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The simple fact is that for us to meet our transportation and climate goals, the state will need to offer viable alternatives to single-occupancy cars. We have over-emphasized one mode of transportation for over half a century and the results are catastrophic. In 2021, The United States suffered over 40,000 traffic fatalities. This is not the "cost of doing business" this is the result of intentional choices and as such can be fixed. Electric bikes offer a low-impact alternative for some and have been shown to improve both the physical and mental health of the rider. Existing incentive programs have become incredibly popular and studies in Colorado have shown a decrease in car trips by participants improving the user experience for ALL road users.