E-Bike Policy for Regional Trails in King County

What’s happening in King County?

E-Bike Policy Working Session
• May 30, 2018

• Attendees
  • Bellevue, Kent, Renton, Seattle Parks, SDOT, WSDOT, Redmond, KC Parks, Maple Valley, Kirkland, Cascade, Mountains to Sound

• Focused on E-bike use on Regional Trails in King County
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- **Redmond Parks**
  - Code Updated 2/20/18
  - Class 1 and 2 E-bikes on Regional Trails
  - 15 MPH Speed Limit on Regional Trails
- Regional Trail Hours of Use – 5am to 10pm

Motorized Vehicles & e-Bikes
The previous code does not address either

RMC motorized vehicle code was outdated
Consider a speed limit to help address concerns with speeding e-bikes and non-motorized bikes
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- **Seattle Parks**
  - One Year Pilot Project
  - Summer 2018 through Summer 2019
  - 5 Regional Trails
  - Class 1 and 2 E-Bikes
  - 15 MPH Speed Limit
  - Educational Signage
  - Surveys and Data Collection
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• Current King County Code

• KCC – 7.12.295 Section E
  • “No motorized vehicles shall be allowed on King County trails. For the purposes of this section "motorized vehicles" means any form of transportation powered by an internal combustion or electric motor...”
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• Proposed KC Code Changes
  • Permit Class 1 and 2 E-bikes to operate on Regional Trails
  • E-bikes permitted on other Park facilities (designated MTB Parks) on a case-by-case basis
  • Regional Trail Hours 24/7 or 5am-10pm (currently open dawn to dusk)
  • Will be proposed with a number of other changes to Title 7 of the King County Code
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- Implementation Approach
  - Trailside Educational Signage
  - KC Sheriff’s Patrols
  - Public Outreach
  - Transmit Code Change to Council – Early 2019
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Trailside Educational Signage

PASS LEFT

GO SLOW 15 MPH MAX

SAY HELLO
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Trailside Educational Signage

**SHARE THE TRAIL**

**LEAVE ROOM FOR OTTERS**