

Redondo Beach City Council **Six Month E-Bike Update**



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY COUNCIL SIX MONTH E-BIKE UPDATE REQUESTS



- Status of Increased Enforcement
- Status of Community Meetings, Outreach and Feedback
- Status of Assembly Bills
- Status of Bicycle Diversion Programs
- Status of Enforcement Statutes



REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT INCREASED E-BIKE ENFORCEMENT



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In the past 6 months, the Redondo Beach Police Department has been actively enforcing laws concerning E-Bikes, resulting in the issuance of

135 CITATIONS

The primary infractions leading to these citations were the following:



Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Signs

Absence of Helmets

Riding with Passengers Illegally



REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND E-BIKE FEEDBACK



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The Police Department conducted several community outreach events throughout the City in regards to E-Bike concerns. Below are the following events the Police Department hosted or attended:

- 🚲 Town Hall Style Meetings at Alta Vista Park and Anderson Park
- 🚲 North Redondo Beach Business Association and Riviera Village Association Meetings
- 🚲 Neighborhood Watch Block Captain/Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Meeting
- 🚲 Social Media Polling
- 🚲 E-Bike Safety Seminar at Redondo Union High School
- 🚲 Meeting with Local E-Bike Recreation Group (E Crew LA)
- 🚲 Bike Rodeo Hosted by the Police Department



REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND E-BIKE FEEDBACK



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After conducting this outreach and obtaining community feedback, there were several overlapping complaints and solutions proposed.

Below is a summary of the most common feedback:

-  **Traffic Law Violations Primarily by Youthful or Juvenile Riders**
-  **Increased Enforcement Needed**
-  **Punishments Not Adequate for Offenders**
-  **Parents of Juvenile Violators should also receive Consequences**
-  **Some Type of Education or Licensure should be Required for Riding an E-Bike**

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Summary of the most common feedback continued:

-  **Managing Privileges of Juvenile Riders**
(Such as having to pass a class to be able to park an E-Bike on a School Campus)
-  **State Law Requiring a Driver's License to Legally Ride an E-Bike**
-  **Establishing "Bike Friendly" Travel Map in the City that can be Shared with Residents and Patrons**
-  **More Bicycle Lanes and Paths throughout the City**

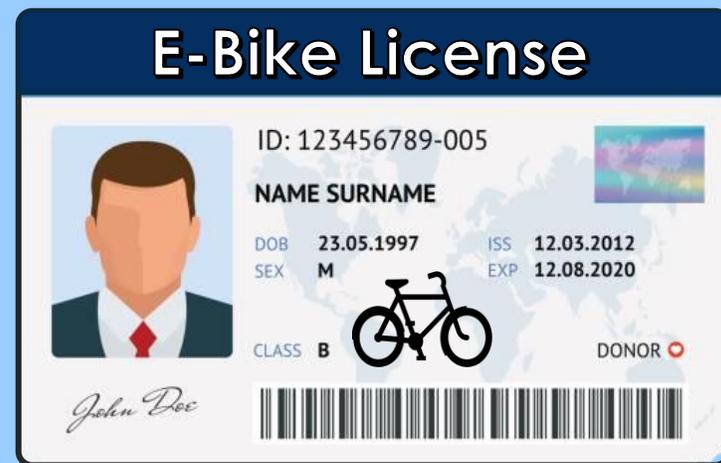


STATUS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 530



This Bill would prohibit a person under 12 years of age from operating an E-Bike of any class. The Bill would create an E-Bike License Program with an online written test and a State-Issued Photo Identification for those without a Valid Driver's License.

On February 1, 2024 California Assembly Bill 530 failed at the Legislative Committee level.





REESTABLISHMENT OF A BICYCLE DIVERSION PROGRAM



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Prior to 2020, the L.A. County Torrance Municipal Court's **Traffic Court** allowed individuals who had received a bicycle traffic citation to attend a **Diversion Program**. Once the individual showed their completion of the Diversion Course, their bicycle traffic citation was **dismissed**.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Torrance **Traffic Court** was **moved** to another L.A. County Municipal Courthouse and the Bicycle Diversion Program **no longer existed**.



**THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS EXPLORING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF A
DIVERSION PROGRAM THROUGH THE L.A. COUNTY COURTS SYSTEM.**



STATE UPDATE

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 2234



CLASS 1 ELECTRIC BICYCLE

A bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

CLASS 2 ELECTRIC BICYCLE

A bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BICYCLE

A bicycle equipped with a speedometer and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Existing Law Prohibits a Person Under 16 Years of Age from Operating a Class 3 Electric Bicycle.

California Assembly Bill 2234 was introduced on February 8, 2024, and was last amended June 13, 2024. If adopted, this Bill, "**The San Diego Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program**," would authorize the local authority **within the County of San Diego** to adopt an ordinance or resolution that would prohibit a person under 12 years of age from operating a class 1 or 2 electric bicycle.



LOCAL UPDATES: MANHATTAN BEACH



In September of 2023, the City of Manhattan Beach City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance amending the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code establishing the following for E-Bikes:

- Speed Limit
- Safety and Operational Standards
- Location Restrictions
- Fines Associated with Violations of the Ordinance that are Increased with Each Subsequent Violation within One Year
- If a Minor Commits a Violation, Parents may be Cited and Fined for the Violations of the Ordinance





LOCAL UPDATES: HERMOSA BEACH



In June of 2024, the City of Hermosa Beach City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance amending the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code establishing the following for E-Bikes:

- Safety and Operational Standards
- Location Restrictions
- Ability to Impound E-Bikes ridden by Juveniles under the Age of 18 who Violate the Ordinance. Following the Impound, E-Bikes would only be Released to a Responsible Adult upon Payment of a Tow Fee.





LOCAL UPDATES: SOUTH BAY COMPARISONS

MC (ADMIN) VS. CVC SECTIONS



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VIOLATION	REDONDO BEACH	HERMOSA BEACH	MANHATTAN BEACH
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	22450 (a) CVC	10.12.170 (D)(2) M.C. (Shall obey all traffic signs/signals)	3.01.020 (M) M.C. (Shall stop for all highways and traffic signals)
Red Light Violation	21453 (a) CVC	10.12.170 (D)(2) M.C. (Shall obey all traffic signs/signals)	3.01.020 (M) M.C. (Shall stop for all highways and traffic signals)
Speeding	22350 CVC	10.12.175 (A)(1) M.C. (Unsafe Manner) 12.20.230 (E) M.C. (The Strand)	3.01.020 (O) M.C. (Faster than Reasonable for Conditions)
Stunt Riding	23103 CVC	10.12.175 (A)(1) M.C. (Unsafe Manner) 12.20.230 (D) M.C. (The Strand)	3.01.020 (K)(L) M.C. (Racing, Stunt activity)
Wrong Way on the Roadway	21650.1 CVC	10.12.170 (D)(1) M.C. (Same direction as vehicles close to right curb or roadway)	3.01.020 (F) M.C. (Must ride close right curb of roadway)
Helmets	21212(a) CVC (<18 Yrs Old) 21213(b) CVC (Class 3 E-Bike any age must have helmet)	10.12.175 (A)(2) M.C.	3.01.020 (S) M.C.
Riding with a Passenger	21204(b) CVC	10.12.175 (A)(5) M.C.	3.01.020 (I) M.C.



LOCAL UPDATES:

REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Starting in August of 2024, the Redondo Beach Unified School District will offer **E-Bike Training**, through a local partner, to **All Students in Grades 6 through 8** who wish to park their e-bikes at any RBUSD school site. The E-Bike Training course will consist of 1 hour of classroom instruction and 1 hour of practical instruction.

After successful completion of the course, students will be **issued a sticker** to place on their E-Bikes which will **allow them to park at RBUSD school sites**. E-bikes will be randomly checked by Administration and Campus Supervisors for sticker compliance.

RBUSD hopes to have 600-800 students trained by the end of September 2024.



REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT E-BIKE RECOMMENDATIONS



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- Continue Education / Outreach
- Continue Enforcement of State and Local Laws
- Continue Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Details
- Monitor and Report Back on Pending Legislation
- Review Options for Bicycle Diversion through the City Attorney's Office.

