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I am a huge proponent of e-bikes. Trips taken on e-bikes provide a much more fun and healthy means of transportation. E-bike trips help people make short, safe trips which can easily replace scores of car trips, including errand runs, work and school commutes, and so much more. Not only are bike trips practical, they increase public health by being stress-reducing and contributing far fewer emissions than conventional road vehicles. They also open up the possibilities for meeting new people and expanding social networks. I have personally made multiple friends by participating in group bike rides, meaning I have reaped mental as well as physical benefits. I have even worked for a bike share company and would love to see more climate-friendly jobs like those of bike share workers opening up in my community. More car drivers means more congestion and pollution, whereas more micromobility users will ease traffic and greenhouse emissions.

Making micromobility transportation more accessible with a subsidy would greatly benefit the city of Portland and the community at large. It would help the city reach our climate goals as well as ease the financial burden for Portlanders who have been feeling the effects of the strain our economy has been facing of late by providing more economically feasible transportation.