

# Huntington Beach Police Department

Report On E-Bikes November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Lieutenant Thoby Archer

### SUGGESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

- Rental Companies to Show Video
- Revise or Create New Municipal Code
- Higher Fine Structures
- Bicycle Impounds
- Engineering
- School Policies for E-Bikes
- Community Meetings / Outreach
- E-Bike Licensure Program and Associated Fees





## Revise Municipal Code

No person shall ride a conventional bicycle, electric bicycle, moped, motor-driven cycle, electric motorcycle, pocket bike, or any other electric conveyance not previously named in an unsafe manner on a public roadway, highway, sidewalk, park, or private property open to the public.

- (a) Unsafe manner means a rider violating any existing Huntington Beach Municipal Code, California Vehicle Code, or other existing law. An unsafe manner can also be defined as operating the conveyance in such a way as to constitute a danger to the operator, a passenger, other motorists, other riders, or pedestrians in the area.
- (b) Examples of riding in an unsafe manner may include, but are not limited to the following actions:
  - a. Riding on a sidewalk without due caution for pedestrians.
  - Riding on a sidewalk, against the flow of traffic.
  - c. Not yielding to vehicles or pedestrians when required to by the California Vehicle Code.
  - d. Intentionally swerving or riding around stopped or slowed traffic.
  - Operating a conveyance in a manner it was not designed for, including carrying passengers when not designed for carrying passengers.
  - Not obeying posted signs.
  - Riding the conveyance in a manner other than it was designed.



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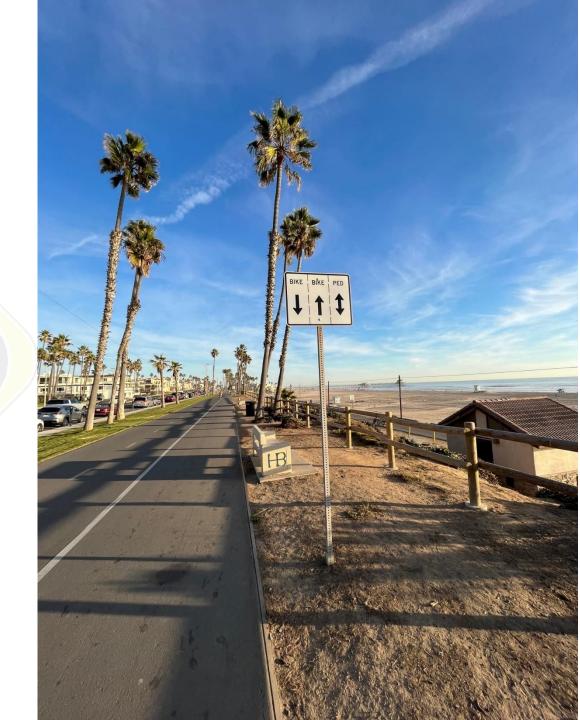
- A New Municipal Code was authored
- Council voted unanimously to pass ordinance 10.84.140 on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- 18 citations were issued for the above municipal code in October
- Fee structures were made consistent with existing Council Resolution
- Gave authority to impound E-Bikes operated by minors





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- Recently implemented "Bicycle Boulevard"



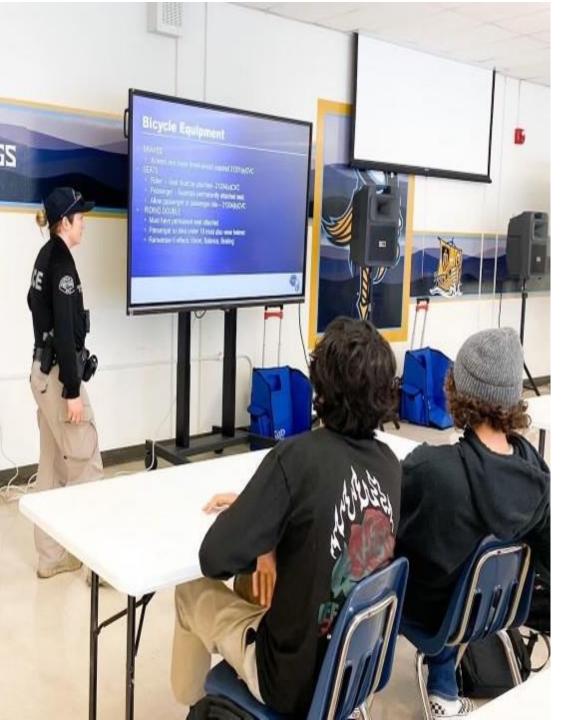


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## **School Policies**

- Last year partnered with the Marina High School to implement a licensing program for students
- This school year was adopted districtwide for all high schools





### **School Policies**

- Working with local middle schools to implement the program
- Currently, Ocean View and Huntington Beach City School District have implemented the program
- Program administered to over 1000 students



### **E-Bike Licensure Program**

- E-Bike Licenses most likely could not be enforced under current legislation
- Legality of the program (AB 1909) is in question
- Pending legislation may be delegated to the State (AB 530)
- Through our research, no other municipality that has a licensing program





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#### SAFETY CLINIC



#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

Come join us at the Huntington Beach Showroom from 8am to 10am for coffee, pastries, and a discussion about E-Bikes and Safety!









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NGTON ORATED An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with an electric motor that may be activated in order to assist with or replace pedaling. This guide is designed to help guests and residents understand the dos-and-don'ts of ebike safety, as well as the rules and regulations that come with navigating Huntington Beach by bicycle.

#### **ELECTRIC BICYCLES**

#### CLASS 1:

**Only** pedal-assist; the motor aids up to speeds of **20 mph**.

#### CLASS 2:

Pedal-assist **or** throttle; the motor aids up to speeds of **20 mph**.

#### CLASS 3:

Only pedal assist; the motor aids up to speeds of 28 mph.

#### MOPEDS

A motorized bicycle or "moped" has no pedals for propulsion by human power, may either be electric or gas powered, and is capable of reaching maximum speeds of 30 mph.

DRIVER'S LICENSE, INSURANCE
AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED?

E-BIKE: NO MOPED: YES



#### BICYCLE + PEDESTRIAN

#### SAFETY CLASS

The Huntington Beach Police Department began a Bicycle Safety Class in 1972 to educate juvenile bike riders on the rules of the road and the proper way to ride a bike. Now, the class is open to all Huntington Beach residents and is taught by a Huntington Beach Police Traffic Officer. Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Bicycle safety classes will be held the 2nd Saturday of every other month at 8:00 AM (January, March, May, July, September, November).

To attend the classes or for additional information, please call the Traffic Unit at (714) 536-5675 to reserve your spot. Please leave a message with your name and telephone number.

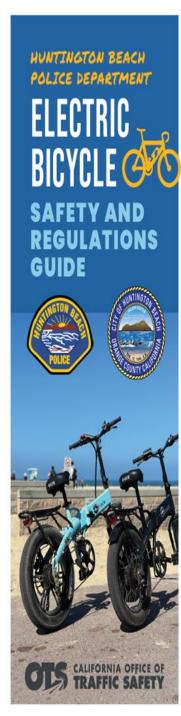


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Request Non-Emergency General Information:
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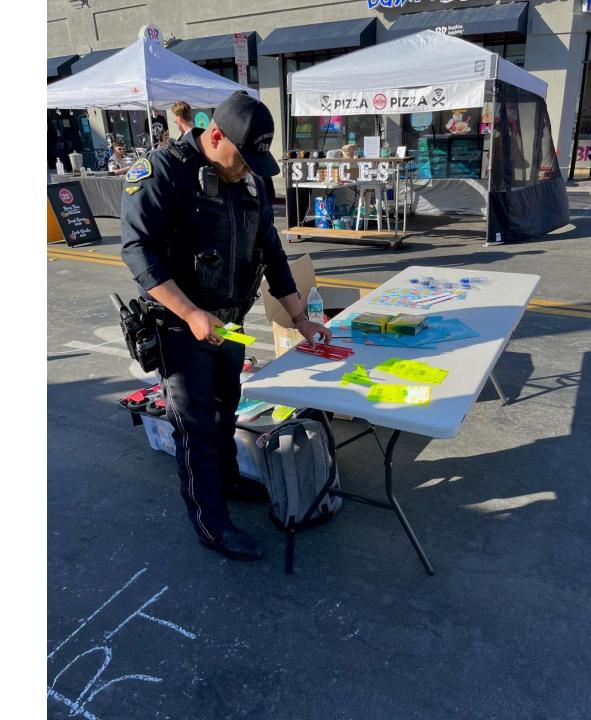
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 Applied for and received JAG Grant for E-Bike Enforcement



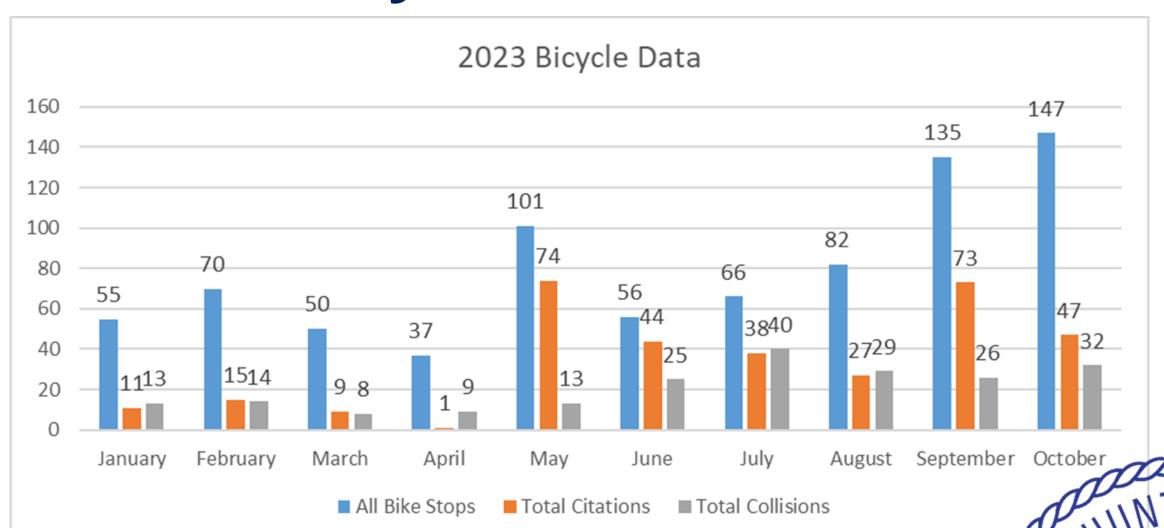


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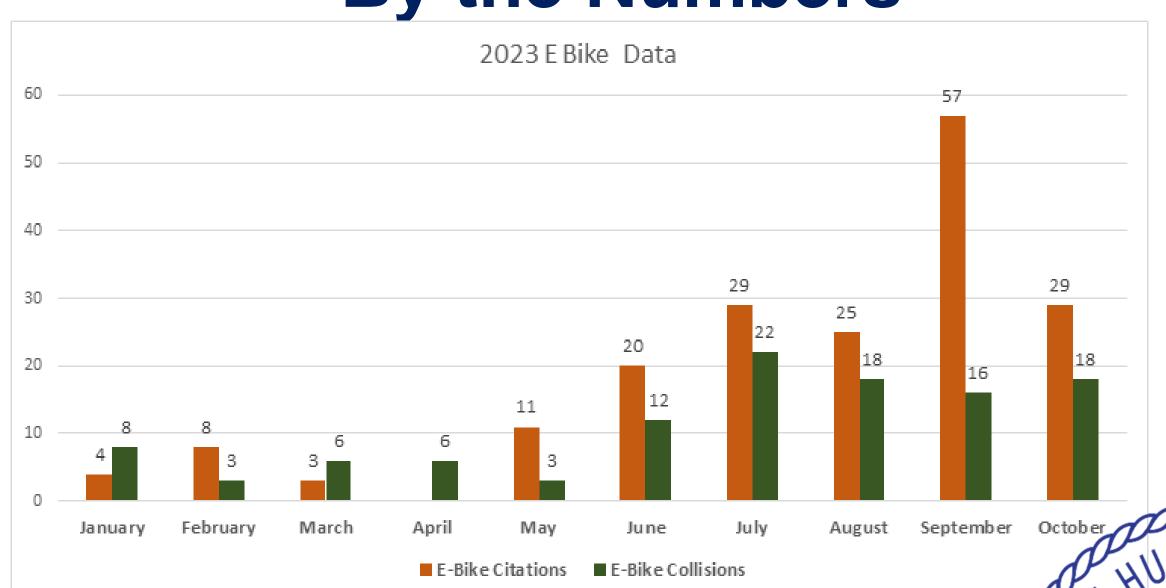
- Detailed Officers to specific schools during beginning and end of school
- Trained officers on new municipal code by attending briefings



## By the Numbers



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2023 Bike Data							
	All Bike Stops	E-Bike Citations	Bike Citation	E-Bike Collisions	Bike Collisions	<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>Total Collisions</b>
January	55	4	7	8	5	11	13
February	70	8	7	3	11	15	14
March	50	3	6	6	2	9	8
April	37		1	6	3	1	9
Мау	101	11	63	3	10	74	13
June	56	20	24	12	13	44	25
July	66	29	9	22	18	38	40
August	82	25	2	18	11	27	29
September	135	57	16	16	10	73	26
October	147	29	18	18	14	47	32
Total	799	186	153	112	97	339	209



## **QUESTIONS?**

