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So many of our commuters remain single occupant vehicles, the vast majority being cars and trucks burning fossil fuels. Our roads are crowded and the air suffers, not to mention the global impact to climate change. Having bicycle commuted in Portland for 25 years I experience the traffic and air daily and feel vulnerable at times even though im following the law and right of way. E-bike and other single person, non-car electric additions to the roads can give access to and offer many people an option to commuting and transportation that doesn't contribute to worse traffic or air. However, the speeds of these devices present danger to bicycles and pedestrians when used on sidewalks, bicycle lanes and multiuser pathways. I support legislation to help define the rules to allow more inclusion of e-vehicles but also ensure safety for the most vulnerable, slower pedestrian and bike traffic.