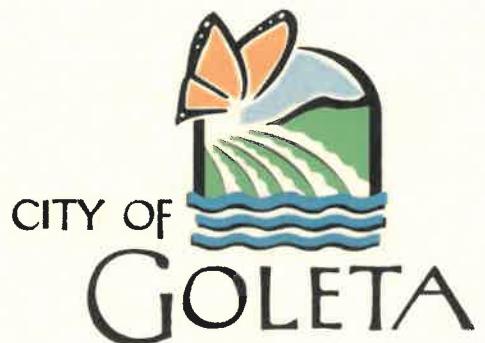




**Agenda Item B.2
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: January 20, 2026**

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming
January 19-25, 2026 as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week**



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA,
PROCLAIMING JANUARY 19-25, 2026, AS E-BIKE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, riding an electric assisted bicycle (e-bike) continues to increase in popularity for all ages; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of e-bikes, they can help to cover longer riding distances, climb steeper terrain, travel at higher speeds, enable users to travel by bike instead of car thereby helping to encourage physical activity, and reduce traffic congestion and pollution; and

WHEREAS, e-bikes are heavier and faster than standard bicycles and, without the proper safety education and training, e-bike riders have a higher risk of becoming severely injured or killed in a crash; and

WHEREAS, as e-bikes become more commonplace, it's also important for drivers to familiarize themselves with sharing the road with e-bikers; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve public safety, the State of California has passed e-bike laws that regulate who and where each type of e-bike can lawfully be ridden and that riders 17 years of age and under must always wear a helmet; and

WHEREAS, e-bikes can bring joy and a sense of freedom, and some collisions can be avoided by practicing common sense safety including: checking your battery, brakes, chain, and tire pressure before you ride; wearing a helmet and visible clothing whether you are a rider or passenger; watching your speed by riding slowly and respectfully on multi-use paths or where pedestrians are present; riding predictably, using hand signals and keeping eye contact to communicate your movements to other vehicles; avoiding texting, talking on the phone, or listening to loud music while riding; and obeying traffic signs, signals, and roadway laws just as cars are required to; and

WHEREAS, E-Bike Safety Awareness Will take place January 19-25, 2025, and will include an E-Bike Presentation and Helmet Distribution at Goleta Valley Junior High, Dos Pueblos High School, and San Marcos High School, and a community skills class group ride at Goleta Valley Junior High on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT on this 20th day of January 2026, the City Council of the City of Goleta, California does hereby proclaim January 19-25, 2026, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week and encourages residents to learn more about this emerging popular activity.

APPROVED this 20th day of January 2026




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR