E-Bike and Microbility Research by members of the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB)

Suggestions

- Consider a 15 mph speed limit for Class 1 and 2 E-Bikes. Signs should be posted at regular intervals and there is an opportunity to post biking guidelines at the entrance to the park with speed limit and additional rules. This could also be integrated into existing signage and information boards.
- A mid-lane stripe would be a good safety addition at blind corners in the park.
- Staff should consider restricting e-bikes to paved or gravel trails as to avoid damaging dirt trails.
- Mopeds should not be allowed on trails.

Public Communication

- The City of Eugene has a robust page on E-Bikes that clearly outlines the three different Classes alongside State and City Code. The website is available here.
- The City of Boise has a helpful page on how to use E-Scooters and E-Bikes in the City, including areas where they are allowed and other rules. This could be a helpful template for Salem. The website is available here.

Resources

- The City of Carlsbad, CA developed new rules in 2022 that increase enforcement provisions along with other E-bike rules. The City website with rules is available here: https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/community-information/electric-bikes
- A press release outlining the changes in Carlsbad is available here: https://www.carlsbadca.gov/Home/Components/News/News/997/
- People for Bike National Electric Bike Policy and Law Overview: https://www.peopleforbikes.org/electric-bikes/policies-and-laws
- NACTO Guidelines for Regulating Shared Micromobility: https://nacto.org/sharedmicromobilityguidelines/
- NACTO Shared Micromobility Working Paper:
 https://betterbikeshare.org/2022/12/09/nacto-releases-shared-micromobility-working-paper/