

Monday, June 22nd, 2020

Esteemed Members of the Governor's Council on Climate Change,
Connecticut's Legislative Transportation Committee,
Members of the CT CHEAPR Electric Vehicle Rebate Board,
Katie Dykes, CT DEEP, Commissioner, and
Matt Macunas, CT Green Bank, Associate Director of Transportation Initiatives,

We are a group of organizations, businesses, and individuals united in our concern for the environment and interested in increasing the use of sustainable modes of transportation. We are writing to encourage the state of Connecticut to extend electric vehicle (EV) rebates to e-bicycles, and to express our strong support for this policy. The current structure of the EV rebate program is inequitable and out of reach for many middle- and lower-income households. Extending EV rebates to include e-bicycles would reduce some of these inequalities by making the rebate program and the expanded, sustainable mobility benefit accessible to more families. Rather than a starting (post rebate) price of over \$15,000, one can find quality e-bicycles (before rebate) in the \$1,000 to \$2,500 range.

We believe that this policy will produce many benefits for the residents of Connecticut: reduce greenhouse gas emissions, encourage alternate modes of transportation, reduce traffic congestion, support our local CT bike shops, and increase mobility options for middle and low-income residents.

Currently, Connecticut offers rebates for EV cars in order to lessen the cost differential relative to gasoline power vehicles. There is a much smaller, but similar cost differential between a standard bicycle and an e-bicycle. This cost differential for e-bicycles puts them out of reach for most low-income residents, discouraging widespread adoption and lower prices that would result from larger production numbers. A rebate would make e-bicycles more affordable for middle and low-income individuals who cannot afford an EV car. An e-bicycle rebate will also replace some cars (gasoline or EV) with e-bicycles, as seen in other successful metro regions that do more than just support cars and sprawl. [Vermont already provides a \\$200 to \\$300 rebate for e-bicycles or e-bicycle upgrades purchased at local bicycle shops.](#)

Using an e-bicycle allows for further distances and less exertion than a basic bicycle, allowing e-bicycles to function as a car replacement for many short trips. Cargo e-bicycles are designed for passengers and daily chores. More people using e-bicycles instead of cars would decrease greenhouse gas emissions, decrease traffic congestion, and decrease wear on the roads. The life cycle emissions of an e-bike are significantly lower than an EV car due to the 10x

smaller battery and overall weight of the vehicle. Bicycles also inflict substantially less damage on roads than standard vehicles. By some estimates, it would take about [700 trips by bicycle to equal the road wear damage caused by one trip of a Smart Car.](#)

We encourage the recipients of this letter to consider the multitude of benefits of more e-bicycles on the road, and to adopt this policy in order to reduce the overall pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from our state's transportation systems.

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Kevin	Sullivan	Co-Founder	Bike Walk Wethersfield	Wethersfield
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