

# EBIKE ROAD RULES



# HELMETS



Wearing a helmet while biking is smart, and it's required if you're under 18. On an ebike with a max speed of 28 mph or higher, all riders must wear a helmet, regardless of age.

# EBIKE TYPES

- 1 Pedal-assisted ebike. Power maxes out at 20 mph.
- 2 Throttle-assisted ebike. Power maxes out at 20 mph.
- 3 Pedal-assisted ebike. Power cuts out at 28 mph. (Must be 16 years or older.)

Any ebike that can go over 28 mph is not street legal. Stay off roads, sidewalks and multi-use trails.



# WHERE TO RIDE

- If you're riding slower than traffic, ride in the bike lane. You can leave the bike lane to turn left, pass someone, avoid a road hazard or avoid cars turning right.
- Type 3 ebikes are not allowed on trails or class 1 bike paths.
- Sidewalks and crosswalks are meant for pedestrians. Dismount and walk your bike in these areas.

# SIGNS & SIGNALS

- Riding predictably is the best way to stay safe on the roads.
- Signal your intentions, and ride in the appropriate lane for the direction that you want to go.
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Traffic lights, signs and signals apply to all road users, and that includes people on bicycles!



# SHARROWS

This "sharrow" means the lane is too narrow for a bicycle and a motor vehicle to share safely side by side. Bicyclists should discourage unsafe passing by riding toward the middle of this narrow lane. Bicyclists have a right to the road, even if no sharrow is present.



# PASSENGERS

Most ebikes are not equipped to take passengers. Passengers are required to wear a helmet if they are under 18.



Always ride lawfully and responsibly, especially when you're riding with a passenger.

# POWER

- Be aware of other road users, and try to match the average speed. *This means riding slowly in areas with pedestrians.*
- The throttle may help you get started on hills or when carrying heavy cargo.
- More power = more battery use.

# VISIBILITY

Being seen is essential! Wear high-visibility clothing, use a white front light, red rear light and reflectors.



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