Moldaw-JCC Bicycle Club Upgrade? ..... by Jon Claerbout


Recent years brought two big changes to our biking community:

1. Nearby (0.8 mile) is a beautiful new (Nov 2021) pedestrian bridge over highway 101 putting bay-area nature almost within reach for walkers, easily so for bikers.

2. Battery-assisted bicycles have become widely available. About 40% of the showroom at nearby Mike’s Bikes holds E-bikes. They add complexity and cost. They (1) eliminate concern with hills and (2) Among diverse bikers, e-bikes equalize their strengths.

A walker has a one-mile radius. Our biking club (mostly E-bikes) has a ten-mile radius. Landscape size scales with area of the circle. Bikers world area is 100 times larger than walkers area. May I show you a twenty-minute slideshow of that 100x larger world?

Most Moldaw residents and its management haven’t biked for decades. They don’t realize that bikes and trikes on sidewalks are legal and safe. It’s much the same with the JCC community who

1. cannot visualize what they have not experienced.

2. have no practical way of trying out e-Trikes.

I propose a couple members of JCC management join a few of us local e-Bikers for test rides at an e-Trike retailer near San Jose, Laidback Cycles.

A 92-year-old woman recently rode her $300 Trike to the Palo Alto farmers' market. Full-sized image to see her trike and dog.

Moldaw Health committee chairman, Henry Lew, test rides an e-Trike at Laidback Cycles.

Video (31 seconds) same as https://tinyurl.com/y56cdtsz.
