



**RIDGEFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026  
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room  
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

- I. STUDY SESSION - 4:00 P.M.**
  - 1. Youth Commission Update and Report - Lee Knottnerus, Deputy City Manager,  
Megan DeMoss, Communications Program Manager**
- II. ADJOURN**



# FINAL REPORT

Ridgefield Youth Commission



# KEY CONCEPTS

## CONNECTION

Determine how to support better connection for users across the city of Ridgefield

## EDUCATION

To inform how to address education about any new regulations, safety recommendations.

## SAFETY

To guide recommendations for reasonable changes that address the safety concerns of our city

# STEPS

- Learn about the issue from public safety and legal perspectives.
- Interview Bike Shops
- Observe Riders and Their Habits
- Survey the Youth About Their Riding Habits
- Survey the Public About Their Opinion
- Trail Tour

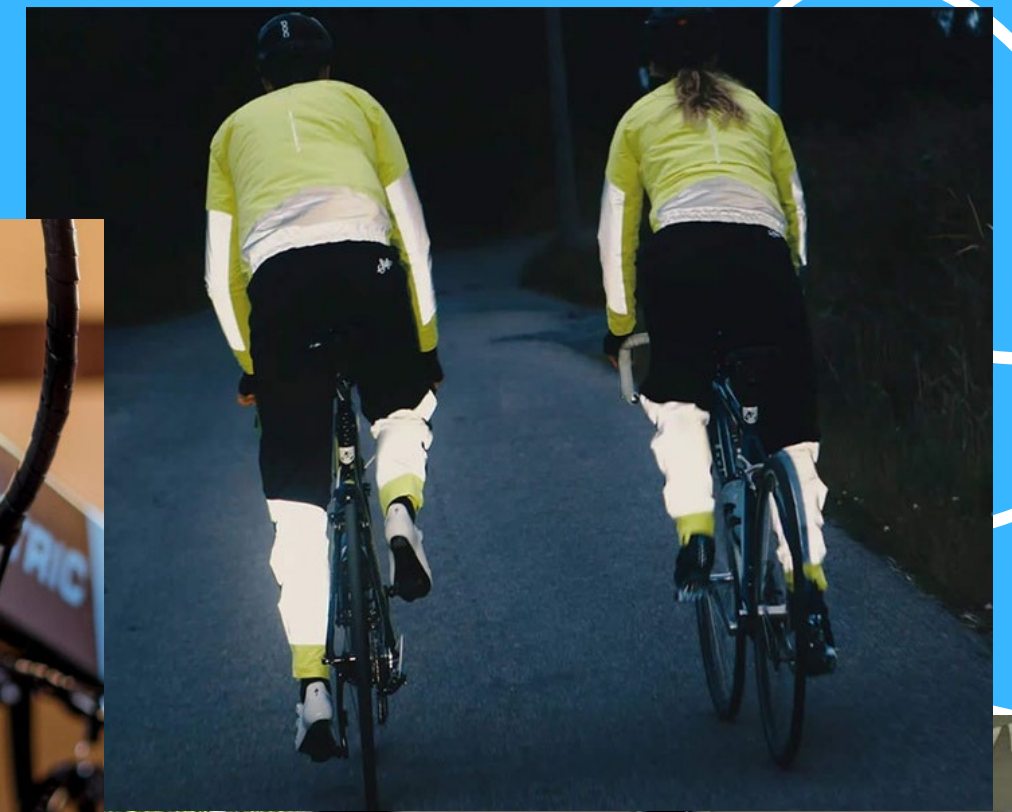
# GOAL

*COMPILE INFORMATION RELATING TO BIKE USE, SAFETY, AND EDUCATION, TO PUT FORTH A SUGGESTION FOR A POLICY AND CAMPAIGN ON BIKE REGULATION*

# KEY CONCEPT SAFETY

Recommendations for reasonable changes that address the safety concerns of our city.

- Headlights & rear reflector
- Helmets
- Reflective Clothing
- Age Restrictions & Requirements:
  - Class 1- no age requirement
  - Class 2 - 12+ years + safety course required
  - Class 3 - 16+ years + safety course required

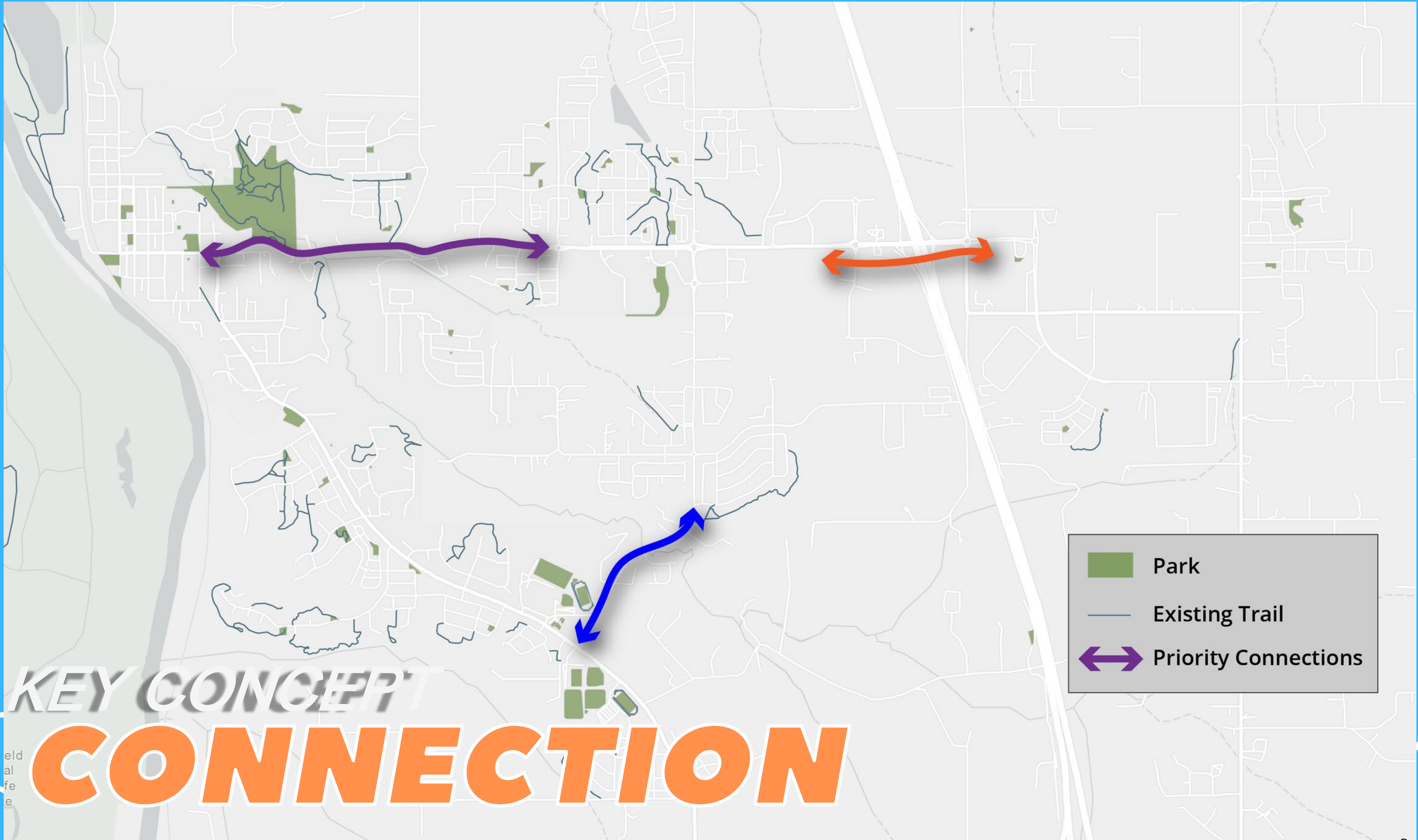


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# EDUCATION

Emphasize education before enforcement to market information about safety issues, precautions, and connections. Provide Information about types of e-bikes, safety issues, and the connections provided in the city.

- Social media
- Communication centered in schools: posters, bulletin boards, clubs, water fountains, classrooms, TVs, classroom visits, lunch booths
- City Events



*KEY CONCEPT*  
**CONNECTION**

-  Park
-  Existing Trail
-  Priority Connections

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## Safety Issues and Precautions

### Head lights:

In Washington state, bicycles ridden during the hours of darkness (half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise) must be equipped with a front white light visible for 500 feet and a red rear reflector visible for 600 feet. Red or flashing rear lights are also permitted.

### Helmets:

Require helmets on all and any bicycle within city limits. Washington State does not have a statewide helmet law for traditional bicycles. However, head protection mandates are left to local municipalities, meaning many cities and counties require riders to wear helmets. Additionally, riders of motorized e-bikes or scooters must comply with all local helmet requirements.

### Clothing:

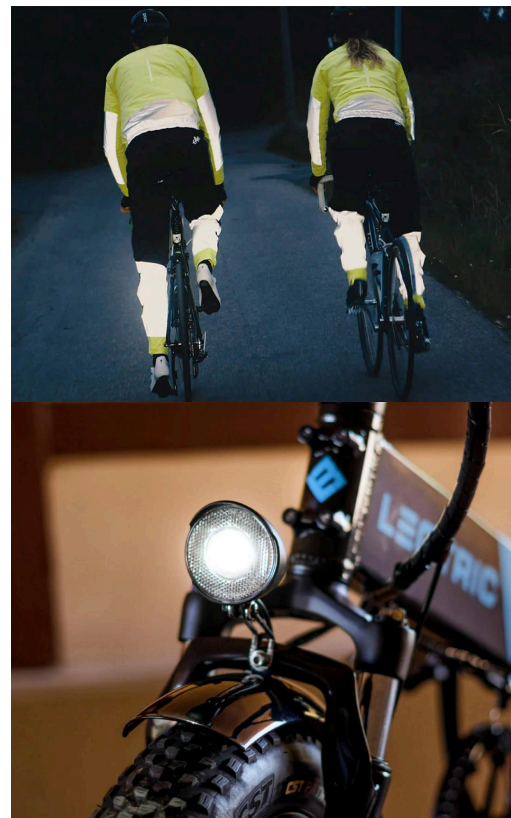
Wearing reflective clothing on the rider's body is recommended during the day and required at night. Closed toed shoes with backing are required at all times.

### Age:

Class 1 e-bikes: No age requirement necessary

Class 2 e-bikes: 12+ years old with a required safety course

Class 3 e-bikes: 16+ years old with a more advanced required safety course



## Education

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**Possible ways to inform the community (focussed on youth):**

- Social media on both the Ridgefield page and High School page
- Posters for the back of the stalls in the bathroom (one for each school level)
- Bulletin Boards
- Thrive Club
- Water Fountains
- Teachers Classroom
- Tv's (Digitalize)
- Going into classrooms to speak about issue (City Council or Police Officers)
- Lunch Booths
- City Events

# Connection

