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The idea of reducing cars on streets is positive, however, encouraging more electric motor-powered devices that mix with human powered bicycles on paths will reduce public safety, from a personal experience point of view. Making them more affordable doesn't keep bicycle and pedestrians any safer, it will diminish safety add more vehicles to bike lanes with motorized objects that should be on the roadway like vehicles. The most economical approach is to by a bike and/or trailer and encourage safer bike paths, in my opinion, not add congestion to bike paths which can be difficult places to mix bikes and peds before adding e-bikes to the mix.

These (e-devices) are larger and are faster than human powered bicycles and present a higher risk to pedestrians: More mass, more velocity = more momentum= more potential damage to humans: They are vehicles. Just like cars, there motorized units need insurance as they will damage people and property much easier than a pedestrian or a bicycle can, due to mass and impact capacity. Shifting car needs to bike lanes with motor-powered devices is dangerous and should not be permitted - Use the roadway and demand 1) education to use them, 2) insurance 3) law enforcement.

I personally ride my bicycle to and from downtown every single day, all year long, and am often caught off guard when very quite e-bikes and devices sneak up on me and are 2-3x faster, on hills and pass me or compromise moves to get around thinking that they are faster and more articulate - Human perception is aligned for human powered devices and the roads are designed for faster speeds and larger vehicles.

Often, many e-bikes are passing me without warning, are so quiet and no human effort is used to propel them: This is unsafe to experienced riders and compromises the safety of younger people who may not be confident to ride amongst experienced bicyclist, never mind e-bikes. The winter offers me a recluse from e-bikes while summer brings them out and when danger increases and is concerning.

We need better, more informed lawmaking that involves understanding of safety and the benefit and fit of e-bikes into the transportation fabric.

Please consider legislation that ensure the safest option, not an excuse to leverage e-bikes under the moniker of reducing traffic is advanced.