

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 1782 - House Bill 1712

Whereas, Senate Bill 1782 - House Bill 1712 as amended, which is currently being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly, bans Class 3 e-bikes and allows local governments to ban Class 1 and 2 e-bikes;

Whereas, e-bikes have been legal in Tennessee for ten years without significant problems and are utilized by thousands of law-abiding citizens, including students, commuters, mountain bikers and senior citizens in Nashville and across the state;

Whereas, this law will be unenforceable and fails to address the distinct issue of minors riding electric motorcycles or out-of-class vehicles;

Whereas, law-abiding citizens who ride e-bikes should not be penalized for the illegal behavior of a few bad actors;

Whereas, allowing municipalities to ban Class 1 and 2 e-bikes will create a confusing patchwork of local laws across different cities;

Whereas, this will seriously harm the business of local bike shops in Nashville and across Tennessee for no good purpose;

Whereas, this law would cripple bike share programs in Nashville and around the state;

Whereas, this attempt is misguided and deserves a much more significant discussion with all the affected parties;

Whereas, these bills are formally opposed by Walk Bike Nashville, Bike Walk Tennessee, the Sierra Club, and many other Tennesseans;

Therefore,

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County opposes the adoption of this legislation in any form and requests that the Davidson County delegation to the General Assembly work to defeat this bill.

Furthermore, we request that Mayor Freddie O'Connell and the Metro Council make efforts to defeat this legislation, including directing their legislative liaisons to assist ongoing advocacy efforts.

Approved by BPAC on this day February 23, 2026.

Copies to be sent to:

Members of the Davidson County Legislative Delegation
Mayor Freddie O'Connell
Vice Mayor Angie Henderson
Metro Council Members