



September 9, 2024

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

Re: Response to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report, *E-bikes Friend or Foe*

Dear Presiding Judge Hernandez:

In accordance with Section 933 of the California Penal Code, this letter contains the response of the City of Brea to the Orange County Grand Jury report, dated June 20, 2024, titled *E-bikes Friend or Foe*. The responses included correspond to Findings F1, F2, and F3 in addition to the Recommendations R1, R2, and R3, as requested by the Orange County Grand Jury.

RESPONSES TO FINDINGS F1, F2, AND F3:

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 E-bikes leading to confusion.

Response: The City of Brea agrees with the finding.

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 Brea agrees with the finding.

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

Response: The City of Brea agrees with the finding.

RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS R1, R2, AND R3:

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.

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented but will be implemented by December 1, 2024.

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The Brea Police Department is collaborating with the City Attorney's office to establish an Ordinance regarding E-bike classifications, safety standards, and enforcement procedures. Once finalized, this Ordinance will be presented to the Brea City Council recommending approval and to be implemented by December 1, 2024.

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

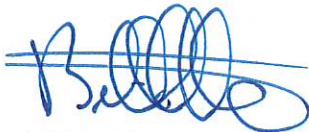
Response: The Brea Police Department utilizes computer-aided dispatching (CAD) and records management system (RMS) to report accidents, injuries, and deaths. Enhancements will be made by December 1, 2024, to include information from E-bike reports to be captured through this system.

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 Brea will collaborate with the Brea Olinda Unified School District to offer E-bike safety education, in addition to having on-line courses available through the California Bicycle Coalition. The City of Brea will also create information about E-bike safety through existing social media accounts and to be implemented by December 1, 2024.

The City of Brea values the Grand Jury's report, *E-bikes Friend or Foe*, and appreciates the opportunity to provide responses to the report. Should you have any questions, please contact City Manager, Bill Gallardo, at (714) 990-7711 or by email at billga@cityofbrea.net.

Sincerely,



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City of Brea

cc: Brea City Council

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