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For the Commission meeting ref. E-Bike discussion.

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Good morning. I read the article this morning about e-bike. It's about time people are starting to complain. The laws and rules about bikes, motorized or electric and any mode of transportation should have been changed long ago.

With that in mind. Sidewalks should be for walking. Not riding anything. People shouldn't get beeped at while walking down the sidewalk to get out of the way. And that's how it is used for, not I'm yielding to you and I'm gonna go by slowly. It means get out of my way. I can go on but would rather not.

I think the solution to the problem is fairly simple.

Slow the speed limits of Flagler ave, South and North Roosevelt down to 25mph. There's no reason to do 30 & 35. Make sidewalks for pedestrians only. Put all modes of motorized transportation and bicyclists in the roadway. Cars can still pass in left lanes on all of those roadways and downtown it doesn't matter because the speed limit is 20mph or less on all roadways I believe. Making sidewalks pedestrian only will solve a lot of problems. Slow speed limits down and forcing bikes, e-bikes and any power mode of transportation to follow road rules will prevent accidents that shouldn't happen in the first place. Yes putting them in road will cause people to be upset but in the long run it will be better for this island and become a way of life. It's a small island with a lot of people. Slow it down.

Thank you for your time. Hopefully you guys can come up with a solution. Thank you, Michael Rich.