



CITY OF LA VERNE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

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**Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Regular Meeting at 4:00 PM
La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers,
3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750**

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Persons addressing the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Commission shall be limited to 3 minutes unless an extension of time is granted by the Chair, subject to approval of the Commission Members. When any group of persons wishes to address the Commission, it shall be proper for the Chair to request that a spokesperson be chosen to represent the group.

Public comments will be allowed on items on this Agenda at the time each item is considered.

Mission of the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

To provide community-based advisory input to the City Council and Public Works Department on capital projects, mobility, traffic safety, pavement management, and sustainable transportation initiatives, helping prioritize infrastructure needs, promote multimodal access, and support informed decision-making aligned with adopted plans and standards.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONER SWEARING IN

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Department Overview

FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program Presentation

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Ordinance Pertaining to Regulated Mobility Devices.** The proposed ordinance adds Chapter 10.80 to Title 10 of the La Verne Municipal Code to regulate the operation of regulated mobility devices, including bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and similar devices. The ordinance establishes definitions, operational rules, safety requirements, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties to promote public safety and welfare.

Recommendation: Recommend that the City Council introduce and adopt an ordinance pertaining to Regulated Mobility Devices.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be allowed on items not on the Agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items except as provided by law.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

Commission members may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his/her own activities, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Commission will be held at 4:00 PM on April 22, 2026, at La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers.

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Active Transportation & Infrastructure Commission Agenda Report



DATE: January 28, 2026
TO: Honorable Chair and Commission Members
FROM: Travis Tibbetts, Police Captain
SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO REGULATED MOBILITY DEVICES.**

SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the City Council introduce and adopt an ordinance pertaining to Regulated Mobility Devices.

DISCUSSION

The use of electric bicycles and other regulated mobility devices has increased significantly within the City. While these devices provide alternative transportation and recreational opportunities, they also raise safety concerns for pedestrians, motorists, and riders. The proposed ordinance aligns with the California Vehicle Code and establishes local regulations addressing unsafe operation, helmet use, passenger restrictions, hours-of-darkness requirements, use of designated lanes, and specific standards for Class 3 electric bicycles and electric motorcycles. The ordinance also includes enforcement provisions, parental responsibility for minors, and exemptions for public agency personnel and persons with disabilities.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Adoption of this ordinance is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact on the City. Any minor costs associated with enforcement and public education can be absorbed within existing departmental budgets. Potential fine revenue is expected to be minimal and is not relied upon to offset enforcement costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15061(b)(3), as it is clear that the ordinance will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

LEGAL REVIEW

This ordinance is under review and will be approved by the City Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Regulated Mobility Devices Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 26-XX
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE,
CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 10.80 TO TITLE 10 OF THE LA VERNE
MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE USE OF REGULATED MOBILITY DEVICES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Verne recognizes the increased use of regulated mobility devices, including bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and similar devices, for transportation and recreation;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that improper operation of regulated mobility devices poses risks to pedestrians, riders, motorists, and public safety;

WHEREAS, California law authorizes local jurisdictions to regulate the operation of regulated mobility devices within their boundaries;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish reasonable regulations governing the operation of regulated mobility devices within the City to promote public safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new **Chapter 10.80** – Regulated Mobility Devices is hereby added to **Title 10** of the La Verne Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 10.80 – REGULATED MOBILITY DEVICES

10.80.010 Findings and Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the safe operation of regulated mobility devices within the City, to protect pedestrians and operators, and to ensure compliance with applicable state and local laws.

10.80.020 Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section.

- A. "Bicycle" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 231, as amended from time to time.
- B. "Electric Bicycle" or "E-Bike" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 312.5, as amended from time to time, and shall be categorized as follows:

1. Class 1 Electric Bicycle: An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 2. Class 2 Electric Bicycle: An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 3. Class 3 Electric Bicycle: An electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour. Such electric bicycles shall be equipped with a speedometer.
- C. "Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 313, as amended from time to time.
- D. "Electrically Motorized Boards" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 313.5, as amended from time to time.
- E. "Electric Motorcycle" shall mean any electric-powered two- or three-wheeled vehicle with a motor of more than 750 watts and a lack of operable pedals. Such vehicles shall not be considered an electric bicycle and shall be treated as a motorcycle as defined by California Vehicle Code Sections 400(a) and 400(b).
- F. "Highway" shall mean any publicly maintained way or place open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, including streets.
- G. "Hours of Darkness" shall mean all times of the week that occur between 30 minutes past sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
- H. "Low-Speed Vehicle" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 385.5, as amended from time to time.
- I. "Motorized Scooter" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Vehicle Code Section 407.5, as amended from time to time.
- J. "Operator" shall mean any person who owns, operates, or controls a regulated mobility device.
- K. "Public Area" shall mean any outdoor area open to the public for public use, whether owned or operated by the City or a private party.

- L. "Regulated Mobility Device" shall include bicycles, electric bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electrically motorized boards, low-speed vehicles, motorized scooters, shared mobility devices, and other similar vehicles.
- M. "Rider" shall mean a traveler riding on a regulated mobility device who is not operating it.
- N. "Seat" shall mean a device manufactured, designed, and factory-installed or appropriately installed on a vehicle for the purpose of providing points of contact that support an operator or rider in a sitting position on the vehicle, including foot support. When transporting passengers, this term shall mean a device, or devices, manufactured, designed, and factory installed or appropriately-installed on a vehicle, for the purpose of providing points of contact that support each rider in a sitting position, including foot pegs, separate from the operator's seat such that each person operating or riding on the vehicle are seated on a device to allow for their individual occupancy with individual foot support.
- O. "Shared Mobility Device" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Civil Code Section 2505, as amended from time to time.
- P. "Wheelie" shall mean an acrobatic stunt where the front tire or wheel is lifted off the ground due to extreme torque being applied to the rear wheel while in motion.
- Q. "Endo-Wheelie" or "Stoppie" shall mean a trick performed on a motorcycle or bicycle where the back wheel is lifted by abruptly applying the front brake, then reducing the brake pressure to ride for a short distance on the front wheel.

10.80.030 Operations and Use of Electric Bicycles and Electric Motorcycles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate any electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, or any other electric or motorized conveyance unless such ride or operation complies with the following provisions.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate any electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, or any other electric or motorized conveyance unless such ride or operation complies with the following provisions:
 - 1. Unsafe Operation Prohibited. No person shall ride or operate an electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, or any other electric or motorized conveyance in an unsafe manner. "Unsafe manner" shall mean operating in such a way as that violates any provision of state law or the City's municipal code or constitutes a danger to

the operator, a passenger, other motorists, other riders, or pedestrians in the area.

2. **Helmet Requirement.** All operators and passengers under 18 years of age shall wear a helmet properly strapped while riding or operating an electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, or any other electric or motorized conveyance, as specified in California Vehicle Code Section 21212.
3. **Direction of Travel.** The operator of a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter, or electric skateboard shall travel in the same direction as vehicles are required to be driven upon the roadway, regardless of whether or not the operator is in the roadway or in a bike lane.
4. **Passenger Restrictions.** No person riding or operating an electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, or any other electric or motorized conveyance shall transport another person upon an electric bicycle, motor-driven cycle, or any other electric or motorized conveyance unless:
 - a. Such passenger is seated upon a seat attached to the vehicle in a safe manner; and
 - b. The operator is at least 16 years of age and possesses a valid driver's license, or is at least 18 years of age.
5. **Requirements During Hours of Darkness.**
 - a. During hours of darkness, electric bicycles shall only be operated by persons 16 years of age or older.
 - b. During hours of darkness, electric bicycles shall only be operated with a front lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet and a rear solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector visible from a distance of 500 feet.
6. **Prohibited Actions.**
 - a. It shall be unlawful to operate electric bicycles on highways, roadways, or sidewalks while performing stunts such as wheelies.
 - b. It shall be unlawful to operate electric bicycles while utilizing a hand-held mobile communication device, such as using a mobile phone to text.
7. **Use of Designated Lanes.** E-bike operators must use designated bicycle lanes where available. In the absence of a designated bicycle lane, cyclists and e-

bike riders are permitted to use sidewalks; however, e-bike operators must yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and bicycle-riders and maintain a cautious speed that does not endanger pedestrian safety.

7. Requirements for Class 3 Electric Bicycles.

- a. A person must be 16 years of age or older to operate a Class 3 electric bicycle.
- b. All persons operating or riding as a passenger upon a Class 3 electric bicycle shall comply with Section 21213 of the California Vehicle Code regarding the wearing of a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.
- c. Class 3 E-Bikes shall not be ridden on any sidewalks or any public off-road trails within the City of La Verne.

8. Compliance with Safety Standards. An electric bicycle shall meet the following criteria:

- a. Comply with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (16 C.F.R. 1512.1, *et seq.*).
- b. Operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the brakes are applied, or operate in a manner such that the motor is engaged through a switch or mechanism that, when released or activated, will cause the electric motor to disengage or cease to function.
- c. A person shall not tamper with or modify an electric bicycle so as to change the speed capability of the bicycle unless he or she appropriately replaces the label indicating the classification.

10. Electric Motorcycles. Electric motorcycles shall not be operated within the limits of the City of La Verne without the following:

- a. The operator shall have a valid motorcycle license as required by California Vehicle Code Section 12500(b); and
- b. The electric motorcycle shall have, and the operator shall carry proof of, valid registration and license plate as required by California Vehicle Code Section 4000(a)(1); and

- c. All operators and riders shall wear a helmet approved by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) as required by California Vehicle Code Section 27803(b); and
- d. All operators shall have and maintain evidence of financial responsibility (Insurance) as required by California Vehicle Code Section 16028a.

10.80.040 Enforcement and Penalties.

- A. Responsibility of Parent. Each parent or legal guardian having custody and control of a minor who violates this Chapter shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor for such violation.
- B. Regulations Provided upon Retail Sale or Rental of an Electric Bicycle. Every store or business selling or renting E-bikes shall supply a copy of this Chapter to every person(s) purchasing or renting an E-Bike, and shall maintain proof of providing such copy for minimum of three years. Records of proof shall be provided to the City immediately upon request by the Chief of Police during normal business hours of the store or business.
- C. Violations and Penalties.
 - 1. Violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to enforcement as specified in Chapter 1.24 of the La Verne Municipal Code.
 - 2. Any person found in violation of any provision of this Chapter, or the California Vehicle Code while operating an E-Bike, may, in lieu of payment of a fine or other penalty, be required to complete a city-approved training and education class on the safe operation of electric bicycles. Payment for the costs of such a class shall be the responsibility of the offender. Proof of completion must be provided to the City's Police Services Division within 90 days of the violation notice if such a class is required. The violation shall not be deemed adjudicated until the offender provides such notice in a timely manner.
 - 3. Every person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor unless specifically provided otherwise in this chapter. In no case shall the fine for violation of this chapter exceed an amount specified by the City.

10.80.050 Exemptions.

- A. Public Agency Personnel. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, or any other section of this code, City and public agency personnel may operate regulated mobility devices or other vehicles at any place in the City in the performance of their official duties.
- B. Disability. This chapter is not intended to apply to or otherwise restrict regulated mobility devices used in a safe manner by physically disabled persons as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 *et seq.*)

Section 2. Severability. The City Council declares that should any provision, section, paragraph, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be rendered, declared invalid, or unconstitutional, by any final court or competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, words, of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 4. Signature and Processing. The Mayor shall sign, and the Deputy City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance, cause it to be published as required by law, and it shall thereafter take effect as provided by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026, by the City Council of the City of La Verne, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Mayor Tim Hepburn
City of La Verne

Attest:

Debra Fritz
Deputy City Clerk

