



TO: Parks Commission

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RE: E-devices and Speed Limit

Overview

In 2018 and 2019, the Parks Commission discussed e-devices on the Greenway at four different meetings (9/4/18, 10/2/18, 3/12/19 and 4/2/19) and the Parks Commission chair received email feedback based on a 9/7/18 article in the Free Press regarding e-bikes on the Greenway. In general, there is support for e-devices traveling on the Greenway. However, concerns with e-devices on the Greenway are etiquette of users and speed. The determination was that it is the user and not the device that was cause for concern.

The direction from the Commission in 2019 was to set a maximum speed of 15 mph on the Greenway for all modes of transportation with a reduced speed of 10 mph in the waterfront core. Staff have identified the north end of the Barge Canal to Pause Place 3 as the “waterfront core.”

With 98% of the Greenway improvements wrapping up (only North Beach Overpass to complete), staff recommend Commission approval of the suggested speed limits. If approved, signage will be developed over the winter, including guidelines for path use to improve overall user etiquette.