

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Six years ago I didn't even own a bicycle. Today I own an e-bike shop. It cannot be under-stressed how life changing an electric bicycle can be for people in Los Angeles. My wife and I each went from driving over 10,000 miles a year to putting less than 4,000 miles a year on our cars combined. We use our e-bikes daily, while our cars can sit unused for weeks. This saves us in gas and maintenance costs, plus helps reduce local traffic congestion. We live with the perfect weather that allows for bicycle commuting almost 365 days a year and while the infrastructure could improve, it is getting better. In time, with the right support, there is no reason why pockets of Los Angeles could be as pedestrian and bicycle friendly as Amsterdam. Traffic could be a thing of the past and businesses could thrive with the extra activity, since e-bikes allow for more convenient trips. Contrary to what many people think, bikes are actually significantly faster than cars (e-bikes even more so and you don't have to worry about being sweaty when you get to your destination). I have employees that commute to the Palisades from K-Town and North Hollywood and it takes less time on a bike than it does to drive. While the initial cost of owning a bike can be a barrier to some people, with just a small financial incentive, many people will realize that trading their car trips for a bike is a win-win. Invest in e-bikes and bicycle infrastructure will solve many of the city's problems (traffic, limited parking, pedestrian fatalities, air quality, etc.) with a minimal amount of investment.