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AGENDA ITEM 7a
TAC Meeting
April 7, 2022

DATE: March 30, 2022
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Beth Burks, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Proposed ad-hoc working group for e-bikes and other emerging transportation devices**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff and guests to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:
"I move the TAC forward a recommendation to the HCAOG board to form an ad-hoc working group related to regulations concerning e-bikes and other emerging transportation devices for the purposes of exploring a regional approach to managing their use on multiuse trails."

Staff Summary:

As the use of e-bikes, and other motorized and semi-motorized transportation devices becomes more prevalent on multiuse trails such as the Bay Trail and Waterfront Trail, trail managers have noted concerns about conflicts among trail users, lack of standardized etiquette, and unclear regulations. Hank Seemann (County of Humboldt), Donna Wood (City of Eureka), and Emily Sinkhorn (City of Arcata) will join the meeting to discuss the challenges they have been observing, and the possible formation of an ad-hoc working group for the purpose of exploring the issue and the feasibility of developing a regional approach to managing their use to promote safety and comfort of all trail users.