

Pathway Safety Task Force – Top Concerns and Solutions

CONCERNS

1. Overcrowding
2. Pedestrian/bicycle/dog mix
4. Lack of enforcement (citations)
5. E-bikes (overall)
6. E-bikes (only class 2 and 3)
7. Overall bike speed and reckless behavior
8. Overall lack of following rules
9. Lack of common courtesy
10. Dogs off-leash / dogs on extender leashes
 - Rule enforcement (citations) for visitors has no teeth
 - Inconsistent rules – inconsistent with State Law
 - Confusion at intersections (pathway/golf cart path/road intersections with SROA paths)
 - Confusion caused by allowing Class 1 e-bikes but not Class 2 & 3
 - Bikes and pedestrians on roadways (and not pathways)
 - No lights/reflectors on bikes at night
 - Use of “other” modes (skateboards, in-line skates, one-wheelers)

SOLUTIONS

1. Eliminate e-bikes of all types
2. Additional signage/kiosks with rules/signage on asphalt
3. Increased education (rules, courtesy, etc.) – through all methods
4. Messaging through property managers (in homes)
5. Messaging through bike shops (distributed)
6. Increased enforcement of existing rules (citations)
7. Add center striping & dividers to designate traffic pattern (especially in busy/congested areas)
8. Make rules consistent with state law
9. Increased number of bike patrol
10. Require dogs to be on-leash (6-foot leash – no extender leashes)
11. Require dogs to be leashed during certain periods (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
12. Create a bike park for children
13. Provide separate pathways for pedestrians, bicyclists and dogs (especially busy areas)
14. Give verbal alerts when passing on a bike
15. Post speed limits of 15 mph (especially at recognized safety points)
16. Require lights/reflectors/bells on bikes (on rental bikes)
17. Create better maps and QR codes specific to pathways
18. Develop a “courtesy campaign”
 - Kids “bike rodeo” – to learn safety, etiquette, rules, etc.
 - Color coded e-bike stickers – class 1, 2 and 3 (through bike shops)
 - Provide parking in/shuttle to areas of less congested pathways
 - Create areas for “other” uses (in-line skates, skateboards, etc.)
 - Eliminate bike patrol and replace with officers who can issue citations
 - Offer incentives/rewards for positive behavior
 - Create pathway “ambassadors”
 - Require a permitting system for Class 1 e-bikes (to distinguish from Class 2 & 3)
 - Create a rule – cannot ride a bike and also have a dog on a leash
 - Charge a parking fee at parking lots – with a time limit – captures bike riders
 - Analyze pathway use and congestion by section
 - Consider adjusting rules for use to allow new modes
 - Create a dog park for dogs to run un-leashed
 - Designate different “use zones” for pathway (some mixed use, pedestrian only, bike only, etc.)

Those items highlighted in yellow are generally listed in order of how many times they were mentioned (1 is the most and then descending). Those items that are not highlighted were only listed one/two times.