Nash

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From: Caren Sipiora <caren6820@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:34 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Survey

Hello,

My name is Caren Buksbaum and I'm in favor of not allowing kids under age 12 to ride e-bikes.

Thank you,

Caren

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From: LeeAnne Scherer <leeannemcscherer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:34 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Carlsbad Seeking Input on Potential Minimum Age for E-bike Riders

Hello-

I am emailing to encourage E bike riders to be older than 14.

Thank you,

LeeAnne

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From: Catherine Fulmer <catherinefulmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 11:34 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Please limit the age on E-bikes

To whom it may concern, this is a serious issue and the amount of accidents that are happening with kids is very alarming.

My son's going into sixth grade at Aviara Oaks The amount of kids I've seen flying down the street almost getting hit by cars is pretty mind blowing.

San Diego is such a great place to live, but that would be my only big complaint is they really really need to limit the age on these bikes It's a safety issue that everyone is concerned about!!

Thank you



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From: William Sides <squareknot2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:56 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike AGE REQUIREMENTS

In response to Age requirements for use of E-Bikes in Carlsbad, I personally believe 12 years old is to young period. It is a major safety issue for everyone. But I know it is out of your control and to respond to your request for minimum age input by all means “No” individual under 12 should be allowed to use E-Bikes in Carlsbad. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

William F. Sides

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From: Colleen Barrett <colleenbarrett7@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for E-Bike operation

I would prefer that the age limit be the same as operating any other motorized vehicle which is 15 1/2 but since are only 2 options are no limit or being 12 or older we would like to see the age at least 12 .

My husband and I appreciate the efforts that the city went to requiring a class for students wanting to ride their bikes to school when the state would not take up the gauntlet. We unfortunately are still seeing some riders popping the front tire off the roadway and or reading their phones.

Thank you for your efforts

Colleen & Robert Barrett

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From: Gina McBride Sturgeon <ginamcsturgeon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebikes

to whom it may concern. I believe that kid should not be riding E bikes until seventh grade. Or 12 to 13 years old. I have a 15 1/2 year-old and nine-year-old. And my 15-year-old started riding his bike to school at seventh grade. It definitely felt scary at first that I was happy that he had to take courses and get stickers in order to ride his bike to school I feel like that is very important

Thank you Gina Sturgeon
carlsbad Resident

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From: john lundy <jklundy1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 8:33 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

Any “motorized” vehicle the minimum age should be 16 with a valid drivers license.
That was the lesson learned in the 80s with mopeds.
My two cents,
John Lundy

Sent from my I-phone

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From: Gary August <garyraugust@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:30 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: min ebike operation age

This is my 2nd opinion submission.

Based on a near death experience with a child operating an ebike on Carlsbad roadways within the past 2 years, the lack of brain development within a child under the age of 16, the lack of knowledge of how motor vehicles operate and the significant size, weight and speed differential with motor vehicles of all sizes, the minimum age and requirements to operate an e bike should be exactly as a traditional motorcycle and/or automobile as an ebike is essentially an electric motorcycle with pedals.

I recommend Carlsbad leadership step up and save some lives.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Best:

Gary
Gary August
1024 Daisy Ave

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From: Courtnay Kenney <courtnaykenney@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 7:03 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Min age 12 e bikes

Hello, we strongly support that e-bikes should be at least 12 years old at minimum - and wish it could be even older.
Thank you!

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From: Jane Wilson <jlwilson0@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 5:12 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Hello,

As a “victim” of out of control, irresponsible e-biking, I welcome any and all restrictions! Or at the very least, insurance should be required!!

Sincerely,

Jane Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

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From: scott.mcferran@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 4:16 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike input for Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting 9/16/25 at 5pm

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. As someone who has come close to being run over by conventional bicycles I think this is especially important. As a child I rode my bike everywhere and can only imagine how great it would have been to have an ebike.

My thoughts as follows:

Depending on the type of e-bike, they are similar to either a motorcycle (no pedal assist) or a moped (pedal assist)

Motorcycle type:

Should have annual license fee for the bike, and the rider pass the equivalent of driver training safety course, all paid for by fees paid by the rider. This should not be subsidized by the rest of the community. These need to adhere to all motor vehicle laws. Must be 16 to be a licensed rider. Unlicensed bikes and riders need to be fined or community service or a combination of both. These bikes need to be required to have proof of liability insurance at typical coverages and limits. No wheelies or stunt riding through the streets, this can be performed on private property. All of this needs a budget for enforcement as it makes no sense to create laws but not consistently enforce them. Proper vehicle lighting should be required to operate in all low light conditions. 'Dirt bikes' are not allowed on public streets, neither should these without proper equipment.

Moped type/requires pedal assist at all times:

Needs to have a maximum speed, no tandem riding unless the bike is designed and rated for it with proper DOT rated tires, etc. Age limit minimum 12 years old. If the bike can be moved forward simply by means of the electric throttle and does not require any pedaling, it should be **classified as the motorcycle type** above.

No headphones or earphones while riding. Obey all traffic laws. Real consequences for not abiding by the law. All the above paid for by those who wish to enjoy this activity.

Thank you.

Scott McFerran
Carlsbad resident

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From: Penny Johnson <pennyofcbad@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:01 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike

Sent from my iPad.

The age for having and riding E Bike should be 15 and must take a class and issued a certificate of completion.

Thank you

Penny Johnson

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From: Darrell Snook <darrellsnook@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 8:34 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age limit for e-bikes

Yes, children under 12 should not be riding e-bikes. I have a 9, 14 and 15 year old and the risk to young, unaware children is too great.

Darrell

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From: Sarah Simonetti <sarahsimonetti@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 8:20 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Talia Sokoudjou e-bike

Good evening!

My daughter took an online course last and never received a sticker in the mail. I did email and haven't heard back since. Her name is Talia Sokoudjou and she is in 7th grade at Valley. Please advise as we would like to get this done.

Thank you,

Sarah simonetti

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From: Paige White <paige@paigewhite.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 8:06 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Carlsbad Ebikes

I agree the law should be minimum age of 12 although I think the minimum age should be even higher such as 16 or 18 and tests need to be taken and parents need to be held legally responsible.

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From: John Roach <jroach238@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 8:05 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Twelve

I wholeheartedly support having an age requirement for e-bikes in Carlsbad.

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From: Nursey Carolina <nurseycarolina@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 7:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

Hi there,

I have been personally affected by the juvenile E-bikers that ride lawlessly through the Barrio area near the Senior Center on Harding Street. I have been the victim of them throwing objects at my car while driving on Harding while they video tape it. Police reports don't seem to help. These kids know they can get away because their E-bikes are fast and can maneuver on sidewalks and down narrow alleyways. I have witnessed them throwing objects such as slurpees at other cars and pick fights with families walking on the sidewalks. I don't see any police presence patrolling this area ever.

There needs to be parental accountability and a way to identify these kids via their E-bikes. These bikes go as fast as cars and need to be treated as such. Mandatory E-bike licenses, registration, license plates and mandatory E-bike courses and ONLY for kids over 16 yrs. If you can't respect it like a vehicle and be responsible then ride a regular bicycle. This is out of control. I should be able to identify an E-bike when the rider throws a rock at my car and the visible identification should lead police to the kid's parents. This is chronic lawlessness and vandalism that has gone unchecked for too long. These kids are future adult criminals unless it's stopped now.

Kindest Regards,
Caroline Reilly
4009 Canario Street
Carlsbad, CA 92008

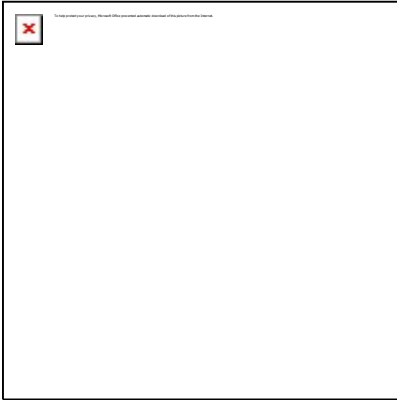
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From: Brad Smidt <bradleysmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 7:24 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Bikes for children under 12 yrs old.

100% Kids 12 and under should not be riding ebikes. Total accident waiting to happen!

All the Best,

Brad Smidt



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www.SmidtRealEstateGroup.com
CalBre Lic. 01231082

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From: sarahnzavalani@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 7:10 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike age

hi there, I am writing to provide input about a potential minimum age for E bikers. I am in support of this. As a driver, it can be stressful driving next to all these kids on bikes, who don't seem to have an understanding of the rules of the road. I think a minimum age of 15 would be helpful Thank you, Sarah Zavalani

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From: Cynthia La Brie <labriecynthia94@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:30 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Minimum Age

Hello

My husband and I have owned a home in Carlsbad since 1989. He taught in the Carlsbad School District for over 30 years, our two grown children went through the Carlsbad schools, I had business in the Village for 20 years and I am a commissioner on the new Environmental Sustainability Commission. We want an age limit to the e bike riders and we see this as essential to providing safer riding on our streets. We see young groups of riders not stopping at stop signs, riding without helmets and engaging in precarious situations while we attempt to ride our e bikes or drive in the village, let alone cross a street in the village and other parts of Carlsbad. Please recommend this age limit to the city council.

Thank you

David and Cynthia Norall
3831 Sierra Morena Ave. Carlsbad

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From: Merrill Schneider <mdeeschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:25 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Min age

12 years old is too young to be riding the streets of Carlsbad and Encinitas where the speed limit is 55 mph.. which translates to 60 mph. Driving age is 16 and you are much more protected in a car vs completely vulnerable on an electric bike.

I cringe when I see kids on e-bikes. Are the parents just working or too inconvenienced to take their kids somewhere. So spend 1K or so and be done with that phase of raising kids.

Slow down Carlsbad and don't rush these kids into independence. It takes maturity and growing up to earn the right to drive. And yes they should have to be tested. They can't know about right of way etc.
Merrill Schneider

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From: Katherine Cameron <katieacameron@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:22 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum ebike age

Afternoon,

Yes, there should absolutely be a minimum ebike age in Carlsbad. Given most of these bikes go similar speeds of vehicles, the ebike driving age should be 16 to bring about safety for the children. This is also coming from a mother of young teenagers. Of there was a way to restructure popular roads to have a blockaded bike lane, then perhaps young kids riding ebikes would be safer. Lastly, it'd help if they could be licensed so there was a way to ticket them for reckless and unsafe behavior. The problem isn't only the ebikes. Drivers are also a huge part of the problem and need to be held more accountable as they come in accidents with bikers. Currently, it seems the police department in Carlsbad is putting all the blame on the ebikers.

Thanks for looking into this and making our city safer for all.

Katie Cameron

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Marianne Barrett <mariannebarrett@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:08 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-Bike youth riders community input

Dear Legislative Team,

I strongly urge that you seriously consider restricting children under age 15 from e-bike riding. And let's require professional e-bike riding instruction, traffic school for the riders and their parents. And please require licensing of all e-bikes. After all they are motorized vehicles.

Children 14 and younger are simply far too young and inexperienced to fully understand traffic laws and road safety and the horrible danger they place themselves and all vehicle drivers in when young e-bike riders do "stupid little kid things" in the vicinity of motorized vehicles. They do not obey traffic lights, stop signs, and yield signs. They do not pay attention. Period.

I personally have video from my dash and rear cameras that show four children under the age of 15 trying to terrorize and instigate a dangerous traffic incident last summer against me and my personal vehicle. It's sad that parents today are too focused on their personal lives and jobs to monitor the behavior of their precious little darlings--until it's too late, after their precious ones earn a Darwin award. Let's not put more lives in danger of mindlessness.

I drive the streets of Carlsbad every week. I cringe when I spy children on e-bikes. I am a mom of a once wild-child son who was not allowed to ride a skateboard nor obtain his driver's license until he graduated from high school. If he were a young child today, e-bikes would not be allowed until age 18.

Thank you for your attention.

Best,
Marianne Barrett
760 419 0141

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From: George Baumbach <kaizengeo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 5:51 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike 12 and younger ban

E-bikes all ages are dangerous and just as dangerous as vehicles. Ebikes on sidewalks is a huge problem and have seen young and old riders on sidewalks. Need to do more City of Carlsbad to protect pedestrians. I support bans on ebikes 12 and younger and any age. I have seen too many dangerous ebikes. traditional bikes is what makes most sense for everyone riders and pedestrians.

Thank you George

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From: Linda Sinclair <lindajsinclair@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Age

Hello,

The minimum age to operate an e-bike should be 16 years old and operators should be required to be licensed after taking written and driving tests, and required to be insured, just like drivers of other motor vehicles on public roadways.

Thank you,
Linda Sinclair
Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: Jill Stanley <jstanleypost@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 4:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike minimum age

I read that you are soliciting input on the minimum age for ebike riders from Carlsbad residents.

Here's my input:

The minimum age for an ebike rider should be 16, period. The rider should be required to be registered with a license plate on the bike, have to wear a helmet, use hand signals, not ride on sidewalks and NOT USE A PHONE WHILE OPERATING THE EBIKE!!!.

Under 16 riders are not adept enough at knowing how to operate such a powerful vehicle in the congested roads with multi thousand pound vehicles. You can see from current observation to date there is a lack of knowledge of rules of the road and very dangerous behaviors by ebike riders. This dangerous behavior is due to the immaturity of these riders. I have witnessed countless young ebikers using phones while riding (includes both dangerous feats of taking eyes off road and only 1 hand operating the bike), both of this things should be prohibited and written into law. Wheelies should also be outlawed. Watching a young rider perform a half mile wheelie in a traffic lane, is one pebble or pothole away from wiping out and getting run over. How tragic would this be for all parties involved in this accident.

So in conclusion, no ebiker under 16 and if you can't establish that rule, than for God's sake and safety of everyone, minimum age of 14. A 12 year old minimum age is way too young to operate these motorized vehicles and not mature enough to make appropriate, informed and safe decisions.

Jill Stanley
Carlsbad resident

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From: S and T Doan <stevtah@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age limitations for e-bikes

We strongly believe that there should be age limitations for e-bikes. E-bike riders in general do not follow the rules of the road and they are dangerous!

The Doans

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From: Steffany Moonaz <SteffanyMoonaz@scuhs.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:19 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike legislation

As a Carlsbad resident, local parent, and public health professional, I am writing to express my support for a minimum e-bike age of 12. I also support mandatory education, helmet use, and permitting.

Thank you.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: Mindee Renick <mindeerenick@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:18 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Prohibit e-bikes for 12 and under

I am writing to you today as a Carlsbad resident for 26 years (lived in SD all my life, 53 years). I purchased my home in Aviara in 1999. Over the years I have seen problems develop. But I have seen nothing worse in our community than the reckless operation of a motorized bike acting like a motorized vehicle with young children driving these e-bikes. I have witnessed first hand children on these bikes run through red lights in Aviara and then turn to look at me as if they have higher authority. I have seen children run into parked cars and kept going. I have seen children going the wrong way on the street. I have seen children on these e bikes not wearing helmets or riding a double rider where they shouldn't be. I recently had a friends son who just turned 13 and he broke his leg by doing pop wheelies on the e bike (and this was his second bone breakage on his e bike, the first one was a year ago and broke his wrist). Doing pop wheelies on a public street can send a motorized bike through a car. Now that bike becomes a weapon. The sad thing about this is children even at the high school level don't know how to operate a motorized vehicle/bike. I have driven my daughter to Carlsbad high school the past two years and there is almost an accident 'every day' of the week!!!! The kids weave in and out of traffic and do not follow the rules....as stated all along, "

- o In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes."

It's apparent, kids at the age over 12 cannot follow the e-bike rules.

I'd like to see the City of Carlsbad keep our city safe and not unpredictable every time an adult gets in their car to drive somewhere. If the person driving the car is now overly cautious of children driving motorized bikes, that takes the attention off of focus on other cars. How do you expect teens that just get their drivers license to stay focused on the road for cars and now overly cautious for bikes that could be weaving in and out of traffic? If you're going to allow young children to operate e-bikes, then there should be an age increase to allow teens to get their drivers license.

I'd like to see there be an age increase in the use of e bikes. And I'd also like to see more enforcement from our local police department around the high schools so that these kids are following the rules while driving their e-bikes.

Thank you

Mindee Ibe-Renick

Mindee Ibe-Renick, Vice President, CACM
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619-846-9900 (cell)
760-438-1058 (fax)

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From: Lisa Kayvon <lisakayvon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:21 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Input for Upcoming Meeting

Hello,

I am a long-term Carlsbad resident and parent to two CUSD students (ages 16 and 13). I am happy to hear Carlsbad is setting regulations for e-bikes, however I don't think they go far enough or align with what other cities and counties are implementing.

Many cities, counties, and states are implementing or have already implemented restrictions that go way beyond what Carlsbad is proposing. As you are probably aware, Chula Vista has new laws that will go into effect in the coming weeks and I strongly feel that Carlsbad should follow suit:

- Children under 12 cannot operate Class 1 OR Class 2 bikes.
- No one under 18 will be allowed to carry passengers on ANY electric bike or scooter Aside from Chula Vista, states such as Massachusetts and Maryland have restricted any e-bike with a throttle (Class 2 and 3) from riders under 16. This seems to be the projection of where regulations are heading. If that's the case, Carlsbad will face another round of special meetings, public input, studies, etc, all which costs taxpayer money, to implement restrictions that align with the norm. And in the meantime, how many more children will be injured while we sit around and ponder?

It is beyond time for our city to implement real and effective restrictions regarding e-bikes and children with developing brains and a lack of knowledge of the rules of the road. Please consider implementing stronger restrictions than currently proposed.

Thank you,
Lisa Kayvon
2051 Laurie Cir.
Carlsbad, CA 92008

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From: Dr. Oliver John Schofield <ojsglobal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 10:30 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Proposed e bike age restrictions.

I fully support setting a minimum age of 12 for e-bike use.

These aren't bicycles in the traditional sense—they're essentially powered scooters. While they can be ridden safely, an 11-year-old simply doesn't have the maturity to be trusted to do so consistently.

Yes, a pedal bike can also be dangerous, but the difference is speed. Children make mistakes, and while a poor decision at 10 mph might result in a scrape or bruise, the same mistake at 20 mph or more can have far more serious consequences.

Oliver Schofield

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From: Carissa <carissa36@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 9:24 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety questions

Good morning!

Below is an email that we just received from our principal at Carlsbad high school. And it brought up two questions for me.

If you look at the email, you'll see that there are now two sections in red. The first one has me wondering what are the state laws that prevent cities from requiring licenses? I'm not complaining or being critical. I'm just genuinely curious since that is the biggest complaint that I hear from people, and to be honest, when my kids were younger, I felt the same way.

The second red part is giving safety tips and I'm confused. When my son took an E bike safety course at the library, from a police officer two years ago, the kids and parents in that class, were told that when they were in a neighborhood and there was no bike lane, it was actually safest to ride in the middle of the road. I believe the reason for this was because in those types of places, there are often lots of cars parked on the side and it's safer for a bike to stay visible in the middle of the road when possible then to keep darting back into the road every time they need to go around the cars that are parked on the side of the road. I feel like E bikes riding in the middle of a road - when police officers have actually told them to do it - is one of the biggest frustrations I hear from drivers that have never been to these classes. But this new safety tip seems to be telling them that they should always be riding to the right, but just popping out to go around cars. Pretty much the exact opposite of what they were told in their safety class. Have things changed or is there a clarifying information that isn't given here?

Thank you!

Carissa Johnson

Julia Redfield • 4 minutes ago • Thursday, Aug 14 at 9:00 AM • Carlsbad High

Dear Parent/Guardians,
Please see the message below from the City of Carlsbad on E-bike safety.

Carlsbad seeking input on potential minimum age for e-bike riders

The City of Carlsbad asked us to share information about an upcoming special meeting to gather input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

There are two ways to provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.

Background

The Carlsbad City Council [requested](#) that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for the City Council to consider.

- When the city asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.
- The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#).

Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to "class 1" and "class 2" e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- ***State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.***

Bike and e-bike safety tips

If you're getting kids ready to bike back to school, now is a great time to review the rules of the road together to make sure they're ready to ride.

- Make sure your student knows the importance of always wearing a helmet. This [video](#) shows you how to make sure their helmet fits properly.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to everyone, including people riding bikes and e-bikes.
- **Bikes and e-bikes should ride to the right side of the road or in a bike lane if one is available. You can leave the bike lane or right side of the road to turn left, pass someone, avoid something in the road or go around a car turning right.**
- Consider taking a "test ride" with your student from home to school to help them get familiar with the route.
- In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes. Talk to your student about [Carlsbad-specific rules](#).

As you drive around town, you'll also notice increased traffic in the morning and afternoons as kids travel to and from school. Remember to:

- Eliminate distractions and put your phone away.
- Slow down and look out for people walking or biking, especially near schools.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go.

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From: Karen Horning <karen_horning@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 9:05 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike riding minumum age

I understand that the City is considering a minimum age for e-bike riding. I 100% support a minimum age requirement, as well as any other safety measures that can be put in place.

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From: Ceyda Eker <ceydaezgi08@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 10:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Community Input: Raise e-Bike Minimum Age to 14–15 with Safety Test Requirement

To whom it may concern,

I support the proposed minimum age of 12 years for e-bike riders but I believe 12 is still too young. The minimum age should be at least 14 or 15. At 12 kids are still maturing, they are not yet teenagers, and they often lack the judgment needed to operate something that can go at speeds where crashes or accidents could be fatal. Fourteen or fifteen is a more reasonable gap, old enough to have more maturity but still before the point where most teens could already be licensed to drive motor operated vehicles.

Many people suggest making the minimum age 16 but by that time those teens could already be licensed to drive motor operated vehicles. I believe e-bikers under the age of 18 should at least be required to take a road safety or driver education course before riding on public streets. Personally I started driver education when I was 13 and finished at 14 even though I could not get my permit yet. That education made a difference in my understanding of traffic laws and safety and it should be the same for e-bikers.

Too often I see kids blowing past stop signs, failing to yield, riding in the middle of the road despite the bike lane, and making other dangerous moves that put themselves and others at risk. No one should operate an e-bike without knowing how traffic works. If Carlsbad moves forward with this policy I hope other cities follow its example.

Thank you for considering my input. I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective before your vote on September 16th.

Sincerely,
Ceyda Eker

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From: Elizabethe Marri Kirby <elizabethemarri@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 12:10 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input for the Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting

Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposed rule for Carlsbad kids minimum age of 12 years old for class 1 and class 2 riding e-bikes. I am very much in favor of this rule being set in Carlsbad that kids must be a minimum of 12 years old. I see the young kids riding these e-bikes going 30 miles per hour on the roads and sidewalks not following the rules of the road endangering themselves. I believe these kids under 12 years old are too young to safely operate an e-bike. I have also witnessed e-bikes with young people carrying passengers on handlebars and on back seats. I hope the 12 year old rule will be put in place in Carlsbad for everyone's safety.

Respectfully,

Elizabethe Kirby

7048 Ivy St, Carlsbad, CA 92011

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From: Julianne Adamik <julieadamik@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 7:46 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes Input

Given the number of times I've seen kids do reckless and dangerous things on e-bikes, I think it would be a good idea to require e-bikes to be registered and display a license plate on the rear of the bikes. This would make it easier to report this kind of behavior. Also, with dash cams so ubiquitous, it would be nice to be able to submit a picture of the event with a registration plate clearly displayed.

I also believe the no kid under the age of 12 should be allowed to ride an e-bike.

It's crazy that they are allowed to ride in traffic and not be required to know the "rules of the road" like those of us who drive cars.

Julie

Julianne DeWalt Adamik
julieadamik@me.com or
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951-567-3322 (Mobile Phone)

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From: Julia Jones <jonesjj02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 6:54 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebikes - minimum age 12

I have seen an overall improvement in the behaviour of all ebike riders in the last year or so. Riders riding the wrong way in a bike lane and riders blasting through stop signs are mostly a thing of the past.

The most common unsafe behaviour that I notice is riders doing wheelies on busy streets / no hands riding / riding and using a phone / 3 people on a 2 person bike / riders not wearing helmets (this not so often)

I am unable to judge if the young people are under 12 but I would guess that they are mostly over 12.

The other antisocial habit that I witness is groups of ebikes congregating in my park (Poinsettia) and riding too fast on paths and across grass (tearing up the grass). I have often met ebikes on the path from my neighborhood barreling down the path towards me at way too fast a speed.

So, my thoughts are:

that under 12's should be able to ride ebikes but the limit should be set at 10 or 11. A top speed of 20mph is way faster than most regular bikes can be ridden and most regular bike riders are aware of their personal safety whereas these kids think they are invincible. (I wish there was a lower upper limit on the bikes that could be set for younger riders)

all under 16's should obtain a permit to ride an ebike... they should take a mandatory course to learn the rules of the road before they have access to an ebike.

also...

no ebikes should be allowed to be ridden in any public park on any walkways .. they are forbidden on the street pavement ... they should be forbidden in the public parks.

Thank you
Julia Jones

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From: Randy Brister <randy@brister.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 12:41 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

I would like to comment on Carlsbad's upcoming meeting regarding e-bikes. E-bikes, especially when driven on public streets by pre-teens and young teens have become a menace and are incredibly dangerous for both the operators of the bikes as well as the drivers of the automobiles that must deal with the hazard they create. I have had countless near accidents with drivers of e-bikes because they seem to not know the laws required to drive on public roads or they choose in many occasions to simply flaunt those laws. This is especially true for young teens. To a much greater degree than automobiles, I have seen them blow through red lights, stop signs, fail to yield, make erratic turns, drive in the middle of a automobile lane, fail to signal turns, the list of traffic violations is extensive. To make matters worse, there seems to be what could only be described as gangs of youths, 8-10-12 kids together wrecking havoc and terrorizing pedestrians and drivers. This behavior must be curtailed, immediately as it is out of hand already.

I firmly believe anyone under the age of 16 should not be allowed to ride these motorized deathtraps, and those over the age of 16 should need to pass both a written and driving test, be licensed and insured to the same extent that drivers of motorcycles are, and they pay for a license plate which needs to be displayed both on the front and the back of the e-bike so that they can be traced when they violate the law.

Your failure to enact very strict laws about testing, age limits and licensing will, sooner, rather than later, result in deaths of young teens totally unprepared to operate a vehicle on our public roadways. It is your responsibility to protect these children from themselves. You must be pro active, 10-12-14 year olds should not be operating a vehicle on our public roadways.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Randy Brister
949-300-8388

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From: marianne grisez <mgrisezmph@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 12:25 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input for sept. 16 traffic & safety mtg.

Carlsbad resident input .

I live off poinsettia and ambrosia. The middle school is on Ambrosia and Aviara pkwy.

Children riding electric bikes in this area frequently disregard car traffic and fail to use hand signals. I have seen kids who ride bikes too big for them and have trouble managing them at stop lights etc.

My strong suggestion is that kids should not ride these bikes until 14 yrs. old. Many kids are showing off to friends or chatting instead of focusing on the road.

mgrisezmph@gmail.com

Sent from my iPad

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From: Michelle Lindquist <michellelindquist@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 10:26 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support for Min age for e-bikes

Dear City Council members,

This email is to express my full support for regulations and establishing a minimum age of 12 for e-bike riders in the City of Carlsbad.

I am a resident that lives near Alga Norte where youth e-biking is very problematic. On a daily basis, I see young e-bikers that are not wearing helmets, with multiple riders and/or not using common sense while e-biking on city streets. I see kids popping wheelies, standing in bike seats, swerving in a pit of lanes, and distracted texting on phones while driving. As a Registered Nurse who deals with concussions and injuries, this scares me as these young people have no regard for the danger posed in e-biking. Not only could these kids get critically injured, they could end up with a traumatic brain injury or worse I a fatal accident. Sadly, I have already heard of many of these accidents in our city and local communities. I am also a parent of 10 and 13 yr old boys. We have e-bikes but only allow our 10 yr old on the back of our bike. Our 13 yr old son is only allowed to ride with an adult and to and from his soccer practice at Alga Norte or to friends on bike path or neighborhood street and in designated zone we have agreed on. I track him with an air tag on his bike to make sure he is not abusing this privilege. My son has a pedal assist bike as I feel it is safer as he has to pedal to get up to higher speeds and cannot just use the throttle to ride and be inattentive. He has also completed the city of Carlsbad e-bike class last summer. I understand that some parents need their youth to commute to and from school on a e-bike. I feel that it is reasonable to allow older students to do so but I feel that more rules and accountability needs to be put into place before a child should be allowed to ride on what is essentially a low speed motorcycle on city streets.

I support the min age of 12 but also permitting process for youth so they understand the rules of the road. I also feel that there needs to be some parental and youth accountability when the rules are not followed. I truly feel that e-biking can be safe if youth treats it as a mode of transportation not a toy. It is both dangerous for the drivers and the e-bikers when youth are too young and too immature to be responsible on the city streets. I encourage you to support a min age of 12 and continue to look for ways to keep our community safe.

Respectfully,

Michelle Lindquist RN, BSN
Concerned Resident
6826 Jade Lane
Carlsbad
612-286-1483

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From: Susie Hahn <hahnsusie@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bike riders should be 12 year

Hello,

Yes, my husband & I strongly agree that children under the age of 12 should be prohibited to ride e-bikes. Their good decision making is still developing. Quick decision making is still developing. Laws of the road is still developing. It's too much too young.

Thank you,
Susie & Rick St John
Carlsbad Residents

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From: Eleida Felix <felixeleida@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 7:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Minimum Age for E-Bike Riders

Dear Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

As a Carlsbad resident for 14 years, currently living in District 1 for the past 11 years, and the parent of two children under 12, I strongly support establishing a minimum age of 12 for Class 1 and Class 2 e-bike riders. I recommend adopting the broader Chula Vista model, which includes e-scooters, prohibits under (\$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second, and up to \$250 for subsequent offenses).

Recently, I witnessed a disturbing incident where a group of young e-bike riders surrounded a vehicle lawfully turning into the Village, aggressively pressuring the driver to roll down their windows for no apparent reason. I watched the entire event unfold and was so concerned that I contacted the Police Department. I have also observed numerous instances of young riders ignoring red lights and stop signs, putting themselves and others at serious risk.

Our city does an excellent job of providing educational opportunities, and the Police Department has been very responsive. These incidents are not the result of a lack of city effort, but rather the blatant disregard for rules and safety by certain e-bike riders.

Adopting the Chula Vista model would provide clear rules, deter reckless conduct, and help protect all road users.

Details on Chula Vista's ordinance can be found here: [NEW ELECTRIC MICROMOBILITY VEHICLE ORDINANCE | News | City of Chula Vista](#)

State Law		
ADA Exempt	Yes	
Minimum Age to Operate Class 1 or Class 2 E-bikes	None	
Helmet Required for Class 1 or Class 2 E-bikes	<18 Years	
Helmet Required for Class 3 E-bikes	All Ages	
Minimum Age to Transport Passengers, E-bikes	None	
Transport Passengers, Motorized Scooters	Prohibited	
Sidewalk Operation of Class 1 or Class 2 E-bikes	Allowed, Local Regulation	Prohibited
Sidewalk Operation of Class 3 E-bikes		Prohibited
Sidewalk Operation of Motorized Scooters	Prohibited	

Sincerely,

E. Felix
District 1 Resident, City of Carlsbad
(Participating as a private resident)

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: City of Carlsbad <communications@carlsbadca.gov>

To: "felixeleida@yahoo.com" <felixeleida@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 03:58:08 PM PDT

Subject: 🚲 Going back to school safely



When Carlsbad students head back to class in August, you can expect to see more kids biking or walking to and from school. Please allow extra time for your commute and remember to stay alert for pedestrians and people on bikes, especially near schools.

Keep reading for details about:

- Bike and e-bike safety classes
- How to give input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders
- Traffic safety reminders

Carlsbad Police Department hosting classes to help kids ride safely

The Carlsbad Police Department is hosting three bike and e-bike safety classes for students preparing to ride to school. Carlsbad police officers, who are certified bike instructors, will cover the basics to help students stay safe on two wheels:

- The rules of the road for bike and e-bike riders
- Carlsbad specific e-bike laws
- Traffic signs and signals and what they mean
- Where to ride in specific situations, including on neighborhood roads or busy streets

Space is limited. At this time, the training is only open to students at schools in Carlsbad.

The class is free, but registration is required. Classes will fill up quickly – [register today](#).

Saturday, Aug. 16
Carlsbad City Library
9 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23
Georgina Cole Library
10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

If you have school-aged kids, be sure to check with your principal for any special requirements for parking a bike or e-bike on campus.

[Register today.](#)

Provide input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders

The City of Carlsbad's [Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission](#) will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. to gather community input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

- The Carlsbad City Council requested that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for City Council consideration.
- When we asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.

The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#). Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to "class 1" and "class 2" e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.

How to provide input

The City Council is seeking community input before considering whether to establish the minimum age here in Carlsbad. There are two ways you can provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.

Bike and e-bike safety tips

If you're getting kids ready to bike back to school, now is a great time to review the rules of the road together to make sure they're ready to ride.

- Make sure your student knows the importance of always wearing a helmet. This [video](#) shows you how to make sure their helmet fits properly.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to everyone, including people riding bikes and e-bikes.
- Bikes and e-bikes should ride to the right side of the road or in a bike lane if one is available. You can leave the bike lane or right side of the road to turn left, pass someone, avoid something in the road or go around a [car turning right](#).
- Consider taking a "test ride" with your student from home to school to help them get familiar with the route.
- In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes. Talk to your student about [Carlsbad-specific rules](#).

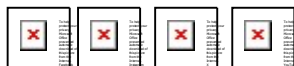
As you drive around town, you'll also notice increased traffic in the morning and afternoons as kids travel to and from school. Remember to:

- Eliminate distractions and put your phone away.
- Slow down and look out for people walking or biking, especially near schools.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go.

[Learn more.](#)

More information

[Traffic safety resources for parents](#)
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From: Jacqueline De Simone
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 6:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Age limits for e-bike riders

From what I have seen driving around town and by the beach, it is becoming clear that there needs to be further regulation regarding e-bikes.

I support a minimum age limit of 12 or older for riding e-bikes, and mandatory training. Also, requiring insurance for them would be a good idea given the potential for bodily harm and damage to property if driven irresponsibly.

Thanks,
Jackie DeSimone

From: Norm Johnson <normsunion76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 5:16 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bikes

Please enact the law making the age 12 and above for e bikes in Carlsbad.
I also believe that they should take a class and drive with a permit. I have seen so many incidents where the kids dont understand and follow basic road rules...

Krystine Johnson
Carlsbad Beach
Resident for 10 years

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From: Drew McAdams
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 4:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bike Minimum Age

As a City of Carlsbad resident and employee i would like to start with thanking you for bringing up this issue. I feel like it needs to be addressed proactively, before this situation gets any worse or there is a major accident or fatality.

I have two main questions: Why 12 for the minimum age? How will this be enforced?

Why 12? If you are going to allow E-Bikes full use of public streets on a motorized vehicle - isn't there already a minimum age of 16 for that. "The minimum driving age is 16 in most U.S. States because it strikes a balance between physical and mental maturity, as well as societal needs for transportation..."

In my neighborhood 12-13 year old have full use of the public streets, rarely follow traffic rules (like stopping at stop signs or obeying Red lights) no matter what age or speed they are going. This includes e-bikers of all ages! This continues even on major local roads like El Camino Real with a 55 mile per hour speed limit these same minors have no issue with leaving the bike lane, crossing all lanes of traffic to get into the left turn lane and make the left turn with oncoming traffic surrounding them. When was the last time you saw an E Biker of regular biker for that matter, use a cross walk to traverse an intersection compared to the vehicle turn lane?

This seems like a dangerous situation when you allow 12 years old full use of public streets when their physical and mental maturity is still developing and there is such a huge level of variance for that age range. not to mention no license, no training or even understand what the rules of the road even are. Are the societal needs for transportation overwhelming our safety concerns or common sense?

I do not think that only regulating based on how fast the bike goes is ridiculous. And weather it is a gasoline based motor versus electric motor should not supersede the rules and regulations of the road and the licensing and maturity needed to handle such responsibility.

Do Tesla cars have different rules because they are running on an electric vehicle?

The bigger issue is my second question... How will this be enforced?

I feel like Carlsbad police have a hands off policy towards e-bike which is creating this situation.

I have never seen a police office pull over an e-biker.

There seems to be no rules or regulations regarding e-bikes and following the basic rules of the road, as well as no enforcement of these rules. So what does an age limit have to do with that? How would you enforce an age limit. What do you think this age limit will do?

I have personal seen young e-bikers run red light, right in front of a police car on Alga road and drew no attention from the officer. Multiple times I have seen a small groups of young e-bikers cross pretty busy traffic to get to the left turn lane with police watching and doing nothing. If Carlsbad has decided not to enforce the rules of the road, when it comes to e-bike then what does an age limit do? It seems like parents just send their kids off assuming the best of their young drivers and there is no regulation regard use of public roads, then I am not sure what is the point!

I guess to summarize, I am very concerned about this issue and worried that this situation will get worse. And worried that the number on incidents with e-bikers will explode in this city if not addressed proactively... I have seen

neighborhoods in Encinitas that have heavy regulations on e-bikes and the young people use the road with respect due to an e-bike fatality. I don't want that to be the only way we learn to e-bike with respect

Thanks for reading my concerns

Drew

From: Kiersten Johnson <kierstenlr@me.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 4:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes

Hi there,

Thank you for the opportunity to present my perspective on E bikes. I absolutely agree with a minimum E bike age of 12. I also believe that anyone under age 18 should have to do some sort of class or get a permit, etc. to be able to operate an e-bike on Carlsbad streets. I think this is a public health concern as it's a growing problem with young kids riding bikes and not being in control. There are gangs of young kids riding bikes around doing unsafe things making it unsafe for others who are around. There have been many accidents and I fear it's inevitable that there may be a youth mortality. As a parent of kids under age 12, I do not allow them to ride bikes. There is a growing trend that when a kid goes to middle school, which is in sixth grade in Carlsbad, they "need" to get an e-bike to be able to fit in with all of the other kids who have them. We live in a wealthy area so people can afford to buy their kids e-bikes so there are more in this area. Even kids who have some training and instruction from their parents still don't have fully developed frontal cortexes and may make poor decisions, particularly under the pressure of peers. For this reason, I hope that Carlsbad moves forward with minimum age requirements for operating E bikes and also considers permitting or classes to be able to operate e-bikes as a minor.

Thank you for your time,

Kiersten Robertson, MPH (she/hers)
1.949.500.9432

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From: Oriana Ehlen <orianaehlen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 4:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Regarding Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission Meeting
Attachments: Creating Safer Streets-School Assignment, Oriana Ehlen.pdf

Hello!

My name is Oriana Ehlen and I'm a current resident of Carlsbad. I recently became aware of your Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission Meeting regarding the requirement for a minimum age for E-Bikes.

Ironically, I recently did an assignment on this topic as we were called to create a presentation that focused on solving a local issue. I chose to write about E-bikes and my thesis was that we introduce a phased licensing system.

I've attached my assignment as a PDF for your review and consideration during your meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions and I hope that your meeting is another step in protecting the people!

Thank you for your time!
Oriana Ehlen

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From: Shandecarpenter@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 3:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Hello,

I would LOVE the minimum age to be 16 and require a license to ride an e-bike.

Though it seems California has a massive amount of parents who don't want to be burdened by driving their children to/from school or activities and would rather risk them being injured or killed on an E-bike.

So, I will settle with 12 year olds since that's the new law in California and other cities have adopted it in San Diego County.

I also believe that at a minimum they should be mandated to take a safety course and pass a written test. They should have to carry proof of both with them whenever they ride an e-bike (or be cited for not having it).

Another city in San Diego county also prohibited people under 16 from allowing a passenger on their e-bike. It would great if Carlsbad could follow suit.

Thank you,
Shande

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From: Bob Popeney <rpopeney@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 3:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

My wife and I strongly support a minimum age for minors to ride E-Bikes and in fact would support an older limit than 12. Our granddaughter's best friend lost her brother when he was hit by a truck while riding his E-Bike on El Camino Real. In fact, we would support a minimum age of 16 for E-Bikes on major streets such as El Camino Real, Calle Barcelona and similar streets where we see kids riding their bikes in the middle of the street and making left turns in major traffic. How many children are going to die or be seriously hurt before government agencies do something to protect them.

Respectfully,

Bob & Gail Popeney
2348 Zodiac Street
Carlsbad

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From: Hillary Ellis <ellisartconservation@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 1:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Against Minimum Age for e-Bikes

To City Council and the Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

I would like to ask what is behind a sudden need to decide whether families and children are allowed to ride their e-bikes in our city without facing police ticketing and fines. Are we listening to a vocal group of car-dependent people who do not have school-age children? In a community with no school buses, how do we expect kids to get to school? For any parent with a child in school, we have all adjusted to new rules. We got our kids into the safe-biking classes taught by the city so that they could be allowed to ride to school. But, from speaking with neighbors and others in the community, there are plenty of people who are unaware that all kids are required to take a bike safety course before being allowed to ride to school.

While I agree with addressing reckless riding and unsafe use of e-bikes, I do not agree with minimum age requirements. My family and I ride e-bikes together with my 11-year-old, as we are working to teach him the rules of the road and coach him through the safest way to cross intersections and navigate traffic to get to school. Our goal would be that from age 11 to 14, he is learning safe e-bike riding from us, through City-led education programs, and becoming ready to bike to high school on his own. We are a family that commutes, shops, visits the village and beach, all by e-bike. We have done so safely for years, and I disagree with rules that penalize families and kids who follow rules of the road. I understand that not every family is like ours. Some kids do not have parents who bike with them. That is where the City's traffic safety courses have really come to be useful in filling the gap in knowledge for kids in our community.

Until this city offers school buses to get all children to school safely, I do not feel it is fair to penalize children who have chosen to ride to school on e-bikes. Why would we further set up a system of car dependency where every family is driving their own vehicle to school drop-off and pick-up, creating a traffic nightmare? We don't need more e-bike laws enforced on people under the age of 18. We need police writing speeding tickets for drivers in our neighborhoods and school walk/bike zones, where a posted speed limit is ignored and cars are going 45-55mph. At these speeds, cars are likely to kill a person walking or cycling.

Please continue Safer Streets Together programs that focus on education, infrastructure, Safe Routes to School. And please use our City's police enforcement resources for things more important than kids and families riding bikes.

Hillary Ellis
Carlsbad Resident
Family E-Bike Rider

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From: Pj Fagaly <pj.fagaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 1:11 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

I am favor of making the minimum age 12 for e-bike riders.

P Fagaly

3121 Madera Ct

Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: Mary Tichi <marytichi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: EBikes and Children

Dear Folks,

My input regarding eBike and ages in our community is to make ALL age restrictions to 16years+ old for all classes of ebikes. Yes, this is higher than the 12year age limit you are considering.

Children on eBikes are completely out of control in the La Vosta Valley area. As a driver, I do not know if they will follow rules of pedestrian, a normal pedal bicycle in bike lane, or that of an automobile on the roadway. These kids do not understand rules of the road, nor respect rules of the road. I have had many close calls with ebikers on the road, weaving unexpectedly in front of my car. And we have all seen these kids do wheelies and weaving thru traffic on our busy streets. Specifically, I am referring to Rancho Sante Fe and La Costa Ave.

12yr olds are still children and should not be on motorized vehicles on our city streets. More children will lose their lives as our community continues to build and even more automobiles are on our roadways. With the obesity issues in our country, make these kids simply peddle a regular bicycle for transportation. There is no need for them to be driving WITHOUT A LICENSE on these ebikes on our roadways.

Kids should be using their legs to pedal bicycles versus operating motorized vehicles (ebikes) without a license and zero consequence for breaking rules of the road.

Thank you,
Mary Tichi
La Costa Resident

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From: Joan Schulte <joan@joanzee.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:29 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike minimum age

I wholeheartedly approve of establishing a minimum age for e-bikes as well as a few more rules, such as:

1. Mandatory helmets
2. Only one person per bike
3. Significant fine for riding on the sidewalks or anywhere outside of the bike lanes
4. Riding no more than 15 miles per hour in the bike lanes

Addressing this situation has been a long time coming. It was a problem during the pandemic when kids were given e-bikes just to get them out of the house and it has continued to be a problem as traffic rules and bike etiquette are generally ignored.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

A long-time Carlsbad resident and bike (other than e-bike) enthusiast,
Joan Schulte

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From: EM Fawls <lv2swm@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 11:13 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for ebikes

I think minimum age for ebikes should be 12 or older. There are large groups of middle school kids especially around Pine Park & Barrio who ride blocking traffic & doing wheelies with front wheel off the road while riding fast. Another area are the roads around Aviaria Oaks when school lets out same thing large groups of riders many riding double & not riding in bike lanes but in front of cars. The other day a group going up Avenida Encinas were filming cars while riding 2 bikes to a lane.

It would be great to limit riders to age 14 & above but at least limiting to the age of 12 is a start. Ebikes are dangerous vehicles & young kids aren't mature or fully developed to handle them.

Ellen Fawls
538 Wind Sock Way
Carlsbad CA 92011

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From: John DeMaio <jmodemaio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 9:02 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age e-bike 14

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From: Carrie Gillett <carrie.gillett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 7:52 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Input

Minimum age for riding an e-bike should be at least 12.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: tlarysa@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 9:15 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bikes

Minimum age for bikes should be 14 and they should have an e-bike license of some kind.

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From: ANN POSSINGER <apossinger@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 8:28 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike age issue

I don't know what the appropriate age should be. I've never had kids, but I've seen groups of inconsiderate & unsafe e-bike riders. My thought is that they should have to take a class or get a license which presumes you've taken & passed a class on safe and proper bike riding. And perhaps schools could hold some classes as well.

I know that having a license doesn't guarantee safe driving, but they need to **learn** about safe riding/driving on the roads. Parents ought to be concerned about this if they want their kids to keep on living.

Ann Possinger

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From: K Jeff <jeffrey.kristin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 8:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: support ban -EBike use under 12 YO

Hello

I support the ban of eBike use in persons under 12 years of age in Carlsbad.

Kristin Jeffrey
2703 Bressi Ranch Way, Carlsbad, CA 92009
760-783-7786

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From: Jamie Feyk <jamie.feyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 7:18 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age limits

Hello,

I wanted to share my input regarding minimum age requirement for e-bikes. I firmly believe anyone on an e bike should have their drivers permit, which gives them a basic understanding of traffic and traffic safety. I hope the CA DMV incorporates an e-bike section into the permit application and exam. The e-bike minimum age should be 15 1/2 years old with a drivers permit at the very least. I am the Mom of a Sage Creek 2023 graduate, a 17 year old, and a 10 year old that won't be riding an e bike until he has a drivers permit.

The current e bike class requirement for CUSD is worthless and should actually test and teach the skills and ROTR. I'm so concerned for kids safety, I can't tell you how many times I see kids on e bikes zooming through stop signs, not wearing helmets the correct way, and just being menaces down in the village making dangerous decisions and potentially causing an accident. It's ridiculous and someone is going to get killed.

Thank you,

Jamie Feyk

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From: Jennifer Lopez <mrs.jennifer.lopez@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 7:15 PM
To: Traffic

Dear City of Carlsbad,

The minimum age should be at least 12 years of age to operate an ebike unsupervised. After 12, a special certification or license should be required to operate an ebike. I regularly drive the streets of Carlsbad, specifically, up and down tamarack to drop my kids off at school. While I agree with the minimum age requirement of 12 and would even like to see the minimum age at 12 years of age to ride unsupervised by an adult, many of the children riding their ebikes unsafely and breaking road laws and rules are over the age of 12. It is a very common occurrence. I often fear driving tamarack, not because of a lack of road safety on my part, but the lack of safety and common sense on the part of the children of all ages riding their ebikes in that area specifically. I see children blow past stop signs and red lights, fail to use hand signals, riding erratically and failing to stay safely within bike lanes on a daily basis to say the least. Therefore, for the safety of all ebike riders and the responsible law abiding adults driving these roads, it is my recommendation for a stringent age requirement as well as certification or licensure to operate an ebike.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer Lopez
949-680-6057 cell

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From: Joe Sardina <joesardina@proton.me>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 6:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Safety / Minimum Rider Age

The problem is NOT kids 12 and under riding e-bikes. The problem is older kids with no helmets, multiple kids on a bike, none holding on or with their hands on the handle bars, doing wheelies, kneeling or standing on the seat, ignoring stop signs / lights, riding everywhere and anywhere but rarely in the bike lanes etc. etc. What is needed is enforcement including taking away bike privileges for offenders with the length of time based on the seriousness of the infraction and number of infractions. Station an officer anywhere in the village and they could site dozens of reckless young riders everyday. I expect it to get worse once school restarts.

PS. There are some safe, conscientious young riders who obey traffic laws, use hand signals, wear helmets and pay attention to riding in / with traffic and pedestrians, however they are far outnumbered by those that don't. It would also be good to recognize them for their safe riding!

~ Joe Sardina
Canario St. 92008

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From: Brittany Stalica <bri2tt22@aim.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum age

Please set the 12+ age limit on e-bikes for their safety and the safety of others on/near the roads.

Young children do not understand the risks of riding bikes with cars on major roads. There are no crumple zones or airbags, and I often see even teenagers being "to cool" to properly fasten their helmet.

I rode my e-bike to my child's school every day for school pick-up and will admit it feels more risky than driving a car! We loved the experience, but it required my full attention to anticipate cars, pedestrians, construction zones, broken branches... at the increased speeds.

Thanks,
Brittany Stalica

P.S. Thank you for all your hardwork making safe bike lanes! I love my e-bike and look forward to feeling safe riding it to more places in the future!

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From: Brooke Funderburk <bmfunde@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Please establish e-bike minimum age limit

Please establish an e-bike minimum age limit of at least 12. In addition, everyone under the age of 18 should be required to wear a helmet. Children under 16 should also only be allowed to ride on neighborhood streets and trails. Thank you for addressing this dangerous issue!

Brooke Monetta

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From: Pat Phillips <movinon22@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bikes

I concur with the assessments that 12 years should be the minimum age restrictions of e-bikes classifications 1 & 2. In addition all e-bike riders including classifications 1,2&3 should be required to attend a safety class and all bikes should be registered.

Regards,
Pat Phillips, Carlsbad resident

PS a big shout out - THANK YOU FOR REMOVING THE KELLY TRAFFIC CIRCLE.

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From: uberjenn39@icloud.com
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 11:50 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

I have seen a middle schooler crash into a parked car. The older the better. I think high school age would be more appropriate than 12.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Chris Davis <chris.e.davis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2025 10:24 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on E-Bike Minimum Age - Support to Prohibit E-Bike Use by Children Under Age 12

Dear Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on a minimum age for e-bike riders. I am a parent and resident of Carlsbad and am writing to express my strong encouragement for a minimum age of 16, as well as a requirement for some form of licensing for powered vehicles.

The increasing prevalence of e-bikes, especially among younger riders, has introduced new safety concerns on our roads and pathways. The speeds and behaviors associated with many of these bikes are more akin to motorized vehicles than traditional bicycles. A 12-year-old, regardless of their proficiency on a pedal-powered bike, may lack the maturity and traffic knowledge to operate an e-bike safely in all situations. A minimum age of 16 is a more reasonable and responsible standard, aligning with the age at which individuals can begin to operate other motor-powered vehicles.

Furthermore, I urge the city to continue advocating for the ability to require a form of licensing for all powered vehicles, including e-bikes. Requiring a license or permit would ensure that riders have a basic understanding of traffic laws and safety principles before they are allowed to operate these bikes on public streets.

Thank you for considering my feedback and for your commitment to making our community safer for everyone.

Sincerely,

Chris Davis
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Daniel/Kathryn Eehn <kdeehn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 9:13 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes for 12 year olds & up

Hi,

I think making the age of 12 years before using ebike is a good idea. Younger kids can learn how to ride regular bikes first (like we did) before riding an ebike.

Thank you,
Kathryn Eehn
La Costa

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From: Susan Roberts <smroberts.58@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 6:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes

I would like to see stricter rules applied to children riding e-bikes. A minimum age of 12 should be adopted. I am in favor of going further and restricting children to only Class 1 bikes with some form of driver's education. I routinely see them performing wheelies, weaving in and out of traffic, and not obeying traffic laws. In addition, many are wearing helmets but not strapping them on. I am an avid bicyclist myself and I cringe when I see them riding on busy roads. They are too young to realize the danger of riding in traffic.

Susan Roberts

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From: Connie Smith-Ball <csmithball@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 12:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike age requirement

Good day

I see many instances of dangerous riding by kids and believe having a minimum age requirement that's similar to a learners permit time frame would be appropriate . Learning the rules of the road may go a long way in improving safety for the riders and vehicles. Times have changed. Kids attitudes have changed along with parental guidance. 12 year olds aren't mentally mature enough to understand the harm that can occur being wreckless and irresponsible with a gang mentality. Limiting the amount of kids riding together at one time if age 12 is the lawful age would detract from the impulse to run ramshod and act like mini gangs possibly. Just a thought.

Connie SmithBall

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From: Dorothy Doughty <beachgirl25dd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 12:41 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age for E-Bikes

I definitely approve of having a minimum age of 12 for e-bikes. There are too many young children riding recklessly around town on e-bikes. I am in favor of the highest age limit possible.

Dorothy Doughty
3745 Hibiscus Cir, Carlsbad, CA 92008

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From: Joe Lipsey <JWLipsey@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 12:32 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Should Carlsbad prohibit e-bike use under age 12?

I want to provide feedback on the proposal to prohibit e-bike use under age 12 in Carlsbad.

I am very much in favor of this proposal. In fact, I think the age should be 14 (or even 16), not 12.

My wife and I walk on the Pine to Tamarack seawall and the nearby sidewalks, daily. Every day when my wife and I drive on Carlsbad's streets, we observe totally "over-the-top" behavior by kids riding these bikes. They ride on pedestrian sidewalks, on the seawall walkway, and while riding on city streets. They do wheelies, they drive way too fast, they cut in and out of traffic, they endanger pedestrians, and they wantonly interfere with the flow of traffic. I am of course not speaking about *all* these kids, but there are a lot of them who are behaving in an unsafe manner. These bikes are capable of speeds that make them really unsafe for pedestrians who "get in their way." It's scary!

I really believe these bikes are a scourge on our city. It's very similar to the electric scooters that made life miserable for pedestrians and motorists not that long ago.

Hopefully, by restricting their use to those who are old enough to theoretically have the judgment and self control so that they are responsible in their behavior, would help.

I would also say that no matter what regulations you folks put in place, THEY MUST BE ENFORCED, otherwise it is just so much hot air and puffery. Is the city of Carlsbad truly committed to enforce these regulations, or are we going to continue to suffer from the poor behavior of the kids who have no business riding on our sidewalks and streets?

Can the city provide safety training to e-bike riders?

Thank you.

Joe Lipsey
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Carlsbad, CA 92011
(520) 975-0703 (mobile)
jwlipsey@msn.com

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From: Michael Humphrey <humphrey_m@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety for 12 y/o's and younger

I strongly favor restricting e-bikes to 12 y/o's and over. I've lived in Carlsbad for more than 50 years and am an avid walker and just last week was walking back from the Toyota service center on Avenida Encinas and Palomar Airport Road and had just walked through the Chestnut underpass of I-5 when an e-bike with 3 young kids turned from southbound Pio Pico onto westbound Chestnut with a minimal stop — just as a truck was pulling away from the northern curb. Fortunately the driver saw them soon enough and stopped, avoiding them. The smallest kid was the one “driving” and I’d be surprised if he was even 12. I personally think that 12 and under kids haven’t reached an age where they make sound choices and therefore favor the age restriction on e-bikes. This not first incident like this. A few months ago again while walking, 2 girls on an e-bike turned from Harding onto eastbound CVD at the Jack-in-the Box without stopping when they had a red light. Even though there was a break in the traffic on CVD, they should have stopped. I think failure to stop at intersections is a recurring theme with e-bikes, whatever the age, but is particularly dangerous with 12 and under.

M. Humphrey
3295 Westwood Drive
Carlsbad 92008

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From: Helga Stover <helga.stover@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 10:38 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input regarding E-bikes

I live in the Calavera Hills neighborhood across from the park and have first hand knowledge of the E-bike problems including wheelies in both lanes (despite cars in traffic), standing on seats, running stop signs, flipping off drivers, figure 8s going the wrong way, more than one rider per bike, riding through the basketball courts when people are playing basketball, and lots of texting and looking behind instead of ahead of themselves.

In addition, I witnessed a young boy crashing into the side of a stopped car on Cannon at the El Camino Real intersection. His bike accidentally hit the medium full speed through lack of attention. His face and body hit the car, and he was quite bloody as a result. I don't know if he was texting. Fortunately he received fast assistance and was transported to the hospital. I have no idea what the extent of his injuries were.
Very upsetting to see this.

I am in favor of stricter rules, and also think a test should be administered prior to them being allowed to ride the bikes. When I requested more police presence at the park after school, I was told I could talk to a school resource officer. That seemed like an insufficient response.

I am pleased that the City continues efforts to provide safer streets, and is looking more closely at the E-bike concerns.

Sincerely,

Helga Stover

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From: Daniel Quinn <DEQUINN@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 8:54 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum age

I support having a minimum age for children on e-bikes. I know the proposal is 12, I think it should be 14 years old. We need to do something though, so I support any proposal.

Dan Quinn
1969 E Pointe Ave
Carlsbad 92008

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From: Andre Estrada <andreestrada@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum Age

I believe the minimum age for class 1 and 2 e-bikes should be 16 years of age.

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From: Kevin Casey <k.casey@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 7:04 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Requirement

Hello,

I am a resident of Carlsbad (La Costa), and formerly an avid cyclist. I strongly support a minimum age requirement for kids to ride e-bikes on city streets. I have seen too many dangerous situations, and have kids pull in front of my car without looking on three occasion. Fortunately, nothing bad happened in any of these cases. Although age minimums will not prevent all accidents, I would think they will at least lessen the number. I would love to see ticketing (or at least warnings) for unsafe riding, including riding without a helmet (or with an unstrapped one).

I'm the mother of four adult sons, and thank my lucky stars that I didn't have to battle with my kids over whether or not they could have e-bikes!

Karen Casey

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From: Kevin Shotas <shotkev4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 6:00 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Minimum Age

Good afternoon Council,

I strongly recommend that there be a minimum age for E-bike riders. I am the step-father of a child (under 12) who was in a vehicle vs pedestrian accident as a passenger. I firmly believe that a child under 12 generally does not have the knowledge or experience to operate a motorized vehicle on public roads.

Also recommend that the city request/require all schools in Carlsbad to provide mandatory training/education to students who drive E-Bikes.

Thank you very much for your time.

Kevin Shotas
District 2

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From: Stephanie Wells <ms.sicily@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 5:48 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Support for Minimum Age Requirement for E-Bike Use

Dear Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission Members,

I am writing in support of establishing a minimum age of 12 for e-bike use in the City of Carlsbad.

As both a parent and community member, I believe this is a reasonable, common-sense measure to help keep our youngest riders safe. E-bikes are heavier and faster than traditional bicycles, and riders need a certain level of physical development, judgment, and traffic awareness to operate them safely.

Currently, Carlsbad Unified students who wish to park a bike or e-bike on campus must first attend a safety course and obtain a permit issued in partnership with the city. This process helps ensure riders understand the rules of the road, how to ride defensively, and the importance of safe behavior.

I encourage the city to consider pairing any age limit policy **with an expansion of this proven permit program beyond school campuses**. A citywide permit requirement, tied to a basic safety course, could apply to all e-bike riders under 16, ensuring they are also trained to safely ride on our streets.

Setting an age limit, paired with strong education and accountability measures, will help protect our children, improve public safety, and foster a culture of responsible riding in Carlsbad.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the safety of our community.

With gratitude,
Stephanie Wells
D1 Resident, Citizens Academy & Citizens Police Academy

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From: Johanna Marcelino <johanna.lowrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:01 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes age minimum

Hello,

To whom it may concern, I can not attend the meeting, but as a parent and long time resident of Carlsbad, I STRONGLY support creating a minimum age requirement for ebikes. I would actually prefer age 14+, but appreciate that any age at all is being great discussed. My 13 year old would be mortified to see I'm suggesting 14+, but these middle school kids are a major part of the problem. Thank you for your problem solving steps and appreciate your community focus.

Best,

Johanna

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From: Communications
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 3:19 PM
To: Traffic
Cc: Lindsey Hansen
Subject: FW: City Manager's Update: Aug. 7, 2025

From: jbcumming@aol.com <jbcumming@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:36 PM
To: Communications <communications@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Re: City Manager's Update: Aug. 7, 2025

Set the minimum age for e-bikes the same as for all other motor vehicles.

----- Original Message -----

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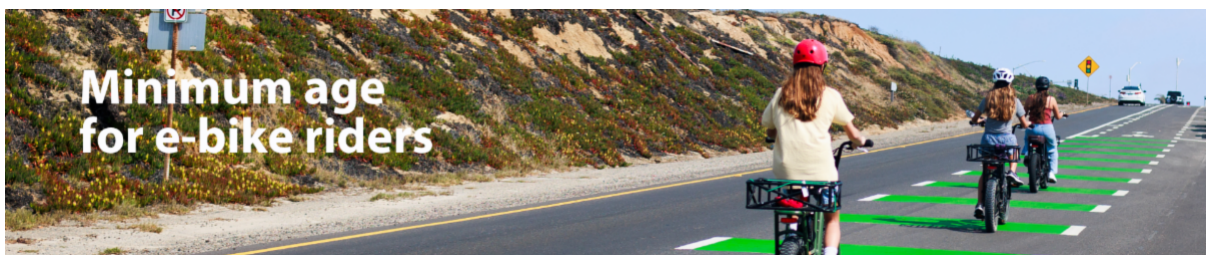
News from the City of Carlsbad | Aug. 7, 2025

The city wants to hear from community members about whether we should establish a minimum age of 12 to ride an e-bike in Carlsbad. Today, I'll share how you can provide your input.

Sticking to the theme of traffic safety, the city recently completed street improvements near Kelly Elementary school, right in time for the first day. I've got a [behind-the-scenes video](#) that shows the before and after, with project details in today's update.

Here's the full lineup:

- Provide input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders
- Carlsbad Police Department hosting classes to help kids ride safely
- Kelly and Park street improvements complete in time for school
- Enhancing fire detection in Carlsbad
- Doo-wop on tap at Friday's TGIF concert
- City earns award for financial reporting
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- Carlsbad celebrates National Night Out



Provide input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders

The City of Carlsbad's [Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission](#) will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. to gather community input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

- The City Council [requested](#) that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for City Council consideration.
- When we asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.

The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#). Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to "class 1" and "class 2" e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes, which have a higher maximum speed, already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes](#).
- State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.

How to provide input

The City Council is seeking community input before considering whether to establish the e-bike minimum age here in Carlsbad. There are two ways to provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.



Carlsbad Police Department hosting classes to help kids ride safely

To help get Carlsbad students ready to head back to school, the Carlsbad Police Department is hosting three bike and e-bike safety classes this month, which cover:

- The rules of the road for bike and e-bike riders
- Carlsbad specific e-bike laws
- Traffic signs and signals and what they mean
- Where to ride in specific situations, including on neighborhood roads or busy streets

Registration is already full for the first two classes, but there are a few spaces left in the third class:

Saturday, Aug. 23
Georgina Cole Library
1 to 2 p.m.

The class is free, but registration is required. If you have school-aged kids, [register today](#) before this class fills up. I also encourage you to check with your principal for any special requirements for parking a bike or e-bike on campus.



Kelly and Park street improvements complete in time for school

Speaking of back-to-school season, construction is now complete on street improvements along Kelly Drive and Park Drive, just in time for the new school year at Kelly Elementary.

In June, the City Council directed staff to remove the yellow ceramic domes that had formed interim traffic circles along Kelly Drive and move forward with other options for [street improvements](#), including:

- Enhancing pedestrian crosswalks
- Repaving and restriping intersections to meet current city standards
- Installing all-way stops on Kelly Drive at Park Drive and Hillside Drive

Crews got to work right away, starting construction the following week. We worked quickly over the summer break to minimize impacts on school traffic, completing the work before students return later this month.

This video shows the [before and after](#), plus highlights of the construction work in action.



In addition to these near-term improvements, the City Council asked staff to explore concepts that do not include roundabouts, as were previously planned. Staff will

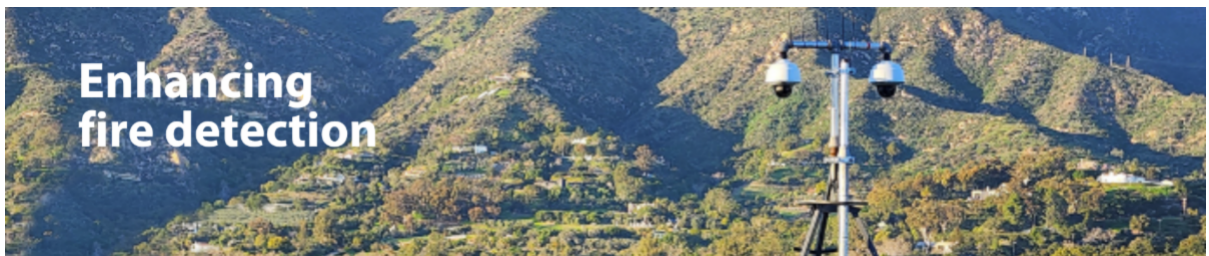
return to a future City Council meeting to present those longer-term options and address resident concerns with speeding, safety and connectivity.

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Remember, the [city's construction map](#) shows where city road projects are happening that might impact your commute. The map is updated weekly to help you avoid or minimize traffic delays and detours that often come with construction.

The map only shows city projects. It doesn't include construction projects by local utilities, private companies or other agencies.

Caltrans and SANDAG asked us to remind you that Build NCC crews are continuing a [series of nighttime closures](#) along Pio Pico Drive between Tamarack and Magnolia avenues. That stretch of road will close from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly through Saturday, Aug. 9.



Enhancing fire detection in Carlsbad

The City of Carlsbad will explore installing wildfire monitoring cameras on city-owned properties, under a plan the City Council approved July 29. This initiative is part of a partnership between the Carlsbad Fire Department, Carlsbad Municipal Water District and the University of California, San Diego's [ALERTCalifornia](#) program.

ALERTCalifornia is a statewide network of more than 1,100 high-definition wildfire cameras that provide real-time visibility of wildland areas. The cameras allow emergency responders to detect and monitor fires early, improve response times and enhance coordination during emergencies.

- Following City Council direction, the Carlsbad Fire Department will evaluate potential installation sites across the city.
- One location currently under review is the La Costa High Reservoir site on Corintia Street in the La Costa Ridge neighborhood.

- Public outreach will be conducted before moving forward with any specific location.

This project reflects the city's commitment to public safety and wildfire preparedness, with transparency and community involvement guiding every step of the process.

[Learn more](#)



Doo-wop on tap at Friday's TGIF concert

Catch the last [TGIF concert](#) at Calavera Hills Community Park this Friday before the concerts move to Alga Norte Community Park next week. Tomorrow, you can dance along to the style and rhythm of The Honeydrops, a vibrant, female-fronted, five-piece band that brings vintage R&B, Rockabilly, Jump Blues, Soul and Doo-Wop to life.

Friday, Aug. 8
Field opens at 4 p.m.
Concert starts at 6 p.m.
Calavera Hills Community Park
2997 Glasgow Drive



Sing-a-long jam session and guitar art

Stop by the pop-up art booth near the east security entrance to join in a sing-a-long jam session before the concert begins (4:30 to 5:30 p.m.) and create colorful guitar art from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free shuttle and bike valet

- Parking is available at Sage Creek High School, 3900 Cannon Road. Free shuttles will run continuously from 4:15 to 9:15 p.m. to pick up concertgoers from the school to transport you to and from the concert.
- Parking is limited, so take advantage of our complimentary bike valet service at the concert location.

Helpful tips

- Low-back chairs (which sit lower than 8 inches from the ground) are welcome.
- Seating is limited, so please only take the space that you need when setting up for your group.
- Service animals are allowed, but please leave pets at home.
- [Here's a list of the items](#) that are allowed and what to avoid.
- Remember, all concertgoers will go through a quick screening process. [This video](#) shows what you can expect.

TGIF sponsor shoutout

In recent years, prices for vendors and supplies for our TGIF Concerts in the Parks have increased significantly. Sponsors help the city cover those costs and maintain our nine-concert lineup. Thank you to these generous TGIF sponsors:

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City earns award for financial reporting

The [Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada](#) recently notified the City of Carlsbad that our fiscal year 2023-24 [annual financial report](#) earned the Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 35th time, and the 28th year in a row.

- The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.
- You can think of it sort of like a corporate financial report.
- Preparing this report includes an independent audit, the results of which are also included in the report.

[Learn more about city finances](#)



Community events and activities

Here are some City of Carlsbad events and activities coming up soon at our libraries, community centers and the Carlsbad Senior Center.

- [Cinema Club Friday, "La Famille Bélier"](#) – Friday, Aug. 8, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dove Library
- [Concerts in the Courtyard: Dylan's Steel Drum Band](#) – Saturday, Aug. 9, 5 to 6 p.m., Dove Library
- [Courtyard Concert: Daniel Newheiser](#) (adults 50+) – Monday, Aug. 11, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Carlsbad Senior Center
- ["Printed & Stitched" exhibit](#) – Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., William D. Cannon Art Gallery

- [Reel Wednesday, "The Hate You Give"](#) – Wednesday, Aug. 13, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dove Library

Find more activities and information in our [city calendar](#), the Senior Center's [Seaside Insider newsletter](#) and our [Summer Community Services Guide](#).

Upcoming city meetings

There are no city meetings next week, but several of our boards and commissions will be meeting later this month. You can see the full [meeting schedule on our city calendar](#).

You're welcome to attend city meetings in person and they're [livestreamed](#) on the city's website and available to watch afterward.



Carlsbad celebrates National Night Out

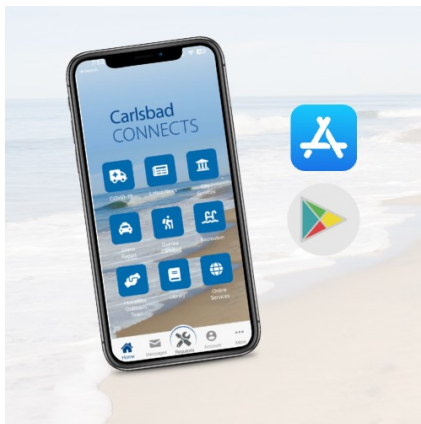
I thought I'd conclude by sharing some pictures from Tuesday's National Night Out, when public safety personnel visited block parties throughout the city.

Each August, we tailor this national event to encourage neighbors to get to know each other and meet members of the city's Police and Fire departments. After all, strong community connections help keep Carlsbad safe.



Thank you to all who participated and to our entire community, have a great weekend!

Geoff Patnoe
City Manager



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From: lizanne4@twc.com
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum age for e-bikes

Dear Carlsbad City Council,

We support a prohibition for e-bike use by children under a certain age. For Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes we would support the age of 12.

We would also support a more stringent requirement of age 14 or 16.

Thank you,
Lizanne Clark
Mike Pimental

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From: bventinove@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 2:52 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike minimum age

I live on Chestnut Avenue, near Highland.

On a daily basis many teenagers ride on Chestnut, some use the bike lanes and observe traffic rules and basic safety measures, but most use the whole street to race, display they tricks, race, cross into traffic, do sudden change of directions, ride 4 or more side by side etc. posing a great risk to themselves but also to the drivers who can do very little to avoid them. I am surprised there hasn't been a major accident or death yet!

Someone who rides a bike unsafely will do it whether the bike is electric or not, but the sustained speed of an electric bike and the excitement to ride one greatly multiply the potential for accidents.

In my opinion 12-13 years old can easily bike around the neighborhood to reach school or activities. If the destination is so distant as to requires a motorized vehicle, then it is probably too far for a child to go alone!

But I do not think the real problem are the 12-13 year old riders, the problem are the 14-18 teens!

Instead of lowering the age enforce and establish very strict rules, for everyone, including seizure of the bikes if caught doing tricks or unsafely travelling outside the bike lanes. Maybe a license plate for ebikes would not be such a bad idea!

Dangerous drivers could be traced and warned.

By the way I own and use an ebike, so I would have to pay for the license and must observe all rules too.

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From: Nikole Slagal
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 2:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Limit

Distinguished Council Members:

Due to the possible speed and power of e-bikes, I believe that there should be an age limit for e-bike riders of at least 12 years of age.

Regards,

Nikole Slagal (Carlsbad resident)

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From: Kathy Williams <kathyloves2sing@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 1:43 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum age

I definitely support having minimum age of at least 12. I also support providing more education. There's too much reckless driving of kids on E bikes in Carlsbad that could not only cause accidents for them but also for drivers trying to avoid them.

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From: Gisela Rivera <giselainspires@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike minimum age in Carlsbad

Re: community input before considering whether to establish the e-bike minimum age here in Carlsbad

Yes, I support an age minimum of 12 to operate an e-bike in Carlsbad.

I would actually prefer to see the age minimum be 13 because I have observed that when children become 13 they tend to assume more responsibility for their behavior, because now they are teens. However, I'm guessing this has already been discussed.

Thank you for soliciting input from the community. You make Carlsbad a great place to live.

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From: Kathleen Schmid-yancey <kschmidyancey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 12:49 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes restricted to children 12 & up

Being in education for 40 years and seeing children from preK to 8th grade, I can attest to the developmental necessity & for safety reasons to put this 12 & up restriction into law. We need to protect our community children from having accidents with cars when their brains aren't developed enough to make those quick & wise decisions.

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From: Melissa Clark <mrclark2262@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 12:32 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age restrictions

To whom it may concern,

I am a 44 year resident of Carlsbad and the popularity of the E-bike has brought a whole new game to road safety. It's understandable that these have become such a popular item. But there is a big void in responsible use. Age is definitely a factor and as fast as I see some of these bikes moving, (35 mph plus!) the potentiality of a serious accident is almost guaranteed. It's obvious that many parents just buy the bikes and turn the kid loose on the streets. I've been cut off, nearly hit and continue to see them fly through stop signed, not even slowing down. The other potential hazard is the riding on sidewalks where pedestrians and their children or dogs should be able to travel without jumping out of the way of an E-bike coming head on. I have also seen property damage from the E-bikes with wide tires going through landscaping including tearing up the landscape in Poinsettia Park. What ever controls or even education that could be implemented regarding this matter I am all for and feel it's much past due. Let's expedite solutions to this problem.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa Clark
6422 Torreyanna Circle
Carlsbad CA 92011

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From: Rich Sherwood <rsherwood001@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 12:23 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Please raise the minimum age for e-bikers to 12. Younger children are not capable of discerning vehicle speeds or risks on the road.

Thank you,
Richard Sherwood
Carlsbad, CA

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From: Mark Silver <katchauds@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:51 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Proposed minimum age law for ebikes

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a Carlsbad resident.

I am very much in favor of a law requiring a minimum age (the older the better) for an individual to operate an ebike in Carlsbad.

I personally witness way too much dangerous and reckless behavior by young children who are operating these bikes, and if there is some way to lessen the incidence of potential injuries, and worse yet, fatalities in our community, I believe the legislation is warranted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Silver

6825 Citrine Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: John S. Wright <johnswright@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:37 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Let Kids Be Kids

The greatest threat to childhood development and safety is the phone screen.

Anything that gets children away from them is to be encouraged. An eBike that helps a kid get up and down Carlsbad's copious hills is a benefit to the child, encouraging exposure to fresh air, UV rays, friends, exploration, and exercise.

Please continue safety & education efforts and curb the instinct to regulate.

Regards,
John Wright
2727 Llama Ct.

P.S. As a 70s/80s kid, come on!

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From: Barbara Zaino <bzaino2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for riding a bikes

Like my husband, I also feel very strongly that the City of Carlsbad should adopt a minimum age of 12 for riding E bikes. This would be a very good thing for the safety of our kids.

Barbara Z

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From: Robb Zaino <rzaino5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for riding a bikes

I feel very strongly that the City of Carlsbad should adopt A minimum age of 12 for riding E bikes. This would be very good thing for the safety of our kids.

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From: Seema Sandhu <soseemehere@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike.

Good morning!

I wanted to let you know that having kids on an e-bike is a menace and should not be permitted without a license. We get a drivers license at 16 and kids should be allowed to drive them. Rebranding it and calling it e-bike does not make it less dangerous because of the high speeds. I have so many kids out now for summer in my neighborhood and they don't follow the rules and are reckless.

Thanks!

Seema

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From: Roy La Forge <skip7566@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 10:11 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike minimum age of 12

To whom it may concern,
I support making the minimum age of 12 to operate an e-bike.
Roy La Forge
Carlsbad Resident of 47 years
Sent from Skip La Forge's iPhone

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From: Gail Lynn <gail.mail614@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 10:05 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E- bikes

Dear Traffic Commission,

We support a minimum age of 12 for Class 2 and 3 E-bikes in Carlsbad.

Please note:

Many teens are still not wearing helmets and riding 2 on a bike without a second seat or back pegs to hold their feet up.

Thank you for asking for our feedback.

Sincerely,

Gail Lynn
Douglas Lynn
3517 Simsbury Ct,

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From: Lana Brinkmann
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 10:04 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum age of ebike riders

There should definitely be a law passed stating riders must be at least 12 years old. Younger children have no concept of road safety and frequently are seen performing dangerous maneuvers.

Lana Brinkmann

Circulation Clerk
Library and Cultural Arts
City of Carlsbad
1635 Faraday Ave.
Carlsbad, CA 92008
www.carlsbadca.gov | lane.brinkmann@carlsbadca.gov

From: Stacey Baker <bakerstacey2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety

I am in huge favor of ANY laws being put in place regarding e-bike safety in Carlsbad. Age 12 still feels way too young. Some of these “bikes” are motorcycles with the ability to go over 60mph. These are children riding around without even a permit on basically a motorcycle with pedals. They don’t know the bike laws let alone the laws of driving.

In addition to the obvious safety issues is the behavior that comes along with these “biker gangs”. They have adopted the gang mentality and lifestyle and are harassing and terrorizing the community. Something needs to be done about it. It is a menace to our Carlsbad society.

Parents are letting their children run wild as free range kids and there doesn’t seem to be any accountability on their whereabouts or behavior .

So yes. In favor of an age restriction to maybe 14 at least. And stricter guidelines for safety and rules made specifically for e-bike use.

This all happened so fast and the laws were not in place to address the sudden popularity of these things. But now is the time to make Carlsbad safe and keep kids and the community peaceful around the use of the e-bikes.

Sent from my iPhone, which means this message will most likely contain typos!

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From: Jeff DAVIES <davies4047@rogers.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 9:25 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Age

Yes, I strongly support a minimum age for e-bikes. We often see young people on e-bikes sometimes with 1 or 2 passengers. It looks very dangerous when we see a child driving an e-bike and much worse when they have a passenger and sometime 2 passengers.

I think the status quo is dangerous for the young drivers and pedestrians and other drivers.

Jeff Davies

164 Chinguapin Ave

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From: JERRY LOCKARD <jklock@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 8:52 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bikes

I definitely support rules or laws limiting individuals under 12 from riding e bikes. All too often, I see them not obeying rules of the road like not stopping for stop signs or stop lights and riding recklessly on the road.

Jerry Lockard
2566 Glasgow Dr
Carlsbad, CA 92010

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From: Sarah Sherwood <sherwoodfam@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 8:44 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Please raise the minimum age for e-bikers to 12. Younger children are not capable of discerning vehicle speeds or risks on the road.

Thank you,
Sarah Sherwood
Carlsbad, CA

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From: Charisa Clarkson <cclarkson@microscopeworld.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: e bike minimum age

I definitely approve of the idea for a law of minimum age of 12 for ebikes.

Thanks,
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Charisa Clarkson
[Microscope World](#)

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From: Bill Arsenault <billarsenault1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 8:12 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum E-bike age usage

Hello,

Strongly urge you to pass legislation, to require all E-bike riders to be at least 22 years old. Personally think it should be 16.

Thank you for help save lives!

William Arsenault

Carlsbad

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From: Rachel Peoples <rlgproservices@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 7:34 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: EBiking & Pre-teens

Hello,

Currently I work in the City of Carlsbad and commute from San Marcos to Carlsbad daily. I am all in favor of not allowing kids under 12 to operate e-bikes in this city. So many times when I am driving in Bressi Ranch, near my work, I encounter reckless e-bikers. They drive like ants and do not follow the rules of the road. At that age they don't even know the rules of any road. I've encountered e-bikers with 3 girls on one bike in shorts and tank tops waiting at a light on Palomar Airport Rd where everyone is doing 60mph. So unsafe. There needs to be rules and restrictions for these kids because it's going to be too late by the time they are run over and hit by car when they are darting in and out of traffic. If the parents are not going to do anything about the safety of their pre-teens then the City needs to prohibit and enforce it.

Thanks,

Rachel Peoples

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From: Marcie Grube <marciegee@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 7:33 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Age Feedback

Hello,

I'm responding from last night's city e-newsletter about the min age of e-bike riders. I think the min age should be 12. I have witnessed quite a few "almost accidents" on the corner of Victoria and Carlsbad Village Drive with e-bikes and drivers. Please up the age, thanks!

Marcie Grube
Kingston St., Carlsbad

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"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." ~William Shakespeare

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From: Julie Less <julieless@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 7:17 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age

I think there should be a minimum age of 12 for e-bikes. I see too many kids near Calavera elementary/middle school riding e-bikes that don't know the rules of the road.

Julie Less

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ron Susi <ronsusi777@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 7:03 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E Bikes age requirement

I have 2 grandsons 13 & 11 years old that have been riding E bikes since they were 10 years old. We set the rules about helmets, safety and restricted the places they rode. It's a very good learning tool for these young kids, gives them confidence and some freedom to enjoy their play time. Its up to the parents to decide if their kid is ready to try this activity and the City should not restrict the age to 12. I feel most kids can accept the responsibility with parent supervision.

RON SUSI
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RONSUSI777@GMAIL.COM

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From: megan ahern <meganahern95@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 6:47 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bikes

Hello,

I would like to provide feedback on the efforts the legislative team and assembly member Boerner are putting forth to curtail dangerous e bike usage. I live across from Pine Park which has become a hot spot for reckless EBike usage. I want to point out that many of the children appear older than 12 and they have also been destroying property with their bikes.

I appreciate a proposed age limit, however ultimately this doesn't address the issue of public safety and property damage. E Bike riders need to be registered so that if they are apprehended for misuse of their bikes, injury to others/property they or their parents can be held accountable. It is to the point where the police will show up and just watch the kids destroy park grass, scream at pedestrians ect. Without the ability to reach parents/guardians I fear nothing will be accomplished.

To that effect, it would be interesting to know how one would enforce an age limit? Would they be required to show identification if asked?

These are questions that must be addressed. Thank you for your efforts on this!

-Megan

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From: Brandie Smith <brandie@rincontechnicalsearch.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 6:40 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike Laws

Hello:

I am writing to express my concern about the growing number of children under the age of 12 operating electric bicycles (e-bikes) in our community without any form of permit, safety training, or age-appropriate restrictions.

While e-bikes can be a great mode of transportation for older teens and adults, the reality is that younger children often lack the judgment and road awareness needed to safely operate a motorized bike in mixed traffic. I have personally witnessed several close calls involving children on e-bikes darting into intersections, riding against traffic, and failing to obey stop signs—behaviors that endanger not only the riders themselves but also the motorists and cyclists who must react in an instant to avoid collisions.

This is not simply a safety issue for the children—it is also a significant liability concern for drivers. In the unfortunate event of a crash, motorists are often placed in the impossible position of facing legal and emotional consequences for accidents they may have had no ability to prevent.

I respectfully urge the council to:

1. Establish a minimum age requirement (12 or older) for operating e-bikes on public streets.
2. Require permits or safety training for all riders under 18.
3. Implement clear enforcement measures to ensure compliance.

Our city has a responsibility to protect its youngest residents while also safeguarding drivers and pedestrians. A balanced, enforceable policy would help prevent avoidable tragedies and promote responsible e-bike use.

Sincerely,

Brandie

Brandie Smith

Partner

Rincon Talent Group



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www.rincontalent.com

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From: Pamela Reguindin <pamelahr2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 4:12 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes and age limit

City Council:

I think it's an excellent idea to limit e-bikes to kids older than 12. Actually I think 16 is better since they act like they're driving cars anyhow!

Pamela Howard-Reguindin
Resident, Calavera Hills

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From: Stephen Stewart <smstewart@me.com>
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2025 3:48 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike riders minimum age

I agree with proposal to require ebike riders be a minimum age of 12. Not sure how this will be enforced but it is a good idea.

Stephen Stewart
Carlsbad Resident

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From: Gail Loperena <gail.loperena@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 10:47 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: I support age 12 minimum for e-bikes, and lights on them at night!

I fully support making a law that for e-bike riders need to be 12 years old. They move very fast and children under the age of 12 are not experienced enough to navigate driving them among cars and trucks on our busy roads, nor do they know the rules of the road which keep us all safe. Furthermore, I implore you to require there to be a light illuminated on the vehicle while riding them in the dark at night! This is so dangerous!

Thank you, Gail Loperena
Carlsbad resident.

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From: Frank Sung <franksung01@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:31 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Fwd: City Manager's Update: Aug. 7, 2025

YES .. PLEASE ENACT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE E-BIKE RIDERS TO BE AT LEAST 12 YRS OR OLDER. FRANKLY, IT SHOULD BE 16 YRS OR OLDER .. FOR CLASS 1, 2, 3 E-BIKES. THX

Technically, this new law applies only to "class 1" and "class 2" e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes, which have a higher maximum speed, already have a minimum age of 16.

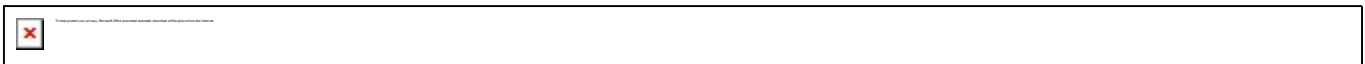
Frank Sung, Resident at 6717 Tea Tree Street Carlsbad

(m) 760-213-9036

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Subject: City Manager's Update: Aug. 7, 2025
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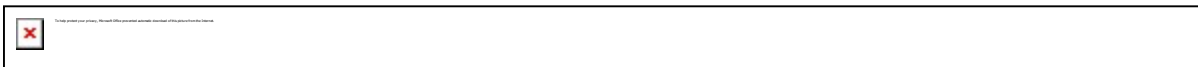
News from the City of Carlsbad | Aug. 7, 2025

The city wants to hear from community members about whether we should establish a minimum age of 12 to ride an e-bike in Carlsbad. Today, I'll share how you can provide your input.

Sticking to the theme of traffic safety, the city recently completed street improvements near Kelly Elementary school, right in time for the first day. I've got a [behind-the-scenes video](#) that shows the before and after, with project details in today's update.

Here's the full lineup:

- Provide input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders
- Carlsbad Police Department hosting classes to help kids ride safely
- Kelly and Park street improvements complete in time for school
- Enhancing fire detection in Carlsbad
- Doo-wop on tap at Friday's TGIF concert
- City earns award for financial reporting
- Community events and activities
- Upcoming city meetings
- Carlsbad celebrates National Night Out



Provide input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders

The City of Carlsbad's [Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission](#) will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. to gather community input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

- The City Council [requested](#) that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for City Council consideration.
- When we asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.

The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#). Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.

- Technically, this new law applies only to “class 1” and “class 2” e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes, which have a higher maximum speed, already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.

How to provide input

The City Council is seeking community input before considering whether to establish the e-bike minimum age here in Carlsbad. There are two ways to provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.

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Carlsbad Police Department hosting classes to help kids ride safely

To help get Carlsbad students ready to head back to school, the Carlsbad Police Department is hosting three bike and e-bike safety classes this month, which cover:

- The rules of the road for bike and e-bike riders
- Carlsbad specific e-bike laws
- Traffic signs and signals and what they mean
- Where to ride in specific situations, including on neighborhood roads or busy streets

Registration is already full for the first two classes, but there are a few spaces left in the third class:

Saturday, Aug. 23
Georgina Cole Library
1 to 2 p.m.

The class is free, but registration is required. If you have school-aged kids, [register today](#) before this class fills up. I also encourage you to check with your principal for any special requirements for parking a bike or e-bike on campus.



Kelly and Park street improvements complete in time for school

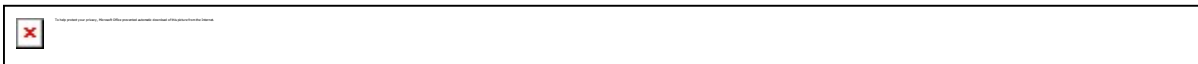
Speaking of back-to-school season, construction is now complete on street improvements along Kelly Drive and Park Drive, just in time for the new school year at Kelly Elementary.

In June, the City Council directed staff to remove the yellow ceramic domes that had formed interim traffic circles along Kelly Drive and move forward with other options for [street improvements](#), including:

- Enhancing pedestrian crosswalks
- Repaving and restriping intersections to meet current city standards
- Installing all-way stops on Kelly Drive at Park Drive and Hillside Drive

Crews got to work right away, starting construction the following week. We worked quickly over the summer break to minimize impacts on school traffic, completing the work before students return later this month.

This video shows the [before and after](#), plus highlights of the construction work in action.



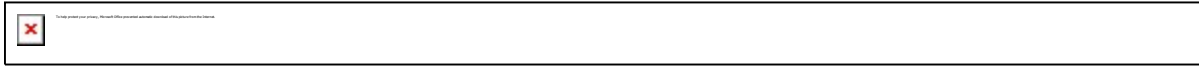
In addition to these near-term improvements, the City Council asked staff to explore concepts that do not include roundabouts, as were previously planned. Staff will return to a future City Council meeting to present those longer-term options and address resident concerns with speeding, safety and connectivity.

[Sign up to receive email updates](#)

Remember, the [city's construction map](#) shows where city road projects are happening that might impact your commute. The map is updated weekly to help you avoid or minimize traffic delays and detours that often come with construction.

The map only shows city projects. It doesn't include construction projects by local utilities, private companies or other agencies.

Caltrans and SANDAG asked us to remind you that Build NCC crews are continuing a [series of nighttime closures](#) along Pio Pico Drive between Tamarack and Magnolia avenues. That stretch of road will close from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly through Saturday, Aug. 9.



Enhancing fire detection in Carlsbad

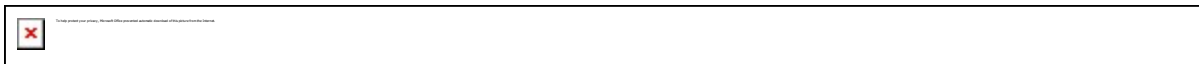
The City of Carlsbad will explore installing wildfire monitoring cameras on city-owned properties, under a plan the City Council approved July 29. This initiative is part of a partnership between the Carlsbad Fire Department, Carlsbad Municipal Water District and the University of California, San Diego's [ALERTCalifornia](#) program.

ALERTCalifornia is a statewide network of more than 1,100 high-definition wildfire cameras that provide real-time visibility of wildland areas. The cameras allow emergency responders to detect and monitor fires early, improve response times and enhance coordination during emergencies.

- Following City Council direction, the Carlsbad Fire Department will evaluate potential installation sites across the city.
- One location currently under review is the La Costa High Reservoir site on Corintia Street in the La Costa Ridge neighborhood.
- Public outreach will be conducted before moving forward with any specific location.

This project reflects the city's commitment to public safety and wildfire preparedness, with transparency and community involvement guiding every step of the process.

[Learn more](#)



Doo-wop on tap at Friday's TGIF concert

Catch the last [TGIF concert](#) at Calavera Hills Community Park this Friday before the concerts move to Alga Norte Community Park next week. Tomorrow, you can dance

along to the style and rhythm of The Honeydrops, a vibrant, female-fronted, five-piece band that brings vintage R&B, Rockabilly, Jump Blues, Soul and Doo-Wop to life.

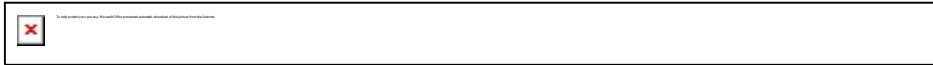
Friday, Aug. 8

Field opens at 4 p.m.

Concert starts at 6 p.m.

Calavera Hills Community Park

2997 Glasgow Drive



Sing-a-long jam session and guitar art

Stop by the pop-up art booth near the east security entrance to join in a sing-a-long jam session before the concert begins (4:30 to 5:30 p.m.) and create colorful guitar art from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free shuttle and bike valet

- Parking is available at Sage Creek High School, 3900 Cannon Road. Free shuttles will run continuously from 4:15 to 9:15 p.m. to pick up concertgoers from the school to transport you to and from the concert.
- Parking is limited, so take advantage of our complimentary bike valet service at the concert location.

Helpful tips

- Low-back chairs (which sit lower than 8 inches from the ground) are welcome.
- Seating is limited, so please only take the space that you need when setting up for your group.
- Service animals are allowed, but please leave pets at home.
- [Here's a list of the items](#) that are allowed and what to avoid.
- Remember, all concertgoers will go through a quick screening process. [This video](#) shows what you can expect.

TGIF sponsor shoutout

In recent years, prices for vendors and supplies for our TGIF Concerts in the Parks have increased significantly. Sponsors help the city cover those costs and maintain our nine-concert lineup. Thank you to these generous TGIF sponsors:

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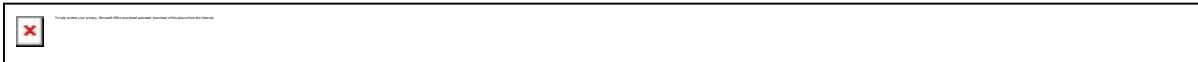


City earns award for financial reporting

The [Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada](#) recently notified the City of Carlsbad that our fiscal year 2023-24 [annual financial report](#) earned the Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 35th time, and the 28th year in a row.

- The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.
- You can think of it sort of like a corporate financial report.
- Preparing this report includes an independent audit, the results of which are also included in the report.

[Learn more about city finances](#)



Community events and activities

Here are some City of Carlsbad events and activities coming up soon at our libraries, community centers and the Carlsbad Senior Center.

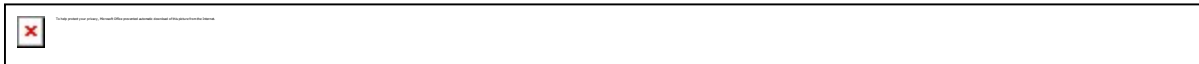
- [Cinema Club Friday, "La Famille Bélier"](#) – Friday, Aug. 8, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dove Library
- [Concerts in the Courtyard: Dylan's Steel Drum Band](#) – Saturday, Aug. 9, 5 to 6 p.m., Dove Library
- [Courtyard Concert: Daniel Newheiser](#) (adults 50+) – Monday, Aug. 11, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Carlsbad Senior Center
- ["Printed & Stitched" exhibit](#) – Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., William D. Cannon Art Gallery
- [Reel Wednesday, "The Hate You Give"](#) – Wednesday, Aug. 13, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dove Library

Find more activities and information in our [city calendar](#), the Senior Center's [Seaside Insider newsletter](#) and our [Summer Community Services Guide](#).

Upcoming city meetings

There are no city meetings next week, but several of our boards and commissions will be meeting later this month. You can see the full [meeting schedule on our city calendar](#).

You're welcome to attend city meetings in person and they're [livestreamed](#) on the city's website and available to watch afterward.



Carlsbad celebrates National Night Out

I thought I'd conclude by sharing some pictures from Tuesday's National Night Out, when public safety personnel visited block parties throughout the city.

Each August, we tailor this national event to encourage neighbors to get to know each other and meet members of the city's Police and Fire departments. After all, strong community connections help keep Carlsbad safe.



Thank you to all who participated and to our entire community, have a great weekend!

Geoff Patnoe



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From: Clint Phillips <acoldbeer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:47 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Regulations

I strongly support establishing E-Bike operational regulations in Class 1 and Class 2 categories that are consistent with existing Class 3 regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important traffic safety issue!

Clint Phillips
2989 Woodbury Ct.
Carlsbad, CA 92010

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From: K M <kmattesonphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:46 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Yes, I support ebikes for 12+ in Carlsbad

Hello Carlsbad City Council Members,

First, thank you for your work, time, efforts, and asking for resident input. I support that proposed law/rule that children must be 12 or older to ride an ebike in Carlsbad. Safe streets is what matters to all of us. Kids on ebikes ride farther away from home, just don't use the same judgement as others who are older and hopefully more mature, understand consequences a bit better.

Thank you for asking,
Kristin Matteson
Carlsbad Resident and Business Owner

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From: Diana Bauer <bauerdiana@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:11 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike Minimum Driver Age of 12

I fully support the minimum age of 12 for riders of e-bikes. It's the safest thing to do!
Diana Bauer
6582 Halite PL
Carlsbad, CA 92009

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:04 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: FW: E-bikes

For the Sept. 16 TS&M Commission Meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: Patty Robinson <pjrobinson6@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 4:18 PM
To: City Clerk <clerk@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: E-bikes

Hello,

I understand there will be a meeting on whether to prohibit e-bikes for children under 12, and would like to weigh in on the issue.

After many close calls with reckless e-bike drivers, I not only support this initiative, but feel that it does not go far enough. I think there should be mandatory classes for drivers without an actual driver's license. The e-bike itself should also have some kind of identification.

If the e-bikes stayed in bike lanes it would be different, but they are driven into lanes with heavy vehicles and it is extremely dangerous.

The question is whether they are bikes or cars? Automobile drivers need to be licensed and be at least 16 years old and so should e-bike riders if they are in traffic.

Thank you for addressing this important safety concern.

PJ Robinson

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From: AimeeChristo <aimee_c@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:59 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age on e-bikes

Hi. I saw the article in the email about minimum age in Carlsbad on e-bikes. I definitely think there should be a minimum age. I also think the kids should take classes and a test in order to drive them. I'm all for the minimum age of 12. Although I think 14 would be even better.

I have witnessed countless times kids are driving around with no helmet or a helmet that's not closed and popping wheelies while driving down tamarack that way.

I am a mom to a 16 and 10 year old and no way would I let them drive one before they are 14. My 16 year old now has her license and the e-bike riders near valley and chs scare me to death.

Definitely a minimum age. If 12 is the only option then I am for that.

Thanks,
Aimee
Sent from my iPhone

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From: John Rowan <jhr2001us@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum age to ride e-bike

should be 12 or more!

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From: Evelyn Headings <eheadings@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:49 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebikes

The minimum age for using ebikes should be 12.

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From: Shelley Grossman <shelceleste@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e- bike riders

I feel it should be at least 16 and with both a license and insurance. By doing this the parents would HAVE to be more involved with their riders, who are out of control now.

~Shelley Grossman
Basswood Avenue
A 38 year resident.

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From: R Roth <roths1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:32 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike riders

My wife and I are surprised at young kids riding ebikes right along with cars going 50 mph. I doubt young kids know the risks they are exposed to, or the years of experience driving that most of us have. It's hard to tell how old they are or how fast they are going, but it doesn't seem safe to us. We don't know how many severe injuries have occurred, so maybe it's not as bad as it seems. Carlsbad has very wide and well-marked bike lanes which is good to see.

12 years old seems too young to me even, but seems like have a law prohibiting younger than that makes sense. Not sure how much enforcement is being used for ebike speeds and age, but more attention on that might help also

Rob Roth

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From: mamonck177@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:29 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Lower Age for E-Bike Use

YES! Lower the age for e-bikes –ANY motorized conveyances – to twelve (12) And require parents to license these conveyances with youth education included.

There are so many young people exceeding the speed limit, riding in packs, doing wheelies, playing chicken at the train crossings, harassing Seniors at the Snr. Center and guilting littler kids to take additional risks by older kids.

P-L-E-A-S-E help save these youngsters!

M-A Monck
Tanglewood.

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From: T. K <toveliseking@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:14 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Pending e-bike regulation

I am writing to state my unequivocal support for mandating a minimum age of 12 for e-bikes.

Allowing any children on the roads with motorists is unbelievably dangerous. Allowing children under 12 on the road with motorists is absolutely insane.

Additionally, any minor who intends to ride on roads with automobiles should be required to take classes on the rules of the road, and they should be required to pass both a written and active (on the e-bike) exam.

I have lived in Carlsbad nearly 30 years and I have experienced countless incidents of young riders who either ignore the rules of the road or who are ignorant of those rules. They have no sense of risk and no awareness of danger. They ride double, they ride without helmets, they ride without shoes, and they do not know or use hand signals. It just takes one of those plus a driver using a mobile phone to result in injury or death.

Respectfully,

Tove L. King
3266 Avenida Anacapa
Carlsbad, CA. 92009-9301

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From: Doris Schiller <dorisschiller55@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:08 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike

Yes please raise the age for e-bikes to at least 12 with a training course required.
Doris Schiller

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From: Zack Shanaman <zack.shanaman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:05 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Requirement

Hello, I recently read that an age requirement for e-bikes was being considered. I think this a horrible idea and I cannot disagree with this more strongly. I have five children and our main mode of transportation is biking everywhere. It is one of best things about living in Carlsbad. My entire family can bike everywhere together; to school, the beaches, restaurants, playgrounds, etc. For us to be able to that we use e-bikes. My wife and I will take the youngest kids in cargo bikes, and my older son (10), will ride in between us on an e-bike that can only go 15mph. This allows us to travel together as family on bikes to everywhere we want to go in Carlsbad. Having my son ride an e-bike allows us to go more places safely and effectively. The idea that this could change would be devastating to our family. My son doesn't e-bike anywhere alone and as I previously stated, this is our primary mode of transportation. Parents should parent their children and be able to decide what works for them. Many kids rely on e-bikes as a main tool of transportation. Kids who don't ride safely or follow traffic rules should be punished, however, it should be up to the parents to decide what age they can achieve this at. As someone who bikes around town every single day, making multiple trips, I see far more bad drivers than e-bike riders. Maybe people over 65 shouldn't be allowed to drive? That would seem like an equivalent idea that could make the roads more safe. Obviously all 65 year olds don't drive poorly and punishing an entire age range for safety is ridiculous. This bill is ridiculous and feels like a punishment to families who rely on e-bikes as transportation method.

Thanks,

Zack Shanaman

Email: zack.shanaman@gmail.com
Phone: 908-803-8683

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From: Paula Ota <irvine453@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:02 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Children under 12 yrs should not be allowed to ride e-bike

Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12

Paula Ota
4090 Garfield St
Carlsbad

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From: Diana Blake <dianablakecpa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:54 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Support for minimum ebike age

My husband and I fully support the minimum age requirement for all e-bikes and would also support the age being higher (14 is preferable). We have a 12 and 10 year old and are waiting as long as possible to let them ride without an adult.

These e-bikes go so fast and can seriously injure these kids that are not fully mentally capable or trained to react quickly to dangerous situations.

We are grateful this change is hopefully coming before any more young kids get killed. Too many have already. Please keep pushing for licensing changes at the state level, since more required training is better for all who use the road.

Thank you,
Diana and Mike Blake

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From: Janelle Butler <Janelle@janellebutler.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:54 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike minimum age

PLEASE make the minimum age as high as possible. Should match drivers license laws.

These kids are not old enough and certainly not qualified to ride in traffic

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From: Dan Frazee <danhfrazee@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:45 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Students traveling to and from schools need to have an alternative form of reliable transportation to transit. E-bikes are a new solution to this issue that takes the impetus away from parents who prefer to provide something (other than the walking option) more than a scooter (motorized, or not) or a conventional bicycle.

Establishing a minimum age of 12 for operating this motorized mode of transportation (after participating in e-bike safety classes) is prudent, for safety and welfare reasons.

I heartily endorse this proposal, for the safety of the community's children and the driving public.

Dan Frazee
Carlsbad

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From: Robin Marks <robinmmarks2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: 12+ boys

We live on Harding near the Sr Center and park. Unfortunately, we see and hear a lot of younger groups of mostly 12-14 male e bikers in groups yelling foul language and driving recklessly in the area. They also bully mentally handicapped people. Their parents should be made aware of this behavior.

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From: Lisa-Anne French <dancinglaf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:25 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Ebike minimum age

This email is to give my input on the proposed e-bike minimum age here in Carlsbad. I absolutely believe the minimum age should be no less than 12 years old and preferably older. Please count my input during the decision making process.

Lisa-Anne French
6939 Brass Pl
Carlsbad 92009

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From: Larry Peifer <larrypeifer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:24 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

Input to city. I've been riding a bicycle for 70 years and still going strong. Now for 10 years on an e-bike. I fully support the idea of a minimum age of 12 for children riding a class 1 e-bike with only one person per bike. No class 2 bike until age 16. And helmets and shoes should be mandatory as well as completion of some type of training requirement.

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From: christine harrison <christine.harrison0@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:20 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety feedback for September meeting.

How likely is it that the state can change the law that prohibits cities from requiring a license for e-bike riding? And what is the reason for this - I can't imagine opposing anything that helps insure safety for bikers and auto drivers alike.

Giving 12 year olds and up the privilege of operating a motor vehicle, ie, an e-bike, on public roads without any kind of education of the rules of the road is foolish and irresponsible and I can't believe it's been allowed to continue for so long. These children are being given MOTORCYCLES. If requiring "licensing" is not allowed, can't we call it something else like "proof of education of rules of the road" or similar? Students who ride their e-bikes to school should not be allowed to do so unless they can prove they were educated and passed a test of knowledge of traffic laws. Unfortunately the enforcement of this would fall on the schools, which have enough to do already, but perhaps the minds of city governance can come up with a method.

I am disgusted by the laziness of parents who simply grant their children this privilege without requiring responsibility. Before any child is allowed to get on one of these vehicles, rules and laws that exist must be learned and there should be consequences when they are not followed, like monetary fines or impoundment.

Another problem I have seen with the rise of availability of these bikes is the mentality that develops when groups of riders, mainly males from what I've read and heard, feel emboldened to harass people, both young and elderly, because they have the new found power or being able to speed away from a confrontation if someone of authority intervenes, giving the youths a sense of invincibility.

I am a resident of Carlsbad but live practically on the border of Carlsbad and Encinitas and therefore most of my around-town driving is in Encinitas and I hope that the two cities will adopt similar requirements to help solve this issue.

Christine Harrison
7915 Roble Place
Carlsbad 92009

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From: Don Burton <djb83@netzero.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:15 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

I support the proposal to adopt a minimum age requirement to operate any e-bike within the city of Carlsbad.

Don Burton
7450 Esfera St 92009

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From: Pat David <campdavid@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:07 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: No ebiker under the age of 12.

Please accept my "vote" for not allowing any ebiker under the age of 12 to ride an e-bike in Carlsbad let alone any other city in California.

Pat David
2832 Lido Pl
Carlsbad 92008

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From: kristyn byrnes <byrneskb74@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:59 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: minimum age for ebikre

Absolutely there should be a minimum age. It should be 16 with a license. but if younger, helmets should be required and laws of the road should followed. Ebikes are all over the roads, ignoring street signs, and some are doing stupid tricks on the roads in front of driving cars. For some reason, I see police driving by and never saying anything. E-bikes are great if used safely and kids are held to the same laws as others on the road.

Thank you

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From: Megan Benner <megben@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:58 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: I agree with an age limit on E-bike

Hello Carlsbad City Council members,

I appreciate this motion to improve the safety of our children. I agree there should be an age limit on E-Bike use.

Thanks,

Megan Jolley

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From: BRUCE EGNEW <begnew@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:54 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E bike input

I advocate a minimum age of 14 for both driver and passenger and permanent confiscation of the bike if any-age driver or passenger is seen not wearing a helmet , running a red light or on an unregistered E bike. Severe, yes, but not as severe as death or permanent disability for a youngster or the impact for a driver of a car who is without fault involved in a tragic event.

Bruce Egnew
3360 Corte Panorama
Carlsbad

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From: Aysin Neville <aysinneville@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:53 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Min age for ebikes

Minimum age to operate an e-bike should be 15 as it goes as fast as a motorized vehicle. Kids are reckless with their speed without any seat belts to protect them!

Thanks

Concerned citizen!

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From: Seena Seward <seena_seward@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:48 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: age limits on ebikes

I support the city council's consideration imposing an age limit of 12 years old to operate an e-bike

Seena Seward

3431 Don Arturo Dr
Carlsbad, CA 92010

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From: Robert MASON <bkmason7@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:46 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum Age 4 e-bikes in Carlsbad

I believe Carlsbad should mandate a minimum age requirement for e-bikes.
I am a Carlsbad resident.

Karen Mason
7105 Daffodil Pl.
Carlsbad, CA

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From: Rena Olson <ols760@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age

This is in response to your request for input regarding children under 12 riding e-bikes.

Children under 12 should not be allowed to ride e-bikes in Carlsbad. There should also be rules for riding after dark, if this can't be prohibited for children under 14. This should include lights on the bike and reflective clothing. It's common to see young kids riding after dark in black or dark clothing. A very dangerous situation!

Rena Olson
ols760@att.net

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From: Kathy Stalwick <kathstalw@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 5:38 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Yes!

The city should establish age 12 as the minimum for e-bike riders.

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From: WILLIAM HAGEN III <flagwindow@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 3:40 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bikes

Hello-

Nobody without a valid CA state Drivers License should be operating these mini motorcycles. I work in the Village and one of these kids is going to get killed. It's just a matter of time. Sometimes when I am driving around the 25mph speed limit these kids will PASS me. That's not a bike. It's a motor vehicle.

Thank you,

Bill Hagen

Thank you,

Bill Hagen

bill@OTWAdvertising.com

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From: Greg Farris <gfarris8@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:39 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Requirement

Why stop at age 12 to limit to ride an e-bike? Make it illegal to travel at all. This way our streets will always be safe since no one is on them. Under the guise of “safety” this is the most logical conclusion.

This new proposal is outrageous and the argument of safety is a slippery slope.

Vote ‘no’ on limiting the age to 12 to ride an e-bike.

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From: margaretlgibson@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 12:10 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum age for e-bike

I agree with the minimum age of 12 for class 1 and 2 e-bikes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Gibson

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From: Beverly Marston <bevmarston7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:49 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: Require children to be at least 12 to drive ebikes

I am in support of children being required to have a minimum age of 12 years old to drive ebikes. This is for their own safety and the safety of others.

Thank you,

Bev Marston
Carlsbad resident

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From: Kelly Ginsberg <ginsbergkelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike safety

Hi, thank you for taking community input. I believe that kids should have a drivers permit in order to ride a class 1,2 or 3 ebike. They are expected to follow the rules of the road but have not had any driver's education or passed an exam that they know how to follow traffic lights, signals, lanes, roundabouts, etc. It is a motor and motor is motor vehicle classification which means you need to be 15.5 years old with a permit. It is very dangerous to have them on the roads with cars. Other alternative would be to have them ride on sidewalks.

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Kelly Ginsberg
760-594-7796

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From: Robin Chappelow <archappelow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 8:07 AM
To: Traffic
Subject: please pass the law that kids under 12 cannot ride ebikes. It's way to dangerous.

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From: Yvette Memory <yvettememory@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:09 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike Age Limit

Hi there,

Thanks for opening this up to the community to comment on. I truly believe that E-Bikes are another form of a motorcycle and should be treated as such. That said, one should not be allowed to ride an e-bike until the permitted age of 15 or a driver's license at the age of 16. Additionally, one must pass a class much like a motorcycle and you should be required to wear a full face helmet, just like a motorcycle. No double riders. No use of phones. Kids should be ticketed if they are breaking the rules.

My 2 cents!

Thanks for listening.

Best,
Yvette Memory
(mother of a 6th grader and 1st grader)

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From: Amy Metzger McHardy <amymarie2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 9:24 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety laws

Subject: Request for Stricter E-Bike Safety Laws in Our City

Dear City Council Members, Mayor, Transportation Department,

I'm writing as a concerned resident to urge the city to adopt stricter e-bike safety regulations to protect both riders and the broader community. As e-bike usage increases—especially among young and inexperienced riders—we are seeing a growing number of preventable accidents and unsafe behaviors.

I respectfully request the city consider the following measures:

Establishing a minimum age of 12 to operate any class of e-bike.

Requiring completion of a certified e-bike safety course for all riders under 18.

Mandating the use of a properly worn helmet for all riders, regardless of age.

Enforcing clear penalties for common violations, such as:

Riding without a helmet or with it improperly worn

Riding on sidewalks in pedestrian-heavy areas

Carrying passengers on single-rider bikes

Ignoring stop signs, signals, and traffic rules

Excessive speeding or reckless riding in parks and public areas

E-bikes can be a safe, eco-friendly option for transportation and recreation—but only when operated responsibly. Without meaningful regulation and consistent enforcement, we put both riders and pedestrians at unnecessary risk.

Please make e-bike safety a priority through responsible legislation and community education.

Sincerely,
Amy Metzger McHardy
4872 Alondra Way, Carlsbad, CA 92008

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From: Nathan and Evaly Hanson <nathanandevaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:47 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: ebike age

I agree with setting a minimum age for riding ebikes and I think 12 is appropriate.

Sincerely,
Evaly Hanson
3764 Cavern Pl., Carlsbad

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From: Lidija Palmer <lilyvet2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:16 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: School Safety Tips

Minimum age for e-bike riders should be the same as age of legal motorcycle riders.
There should be e-bike drivers license requirement equivalent to motorcycle drivers license.
Thank you!

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From: Lisa Potter <lrp4444@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 8:03 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike age minimum input

I'm actually surprised that under 16 can operate what is essentially a motorized bike and the newsletter implies under 12 can operate one. There should definitely be a minimum age not to mention required driving class or permit program and helmet requirements.

Lisa Potter
Shale Ct, Carlsbad

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From: Valerie Rubin <vprubin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-Bike rules comments

Dear Carlsbad traffic committee,

Thank you for recognizing the increasing use of e-bikes in our community and in implementing policies to help make the use of e-bikes safer by both: working with local schools to help train young riders and especially by working to change our street design to improve safety for both bikes and pedestrians.

I have lived in Carlsbad for over 20 years and also have spent the past 2+ decades working as a Pediatrician in Encinitas. There have been numerous eBike accidents amongst my patients in the past few years , and also at least one fatality in Encinitas of a high school student making a L turn on El Camino Real.

I have a few comments:

- 1). I agree with a law that limits the use of e-bikes (on city streets) to children 12 years and older.
- 2). Please consider encouraging stronger enforcement of the regulations for class 3 e-bikes and e-motorcycles. I think I have observed many very young teens (under 16 years old) riding these bikes, so better enforcement may limit their popularity in the young crowd.
- 3). Consider better/different education for when teens should merge into the L turn lane at an intersection and when they should use a crosswalk. I counsel most of my young patients to use a crosswalk for turning left at intersections that are busy enough to have a light - or at least to discuss their routes with their parents and get some insight. (In light of the fatality along El Camino Real in Encinitas of a high school student who was "obeying" the traffic rules but crossed several lanes of traffic which led to him being hit.)
- 4). Consider better education of what teens should do when the bike lane is blocked due to construction, gardeners parked in the lane, and so forth. This is a frustrating situation and I would love to see the youngest teens given an allowance to use the sidewalk in these instances rather than to force them into the street.

Valerie Rubin, MD
1023 Beacon Bay Drive
Carlsbad

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From: Gini Murphy <ghmurphy@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:36 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bikes, etc.

I do not think any e-bikes should be allowed for kids under 12. Their brains are not developed enough to understand the seriousness & complexity of rules of the road. Also 16 year old's on Class III should be required a driver's license.. You can't assume that all 16 year old's have a driver's license. Due to the cost of auto insurance, parents may not have their teen get a license, but could have them on a class III e-bike without a license. All kids should pass a riding and safety test by the police & then have a yearly sticker of registration on their bike. Since the police don't seem to enforce the rules of the road for drivers anymore, they have time to spend on safety checks at each school. When & where I grew up, this was done. Safety checks were also required on all vehicles every year with an updated sticker in the car window. This would get cars with broken windows or missing head lights off the road. They were given a fixit ticket & could not drive anywhere but to fix it. I'm only concern with safety for ALL of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this discussion.

Gini Murphy

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From: Ann Kartchner <annkartch@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:08 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input regarding age requirement for e-bike use

To whom it may concern,

I support establishing a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes for our city.

Thank you,

Ann Kartchner, Carlsbad resident and parent of two teenaged CUSD students

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From: Diana A <dra805@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 6:56 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: input

Hello,

I would like to express my support for implementing mandatory bike safety courses for all children, regardless of age, who wish to ride e-bikes. Additionally, I believe that parents should also be required to participate in these courses to foster a culture of safety and responsibility.

I support age limits for e-bike riders, as it is crucial for children to first develop proper bike handling skills before transitioning to e-bikes. To complement this, schools should adopt comprehensive bicycle safety programs, ideally in partnership with local bicycle organizations, to enhance students' skills and traffic safety awareness.

Furthermore, it is essential to provide bicycles to low-income students to ensure equitable access to transportation and learning opportunities. Schools should also promote bike-centered activities that focus on non-motorized bikes, such as bike clubs and competitions, to encourage safe riding practices.

Thank you for considering these suggestions to improve e-bike safety in our community.

Diana Aguirre
D3 resident

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From: Donna Ruiz <2donna.ruiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 6:03 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Proposal for Minimum Age Requirement for E-Bike Use in Carlsbad

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my support for establishing a minimum age requirement for e-bike usage in Carlsbad. While I understand the current proposal suggests a minimum age of 12, I would strongly advocate for raising that threshold to at least age 16.

At age 12, many children lack the maturity and understanding of traffic laws necessary to navigate busy streets safely. I have witnessed several accidents and near misses, and frequently observe young riders operating e-bikes without helmets, failing to signal, and riding unpredictably in traffic - posing risks to themselves and others.

Implementing a minimum age requirement, along with mandatory safety training for minors, would be a meaningful step toward improving public safety and promoting responsible e-bike use in our community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Donna Ruiz
Carlsbad resident

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From: Mary-Lou Kiley <kiley410@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:53 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Input on e-bike age for kids

I think kids should not be allowed to ride e-bikes until they are 14 years old. Not popular with the kids, but their safety is my concern. Thank you for asking for input. As a driver, it scares me to see young kids making dangerous moves on their e-bikes without good "road sense".

Mary-Lou Kiley
619-417-0263
3437 Moon Field Drive

Sent from my iPad

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From: Scott Dickson <scott.dickson.0000@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:46 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: e-bike minimum age

I'm skeptical that there are the resources to enforce any bicycle or e-bike regulations. All those bike lanes, sharrows, dashed lines, cross-hatches, and green painted strips are confusing and often ignored by both cyclists and motorists. Part of the reason for this is that the rules don't match what would be a common sense interpretation. The most likely situation for a citation to be issued would be after an accident.

Also, signs prohibiting e-bikes on trails are largely unenforced (Class 1 and 2 e-bikes should really be allowed anyway). Then there are signs prohibiting "bicycling" in shopping mall parking lots (which may, oddly, provide bicycle parking and maintenance tools). So you mark up the streets to accommodate bicycles when they aren't allowed at the desired destination.

Plus, having different regulations for each city or unincorporated area adds to the confusion. What is needed are common rules for operating vehicles on public roads at least throughout the state, and ideally nationally.

That said, having a legal minimum age of 12 would at least give parents a reason for denying to purchase an e-bike for a child under age 12. Twelve is probably a good age for a child being ready to handle the much heavier and potentially faster e-bike.

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From: SonAl Patel-raval <rxvipsonal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:21 PM
To: Traffic; Kunal
Subject: : Urgent Public Safety Concern: Regulation of E-Bike Use Among Minors

Dear City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident to express serious concern regarding the growing safety risks posed by the unregulated use of electric bicycles (e-bikes), particularly among minors.

Across our city, it has become increasingly common to see children and teenagers—many well below the legal driving age—operating high-speed e-bikes without any form of license, safety training, or protective gear. These e-bikes often reach speeds of 20–30 mph, yet are being used without the same oversight as other motorized vehicles, creating dangerous conditions for both riders and the general public. Not so long ago I personally witnessed an E bike accident on the intersection of Tamarack and College it involved a young boy and a vehicle. It was the most horrendous thing that I have ever seen. I was very scared for the young person on the E bike, who thank goodness, was not harmed however everybody at that intersection was shocked And very upset. The issue at that time was that the child did not know how to appropriately make a left turn and it was in fact the child error and in this case the adult driving, the van was making correct choices. Still, I am sure that the parent of this child, most likely pointed the finger at The person driving the vehicle . I have anxiety every time I see someone on an E bike because I do not know what they will do or decision they will make while driving the E bike worse yet I do not know what consequences the E bike driver might incur if the mistake is made by them. All in all, it is a very scary situation in our city right now.

Many of these young riders show little awareness of traffic rules, frequently ride on sidewalks, speed through intersections, and endanger pedestrians, drivers, and themselves. There have already been multiple serious accidents, and without immediate action, this trend will likely worsen. Many of them are riding doubles and triples on one E bike sometimes without helmets it is absolutely ridiculous and scary to see these situations.

Nothing is regulated by the city, and these children go unchecked, and oblivious to the consequences of their actions due to poor counseling by parents or unaware parents.

I strongly urge the city to adopt and enforce the following safety measures to protect children as well as adults using E bikes, which I consider to be a motor vehicle.

- Require all e-bike users to possess a valid driver's license or permit authorized by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) — just as with any motorized vehicle.
- Enforce minimum age restrictions for e-bike riders.
- Require helmets and protective gear for all e-bike users, regardless of age.
- Mandate basic safety training or certification for e-bike operation.
- Prohibit e-bike use on sidewalks, parks, and pedestrian-heavy zones.
- Launch public education campaigns and implement parental accountability measures to reinforce safety and responsibility.

While I fully support green transportation and mobility options, these must not come at the cost of public safety. Treating high-powered e-bikes as unregulated toys invites disaster—especially in the hands of untrained minors.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further or attend a council meeting to share more insight. Thank you for your time and your continued commitment to protecting our community.

Sincerely,

Sonal and Kunal Raval

Residence of the Calavera Hills community in the city of Carlsbad.

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From: Courtney Leon <courtneyleon82@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 4:54 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Minimum e-bike age

Hello,

Based on brain development and physical coordination, as well as more understanding of traffic laws and traffic patterns, I would highly recommend the age of 16 be the minimum for being able to ride an e-bike.

As we all experience, driving cars around kids on e-bikes is a dangerous experience and many of us have come close to hitting them. Considering their speed and riding them in the street in traffic, I believe that it should be 16.

Thank you!
Courtney Leon, LMFT

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jenene M <jenenemcg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 4:35 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike safety in Carlsbad

As a resident of Carlsbad who was run over while walking my dog through a not-very-busy intersection on the corner of Poinsettia Lane and Ambrosia Lane in September of 2022, I can absolutely attest to the fact that people do not pay attention while they are driving.

After 3 surgeries, months of PT and trauma mental health counseling, I am in a much better place. But I have never crossed a busy street since and I never will again.

When I see kids riding these e-bikes, it seems so stupid to me. They don't drive safely and the bikes go way too fast for the CHILDREN who are riding them-and it's not just the kids. I see parents driving recklessly on them as well, while their kids are following behind. I think the minimum age to ride the Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes of 12 is far too young. It is more dangerous than a car when one considers the fact that there is no hunk of metal, a seatbelt or airbags to protect the rider. It doesn't gain as much speed as a car, but it's still much faster than a normal bike. If the minimum age of the Class 1 and 2 e-bikes can be raised to age 16 like the Class 3 e-bikes are, that's a good start. If not, I think someone who can affect change in the law needs to be reasonable and meet somewhere in the middle. Most kids do not have great judgment-they're not really supposed to, they're children. Having good judgment is not really part of the job description of being a kid. At least being older than 12 and closer to the legal age of driving a car would hopefully help matters.

Jenene McGonigal

(858) 229-2610

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From: Kenneth Teramura <kenteramura@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 4:13 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: Re: 🚲 Going back to school safely

Hello,

I would like to vote for a 12 year-old minimum age requirement for class 1 and class 2 e-bikes.

I would also suggest making **helmets mandatory for all e-bike riders and passengers**, regardless of class or age.

Lastly, I would also suggest **tickets/fines being issued for anyone performing wheelies on an e-bike** on public streets or public property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kenneth Teramura
3411 Donna Dr, Carlsbad, CA 92008
949-391-9936

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 3:58 PM City of Carlsbad <communications@carlsbadca.gov> wrote:



When Carlsbad students head back to class in August, you can expect to see more kids biking or walking to and from school. Please allow extra time for your commute and remember to stay alert for pedestrians and people on bikes, especially near schools.

Keep reading for details about:

- Bike and e-bike safety classes
- How to give input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders
- Traffic safety reminders

Carlsbad Police Department hosting classes to help kids ride safely

The Carlsbad Police Department is hosting three bike and e-bike safety classes for students preparing to ride to school. Carlsbad police officers, who are certified bike instructors, will cover the basics to help students stay safe on two wheels:

- The rules of the road for bike and e-bike riders
- Carlsbad specific e-bike laws
- Traffic signs and signals and what they mean
- Where to ride in specific situations, including on neighborhood roads or busy streets

Space is limited. At this time, the training is only open to students at schools in Carlsbad.

The class is free, but registration is required. Classes will fill up quickly – [register today](#).

Saturday, Aug. 16
Carlsbad City Library
9 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23
Georgina Cole Library
10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

If you have school-aged kids, be sure to check with your principal for any special requirements for parking a bike or e-bike on campus.

[Register today](#).

Provide input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders

The City of Carlsbad's [Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission](#) will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. to gather community input on whether Carlsbad should prohibit e-bike use by children under age 12.

- The Carlsbad City Council requested that the commission hold this meeting to receive resident feedback and make a recommendation for City Council consideration.
- When we asked for community input before launching the city's [Safer Streets Together](#) program in 2022, one of the top requests was to require licenses or establish a minimum age for riding e-bikes.
- Carlsbad was the first city in the region to pass [local laws](#) to curtail reckless riding and address other unsafe use of e-bikes, but state law limits the city's ability to adopt licensing and minimum age requirements.

The city's legislative team worked with State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner to sponsor legislation that addressed this issue - [Assembly Bill 2234](#). Here are a few important notes about how the legislation works:

- It allows cities in San Diego County, as well as the county itself, to establish a minimum age of 12 for riding e-bikes.
- Technically, this new law applies only to “class 1” and “class 2” e-bikes. Class 3 e-bikes already have a minimum age of 16. [Learn more about different types of e-bikes.](#)
- State law still prevents cities from adopting licensing requirements. However, some school districts operating in Carlsbad have worked with the city to develop bike safety or permit programs for students.

How to provide input

The City Council is seeking community input before considering whether to establish the minimum age here in Carlsbad. There are two ways you can provide input:

- Email traffic@carlsbadca.gov by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Attend the meeting and provide a comment in person

Special Traffic Safety & Mobility Commission meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.
City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

All feedback will be shared with the City Council.

Bike and e-bike safety tips

If you're getting kids ready to bike back to school, now is a great time to review the rules of the road together to make sure they're ready to ride.

- Make sure your student knows the importance of always wearing a helmet. This [video](#) shows you how to make sure their helmet fits properly.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to everyone, including people riding bikes and e-bikes.
- Bikes and e-bikes should ride to the right side of the road or in a bike lane if one is available. You can leave the bike lane or right side of the road to turn left, pass someone, avoid something in the road or go around a [car turning right](#).

- Consider taking a “test ride” with your student from home to school to help them get familiar with the route.
- In general, the same rules that apply to drivers apply to bikes and e-bikes. Talk to your student about [Carlsbad-specific rules](#).

As you drive around town, you’ll also notice increased traffic in the morning and afternoons as kids travel to and from school. Remember to:

- Eliminate distractions and put your phone away.
- Slow down and look out for people walking or biking, especially near schools.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go.

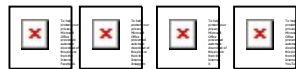
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From: Meghan Novy <meghanhere@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 4:03 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: input on a potential minimum age for e-bike riders

Hi! In order to provide input, I need to understand how the age of 12 was selected? Please comment. Thanks!

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From: Hollie Kordower <holliiek13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 4:01 PM
To: Traffic
Subject: E-bike minimum age

I think the minimum wage should be 16 for any Carlsbad resident to ride an E-bike.

Thanks!
Hollie Kordower

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