



**Agenda Item B.2
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: January 21, 2025**

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California,
Proclaiming January 21-25, 2025, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week**



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING JANUARY 21-25, 2025, 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-bike riders; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve public safety, the State of California has passed e-bike safety 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, the CHP launched an online e-bike safety and training program to help keep commuters and recreational cyclists safe; 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 with 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 Week will take place from Jan 21-25, 2025, and will include an E-Bike Presentation and Helmet Distribution at Goleta Valley Junior High on Tuesday, January 21st and San Marcos High School on Wednesday, January 22nd, and an E-Bike Skills Class and Group Ride at Goleta Valley Junior High on Thursday, January 23rd.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT on this 21st day of January 2025, the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, does hereby proclaim January 21-25, 2025, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week and encourages residents to learn more about this emerging popular activity.

APPROVED this day 21st day of January 2025


PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

