



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town of Arlington

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To: Select Board

From: Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee

Subject: Electric Bicycles

Date: March 18, 2019

At its March 13 meeting, the Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) voted to support the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee's (ABAC) request for your endorsement of pending state legislation regarding the definition and regulation of low-powered, pedal-assist electric bicycles. The proposed legislation would define three classifications of electric bicycles, establish basic regulations to treat low-speed electric bicycles as regular bicycles, and empower municipalities to regulate their use on roads, trails, and paths (e.g., the Minuteman Bikeway). TAC agrees with ABAC that this legislation would help promote sensible and safe electric-bicycle usage, clarify how e-bikes are defined in Massachusetts law, and provide guidelines for where they can be ridden.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Muise, Chair