

Prior to February 5, 2015, the following information had been confirmed with previous Transportation Agency for Monterey County bicycle and pedestrian coordinators and with the City of Monterey traffic engineer.

Following the February 4, 2015 TAMC bike/ped advisory committee meeting, this information was removed from the Bicycling Monterey site (<http://www.bicyclingmonterey.com>) for now, until it can be reevaluated in light of current TAMC bike/ped coordinator Ariana Green's most recent research. A summary of her research, "Motorized Vehicles on Bike Paths," is now posted on Bicycling Monterey.

The previously posted information is archived below.

What about non "people-powered" bikes?

As California DMV laws state, motorized bicycles may not be used on trails, bike paths, or lanes unless allowed by local authorities. CVC 21207.5

Regarding **electric or electric-assist bicycles**: As of April 2013, in addition to the reference below about bikes in a class that exceed 20 mph, various Monterey County cities have differing laws and policies, and their [police departments may](#) appropriately ticket offenders accordingly.

Be aware that bikes such as the [Specialized Turbo e-bike](#), which was released in the U.S. in 2013 and travels up to 28 mph (45 kph), are in [the class of motorized bicycles](#) that are [not permitted](#) on the multi-use trail/bike path. **Folks riding a motorized bicycle at speeds above 20 mph would be subject to a citation.** (As of 4/29/13, this was confirmed by the City of Monterey traffic engineer.)

We have [great Monterey County cops!](#) Help keep the local bike scene cool by observing [California bike laws, and our local ordinances](#).

Also, although bicycles that are not self-propelled have their place as an environmentally friendlier transportation choice, please carefully observe **restriction** signs on the multi-use trail and in bike lanes. (See various photos below.) And make no mistake about *gas-powered* bikes--including mopeds and motorcycles; they are definitely **not** allowed.

Have questions? I have additional detailed info [from TAMC] not posted here, so feel free to [contact me](#) for more clarification. Or, contact the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at the Transportation Agency for Monterey County](#).

Elsewhere in the [Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail](#) network: Several years ago the Supervisors of Santa Cruz County amended their transportation code to specifically allow [California Vehicle Code section 406 \(b\) motorized bicycles](#) to use all bikeways and recreational trails within Santa Cruz County. Countywide action has been recommended for Monterey County too, so stay tuned for any updates, which may be posted here or announced by the [Transportation Agency for Monterey County](#).