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E-bikes, Vision Zero, and N. Bev Glen Blvd

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Greetings,

Because e-bikes are on the agenda for this evening's Traffic Committee Meeting, I'm putting a link, below my sign-off, to David Darlington's story about e-bikes in this past Sunday's New York Times Magazine. Mr. Darlington begins and ends with a human interest account involving a teenager seriously injured while riding an e-bike and about the. But in between, he provides many illuminating statistics about e-bikes and the different kinds currently on the market. In the past year or two, they seem to have become relatively common in the upper Beverly Glen area, mostly on side streets but sometimes out on the Boulevard itself. The riders appear frequently to be quite young (pre-teen) and aren't always accompanied by adult riders.

Regarding the Vision Zero program, I believe that virtually everyone in the Bel Air Glen HOA would second Leslie Tannebring's plea. Fast and reckless driving is a terrible problem throughout our hillside communities, but it's especially bad on North Beverly Glen Boulevard. Compared to our other canyon roads, it has stretches that are relatively straight (e. g., the long chute from Windtree Drive down to Four Oaks/Scenario Lane). Late at night, donut-doing yahoos particularly favor the intersections of Bev Glen Boulevard and Nicada, and Bev Glen Boulevard and Woodwardia, where the boulevard is a little wider than it is elsewhere.

(None of this is to say that other sections of North Beverly Glen Boulevard aren't just as scary in their own ways.)

Sorry for the long email.

Best wishes,

Tim

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/30/magazine/e-bikes-accidents-safety-legislation-california.html>

