

July 23, 2024

The Honorable Maria D. Hernandez  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**RE: City of Buena Park Response to Grand Jury Report – E-Bikes: Friend or Foe**

Dear Honorable Judge Hernandez:

The Buena Park City Council has reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury's report entitled, *E-Bikes: Friend or Foe*. Below is the City of Buena Park's response to the aforementioned report:

**F1**            **The majority of Orange County's 34 cities do not have ordinances or policies in place, which makes it difficult to address the safe operation and regulation of -bikes leading to confusion.**

**Response:**    **The City of Buena Park agrees with this finding.** The City of Buena Park does not have any ordinances and policies in place. However, it is actively considering implementing some type of regulation in the near future.

**F2**            **Due to the increasing incidence of e-bike injuries and deaths, there is a need for consistent and accurate tracking by law enforcement and first responders, which does not exist now.**

**Response:**    **The City of Buena Park agrees with this finding.** The City of Buena Park and the Buena Park Police Department will collaborate with allied law enforcement agencies to develop a tracking mechanism for e-bike related collisions and injuries.

**F3**            **Training and education on e-bike use and safety varies from city to city causing confusion amongst bike riders.**

**Response:**    **The City of Buena Park agrees with this finding.** The City of Buena Park and the Buena Park Police Department will collaborate with local school districts and bike shops to implement an e-bike training and education program for youth and adult e-bike riders.

**R1**            **Each Orange County city should have specific policies that define the rules of the road for use of e-bikes in their communities by December 1, 2024.**

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**Response:** **The City of Buena Park agrees with this recommendation.** The City of Buena Park will work with its elected officials to develop policies that define the rules of the road for use of e-bikes, but the suggested deadline by which to have these policies in place is likely infeasible given the limited number of public meetings remaining before the end of the calendar year.

**R2** **Each Orange County city should have a mechanism in place to report accidents, injuries and deaths involving e-bikes by December 1, 2024.**

**Response:** **The City of Buena Park agrees with this recommendation.** The City of Buena Park and the Buena Park Police Department will collaborate with other municipalities and police departments to determine the most appropriate reporting mechanism to report e-bike accidents, injuries, and deaths. The chosen mechanism should be consistent throughout the county and state. Given the collaboration needed among agencies and the limited number of public meetings remaining before the end of this calendar year, the suggested deadline to by which to have the mechanism in place is likely infeasible.

**R3.** **Each Orange County city should research and develop outreach and education programs regarding the safe operation of e-bikes for their residents by December 1, 2024.**

**Response:** **The City of Buena Park agrees with this recommendation.** The City of Buena Park and the Buena Park Police Department will collaborate with all stakeholders to develop outreach and education programs regarding the safe operation of e-bikes. Given the collaboration needed among agencies and the limited number of public meetings remaining before the end of this calendar year, the suggested deadline to by which to have the mechanism in place is likely infeasible.

Thank you for providing the City of Buena Park the opportunity to respond to this report.

Sincerely,



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cc: Buena Park City Council  
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