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Memo

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To: Christina Rinderie

From: Robert Harlan

CC:

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2016

Re: The Animas Trail – Maintenance & Electric Assist Bikes

Hi,

Its been at least a couple of years since I last saw you at Walmart. You were with someone other than Baxter. Refresher facts; I was your neighbor along with my wife, Tatiana, at the time. We lived in #1 @ Parkside Terrace, I think you were in #4 or #5.

I have been on the verge of either writing you or calling you about the maintenance on the Animas Trail. The asphalt section is torture if you are riding a bike, especially if you have had multiple back surgeries as I have. All that would have to be done to correct it is filling in the cracks with tar or asphalt. Over by the city hall sect of the trail you have the trail being lifted by tree roots. – this is really dangerous, I almost lost it on one of the more severe bumps. Pleassssssssssssssse see what you can do. We need this fixed before spending money to extend the trail any further.

After reading the article in the paper about allowing the owners of electric peddle assist bike to use the trail, I thought I would let you know I think it's a great idea. Since my back surgeries I have been working on getting my old performance level back. Riding a bike was highly recommended by both rehab and my doctors. But the problem was the legs were to weak to really handle the hills on the trail or road. I now ride a electric assist peddle bike which has really strengthened my legs. It also ads a big safety factor to riding. The additional power of the electric motor has kept me from falling numerous times. I don't move as fast as regular bikes, except going uphill. Believe me that isn't really very fast. The only dangerous riders I have found on the trail are the are the Tour De France wantabes moving like they were in a time trial.

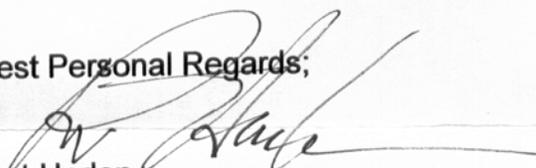
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The key to safe riding with pedestrians is the riders loudly call out which side they intend to pass the pedestrian on, and acknowledge with a "thank you" their moving over a little to let the bikes pass.

Because of me finding and using the Electric pedal assist bike – I am almost ready to get back on a regular bike. Something I have been looking forward to since I resume my biking a couple of years ago.

On a personal note – it's been great to see you evolve into the civic leader over the last 10 years. I have been and will continue to support you.

Kindest Personal Regards;


Robert Harlan

P.S. If you need a good lawyer, my son is now practicing in Durango.

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