



MEETING DATE:	June 16, 2021	REGULAR
TO:	Board of Directors	
FROM:	Richard A. Stedman, Air Pollution Control Officer	
SUBJECT:	Receive a Presentation on the FY 2021-22 AB2766 Electric Bicycle (E-bike) Incentive Component of the MBARD Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (eVIP).	

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation on the FY 2021-22 AB2766 Electric Bicycle (E-bike) incentive component of the MBARD Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (eVIP).

DISCUSSION

On March 17, 2021, your Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to apply a portion of the AB2766 annual revenues towards funding and implementing the District’s FY 2021-22 AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program. This year’s eVIP component was expanded with the addition of an incentive for E-bikes along with the ongoing incentives for light-duty electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

On May 19, 2021, your Board directed staff to conduct research and information gathering on E-bikes including classifications, specifications, use patterns, and average costs. Staff compiled the E-bike research findings in a presentation given to the MBARD Advisory Committee on June 3, 2021. Feedback was provided by the Advisory Committee and captured by staff. Staff was also directed to contact the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties to gather input on the proposed E-bike incentive program. Staff will present the E-bike findings and proposed incentive program to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Bicycle Committee on June 16, 2021. Staff will also present to the Transportation Agency of Monterey (TAMC) Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee on August 4, 2021.

Based on the Advisory Committee comments on the E-bike incentive program and further consideration of program requirements, staff proposes the following adjustments:

- Increase the incentive to a fixed amount of \$200
- Limit the eligible E-bike price to a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$4,000
- Allow E-bike purchases from established E-bike retailers only
- Limit program to commuter and cargo E-bikes

