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Hello.

It'd be great if the data on the Climate Smart Dashboard could be updated. Some actuals go back to 2015, while most are from 2019.

Also, there's a large emphasis on EV charging. I think it would be great if this could include charging for electric bicycles. The sale of electric bicycles outpace the sale of electric vehicles by a large margin due to their low cost, yet cities still haven't planned for their charging needs. Most just need an electrical outlet since charging cables aren't all the same. Many users do charge at home, but charging infrastructure can help ease battery anxiety.

Also, it would be great if the City can make plans for ebike parking. The bikelink lockers are great for normal sized e-bikes, but many popular ebikes called Cargo bikes, which families compare to minivans due to their carrying capacity, won't fit in the smaller lockers. These bikes are often wider and longer than traditional sized bikes. Parking can be incorporated with charging.

Lastly, electric bike rebates should be flowing through SVCE. Peninsula Clean Energy and the City of Santa Clara currently offer their users and residents rebates for electric bicycles. SVCE currently only offers rebates for electric vehicles.

The City has a great Better Bike Plan, so I think it's important to understand where the bicycle and mobility industry is heading in terms of technology. E-bikes can take advantage of the many protected lanes that are popping up or the super highway that VTA is working on.

## **FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION**

## The Popularity of E-Bikes Isn't Slowing Down

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