



# Designing a Human Powered Vehicle

## Team #20 Needs Assessment



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## **Abstract**

The Needs Assessment Report lays out the requirements needed to compete in the ASME Human Powered Vehicle Competition. The competition requires many safety features such as a maximum braking distance and turn radius and a minimum amount of force to withstand. It will also require a Design and Innovation paper that will need to be submitted prior to the competition to show case our design and the innovative things such as the Hans Cycle that will be implemented into the design.



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## Chapter One: EML 4551C

### 1.1 Project Scope

The Human Powered Vehicle Challenge is an ASME competition in which students design and build an eco-friendly, fast, and safe mode of transportation. The goals of the project are to achieve top marks in the Design and Innovation challenges at the Official ASME HPVC. The team will build a prototype and attempt to obtain a high ranking in the racing portion of the competition as well. The main market for this human power vehicle is mega cities where alternative solutions for current highway vehicles are needed. The team will produce a prototype for the competition and assuming time and budget allows, will produce a fully functional vehicle.

### 1.2 Customer Needs

Knowing that our project is a competition, the rules in the competition are spelled out very strictly and we need to adhere to them. After meeting with Dr. McConomy, we decided that that we need to focus on 3 specific aspects of the challenge; Design Challenge, Innovation Challenge and Women's Speed Challenge. Each of these challenges have to follow the following main rules and guidelines for the event which are shown below.

The requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering's Human Powered Vehicle Challenge are as follows:

- Roll protection system capable of withstanding specified top and side loads indicated in the 2018 HPVC Rules document.



- Roll protection system that is structurally attached and braced to the vehicle frame or fairing.
- Rigidly mounted and structurally sound seat and properly affixed safety harness.
- Safety harnesses attached to the RPS or a structural member in the RPS and may not be attached to the seat unless it is structurally integrated into the RPS.
- Come to a stop from a speed of 25 km/hr in 6.0 m (19.7 ft)
- Turn radius within an 8.0m (26.2 ft)
- Capability of driving for 30 m (98.4 ft) in a straight line at a speed of 5 to 8 km/hr
- Braking system with properly designed brakes on the front most wheel of the vehicle at a minimum; must have at least front wheel brakes (if more than 1 front wheel)
- Appropriate guards fitted for all drivetrain components, steering components, and wheels if within reach of the rider and must be designed and constructed so that they will not injure the rider in the event of an accident.
- Properly fitting helmets with fastened straps that meet CPSC Safety Standard for bicycle helmets (16 CFR Part 1203)
- Forward-facing field of view of at least 180° wide for the driver.
- Submit a short video (maximum 2 minutes) showing their HPVs completing the three performance safety requirement tests (Section III.B). Video files must be less than 500MB, in mp4 format, and submitted at least one week before the race.
- Written report, technical presentation, and performance safety video for the vehicle





Our team feels that these points below should be implemented in the project:

- Be compact
- Design and demonstrate technical innovation related to their vehicle.
- Display school name or initials on each side of the vehicle in characters at least 10 cm high in a color that contrasts with the background

After discussing with Dr. McConomy, we feel that it would be nice to:

- Win the challenges
- Utilize ultracapacitors
- Incorporate a CVT

### **1.3 Functional Decomposition**

The human powered vehicle's functions are to:

- Use human input to create mechanical energy
- Transport operator by rolling on wheels
- Transport operator safely
- Enable operator to travel on government maintained roads
- Enable operator to steer vehicle in desired direction
- Enable operator to detect upcoming obstacles
- Enable operator to alter vehicle's longitudinal acceleration



### 1.4 Target Summary

The targets of the Human Powered Vehicle are made up of velocities, accelerations and decelerations, and numbers of components. Some of the targets were found from benchmarking other human powered vehicles as well as from the official ASME HPVC rules. The first target is to use human input to create mechanical energy. The rules of the competition are that the vehicle must use only human power to propel the vehicle down a track. The human input should be able to pedal the vehicle at least 142.8 RPMs to get the vehicle to 40mph. To achieve this speed, we will use a gear ratio of 3.25:1 on the standard bicycle gear train that can be implemented in this vehicle. The calculations are shown in the table below:

Target Speed (mph)	Speed (ft/s)	Tire Diameter (in)	Tire Diameter (ft)	Tire circumference (ft)	Tire angular velocity (rev/s)	Max Gear Ratio	Input angular velocity (rev/s)
40	58.67	29	2.42	7.59	7.73	3.25	2.38
<b>Vehicle operator would have to pedal</b>			<b>2.38</b>	<b>revolutions per second to achieve</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>mph</b>

Figure 1. Calculations for the Tire Size

The second target is to transport the operator on rolling wheels. We have this target so that the vehicle can be used to move the driver from one place to another. This will be done using 700c bike tires. Which equate out to 29 inches in diameter, as shown in the speed calculation table above. We will aim to use at least 2 wheels but no more than 4 total.

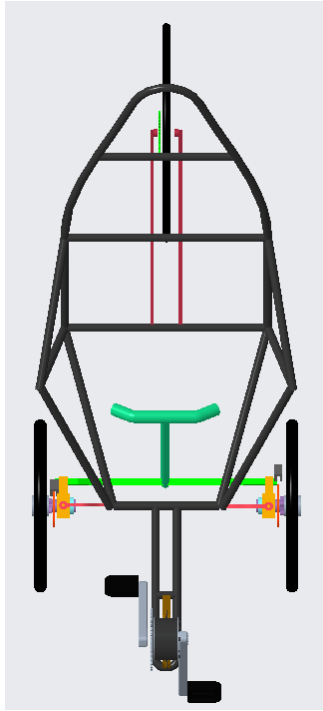
The following targets are designated to keeping the operator of the vehicle safe, to be able to maneuver it adequately and to be able to operate the vehicle on government maintained



roads. This is because, if the vehicle is ever actually marketed to the public, these are important for both appealing to customers as well as getting the permits needed for production. This is done by being able to stop the vehicle from 25km/hr in less than 6 meters. Having a Roll Protection System in place is also going to keep the operator safe and must withstand a top load and side load of 2630 N and 1330 N respectively. Maneuvering the vehicle should come with ease and it should have a turn radius of less than 24.6ft, while the operator has at least a 180-degree field of view.

## 1.5 Concept Generation

### Tadpole Trike Configuration



*Figure 2a. Isometric View*



*Figure 2b. Top View*

#### Tadpole Trike Configuration Features

- 20" kid's mountain bike tires (thick tires to better withstand lateral forces) in front
- 26" tire in rear
- Chain runs from front to rear
- Steering: 15 degrees with 48" wheelbase gets about a 16-foot turning radius
- Drivetrain will include derailleur and multiple gears or a cvt system along with the HANScycle gear system

- Steering involves a linkage still to be determined; two configurations include laterally moving steering wheel to rotate wheels or a linkage or steering rack that rotates wheels when the steering wheel is rotated
- RPS completely protects driver during operation and protects them in both the vertical load and side load crash conditions
- Brakes rotors and calipers are located on both front wheels of the vehicle

### Bicycle Configuration

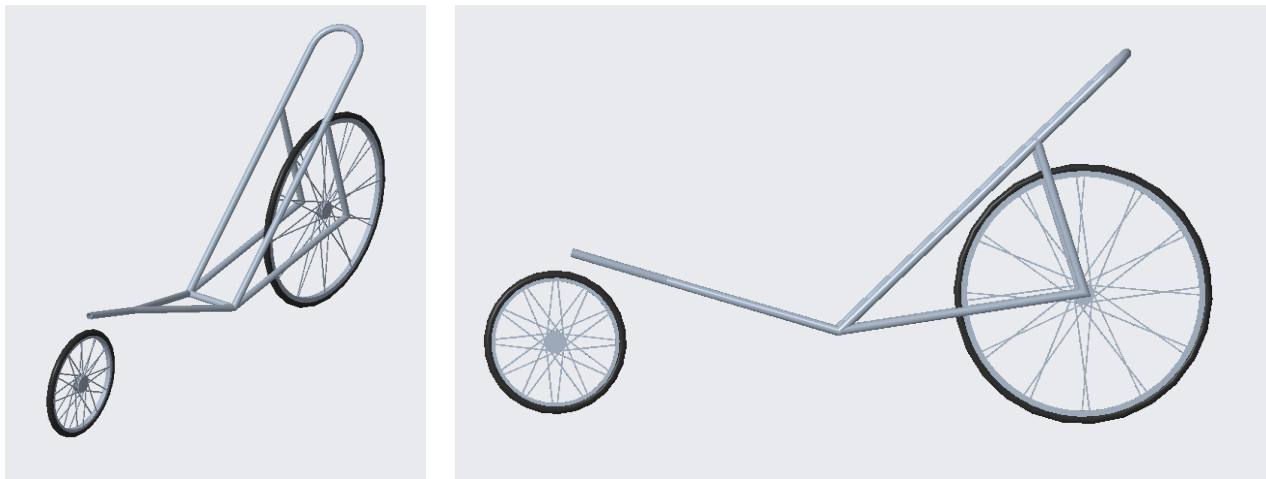


Figure 3. Bicycle Configuration

- Large 29" wheel in the rear for more speed at same rpm.
- Chain runs from front to rear
- Very low and skinny orientation of the driver
- Steering: The ability to lean into the turn will reduce the chance of flipping and will allow for less turning from the handle bars. The steering will be exactly like a normal bicycle.



- Roll protection system will be made from the back rest of the vehicle. A roll cage will be made from a bar above the driver and a bar on each side of the driver.
- Brakes rotors and calipers are located on the front wheel of the vehicle

Table 1.

Breakdown of Concepts from each subsection.

System	Concepts
Aerodynamics	Full Fairing
Aerodynamics	Small Fairing
Aerodynamics	No Fairing
Drivetrain	Chain
Drivetrain	Rubber Belt
Drivetrain	Full Rotating Petals
Drivetrain	HANScycle
Drivetrain	Gear
Drivetrain	CVT
Drivetrain	2 Wheel
Drivetrain	3 Wheel
Drivetrain	Variable Wheel
Frame/Roll Protection System	Frame
Steering	Linkage
Steering	Bicycle Handlebar
Steering	Steering Rack
Energy Storage	Ultracapacitor

## System 1. Aerodynamics

### *Full Fairing*

A full fairing would be used to compensate for the air resistance caused by a non-streamlined design.



### ***Small Fairing***

A small fairing would be used as a windshield for the driver rather than for aerodynamic purposes. The fairing would help for rain avoidance.

### ***No Fairing***

A fairing would not be necessary if the increase in weight because of adding the fairing outweighs the aerodynamic benefit of having one. In other words, the addition of a fairing will increase the overall weight of the vehicle and therefore the force of friction acting on the tires would slow us down.

## **System 2. Drivetrain**

### ***Chain***

A chain will provide an efficient and durable method of transferring human input into mechanical energy. Although a chain has very tight tolerances when installing, it can be repaired easily after it fails.

### ***Rubber Belts***

A rubber belt functions similarly to a chain; however, the rubber belt has a significantly greater tolerance and cannot be fixed once it fails.

### ***Full Rotation Pedals***

Full rotation pedals allow the user to pedal in a circular motion to convert their energy into mechanical energy and can be found on most bicycles.

### ***HANScycle***

The HANScycle system is a gearbox with pedals attached to it such that the user inputs a different motion with their feet than a standard bicycle. The user pushes their feet in and out in an oscillatory fashion on the pedals rather than a rotary motion. This allows the user a different experience when riding such that less stress is placed on the joints, primarily the knee joints, during operation. Implementing the HANScycle system in our Human Powered Vehicle design would set us apart from the other teams and provide us with an innovative advantage in the realm of relieving stress in the joint of the user and a more pleasing ride experience.

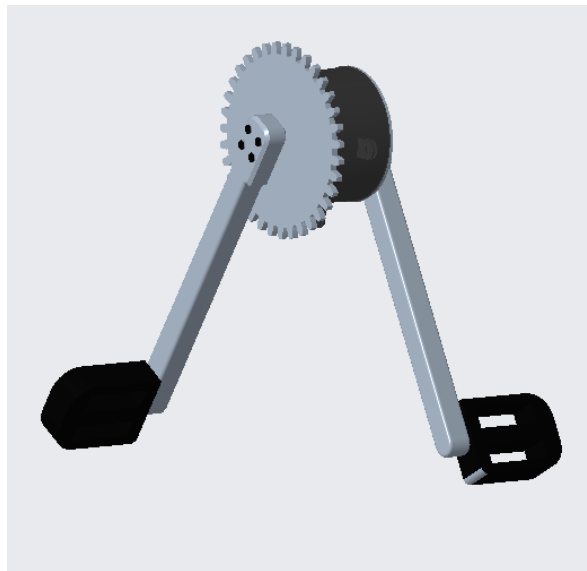


Figure 4. Hans Cycle

### ***Standard Bicycle Gears***

Gears can be a very inexpensive way to increase the output speeds of wheels. Two gears on a chain give only one gear ration, but having multiple gears would add the multiple ratios.

### ***CVT***

The CVT is a rare technology when it comes to implementation on bicycles. It's not seen very often and it's a great option to explore since an infinite gear ratio between a certain range is





available, giving the operator of the vehicle efficient acceleration capabilities. It can also make the acceleration process swifter as opposed to shifting through many different gear ratios as with a standard bicycle, giving us an advantage when it comes to accelerating.

### ***2 Wheel***

A two-wheeled vehicle would be utilized to reduce the weight and size of the vehicle. The vehicle would be made skinnier than a vehicle with more wheels, therefore it would have a smaller frontal area and make it more aerodynamic. This vehicle would also have less material, which would reduce the weight allowing it to travel faster. Two wheels would make it harder for the vehicle to flip in a turn because it could lean into also make it.

### ***3 Wheel***

A three-wheeled vehicle would be more stable than a two wheeled. The driver wouldn't have to worry about balance when coming to a stop or going slow threw turns.

### ***Variable Wheel Size***

The main reason for using a wheel that can change its size would be to change the moment of inertia of the wheel. A small wheel would have a small moment of inertia and would be easier to rotate. As the speed increases, the wheel size could manually be increased to allow for more distance per revolution of the wheel. The small wheel size would be great for acceleration while the large wheel size would be great for getting a higher top speed.

### System 3. Frame/Roll Protection

#### *Frame*

The frame needs to be made very safe so the driver won't injure themselves. The frame will have a roll protection system such as a roll cage to protect the driver in the case of a crash or rollover.

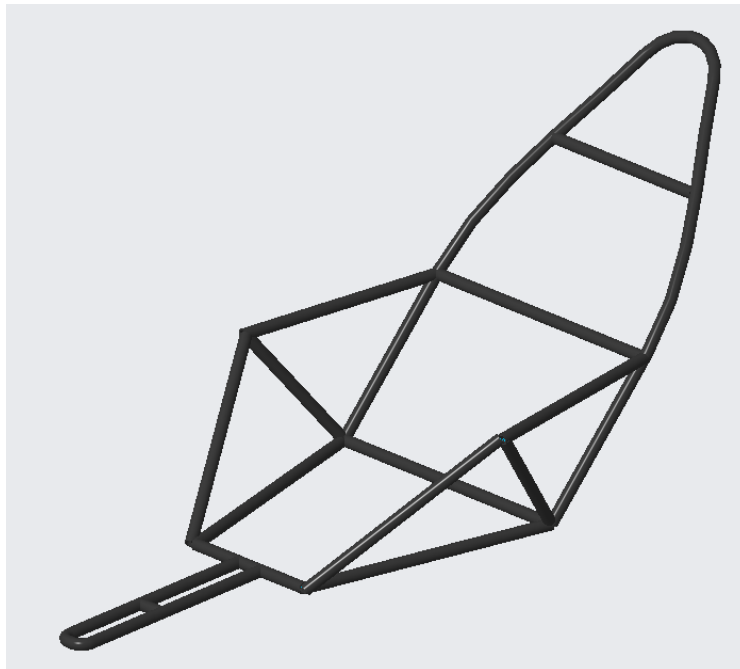


Figure 5. Frame CAD

## System 4. Steering

### *Linkage*

A linkage could be used to move the axle side to side. This could be set up so that little movement between the legs would be necessary to turn the vehicle. The linkage only moving an inch or so to the right could turn the wheels far enough.

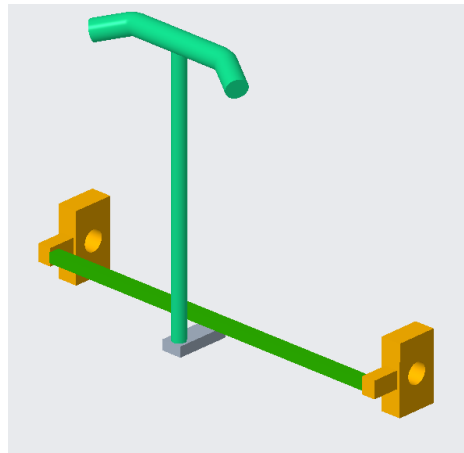


Figure 6. Linkage Steering

## ***Bicycle Handlebar***

The traditional bicycle handlebar is a compact and easy steering system to implement. It uses a one simple pin joint to rotate the tire.

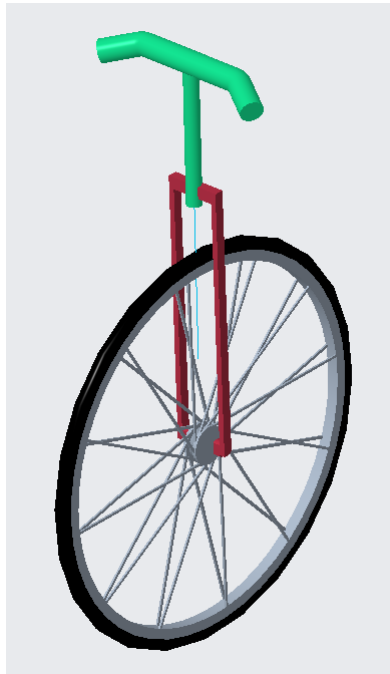


Figure 7. Bicycle Handlebar

### ***Steering Rack***

A steering rack system could combine the bicycle and linkage system by having an axis that turns the wheel hubs and has a handle bar that rotates in a pin joint. A rack and pinion gear set is used to change the rotational movement into linear movement of the axis side to side.

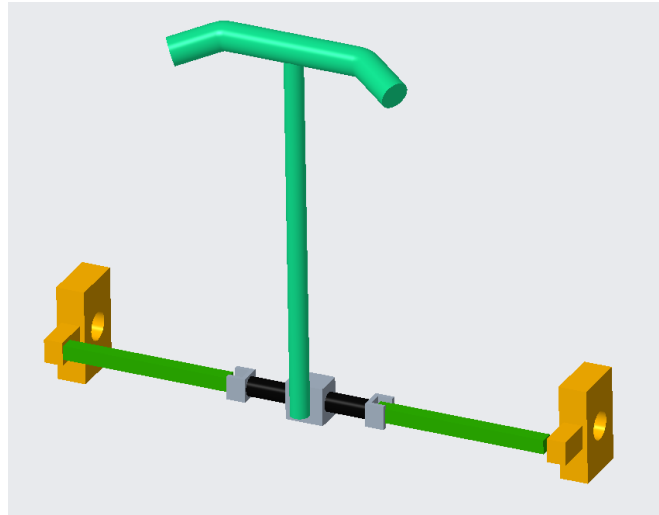


Figure 8. Steering Rack

### **System 5. Energy Storage**

#### ***Ultracapacitors***

These would be utilized to harness energy while operating the vehicle and use it later during situations where faster acceleration or max speed is desirable. Integration would involve placement near the pedals of the vehicle and the motion of the pedals would help create electrical energy within the ultra-capacitor.



## Appendix A: Code of Conduct

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## **Mission Statement**

Team 21 is dedicated to making safe, ethical and thought-out decisions when performing engineering tasks. Anything produced by the team is intended to relay engineering knowledge and innovative ideas to the engineering community. Time management, teamwork, and discipline will allow the team to meet deadlines and efficiently create engineering designs, analyses and products.

## **Roles**

### **Team Leader**

The team leader will be the main point of contact for our team. They shall keep the team working in unity. If a problem in the team should arise, the team leader will keep the integrity of the project intact. The team leader will be the mediator in case of untimely indecision.

The team leader will be in charge of delegating tasks to members best suited for the job based on that team members strengths. Team leader will be responsible for keeping positivity among the group and act in the best interest of the project. They will develop a timeline for the project and use organizational skills to make plans come to life in a timely manner.

### **Financial Manager**

The treasurer will be in charge of organizing finances for Team 21 and for the Human Powered Vehicle competition. The treasurers are responsible for reviewing all requests for purchases in order to decide whether the product is necessary or could be substituted. If the purchase is necessary, the treasurers will order the product and add the cost to their budget records.



## **Scribe**

The scribe will be in charge of keeping minutes of every meeting as well as keeping track of where the team left off at previous meetings. In addition, the scribe will be responsible for keeping track of who attends meeting as well as send out emails containing their notes.

## **Design and Analysis Lead**

The design and analysis lead will be in charge of leading efforts regarding designing and performing analyses for the vehicle. Consulting with school faculty will also be sought out regarding the validity and effectiveness of said analyses and designs.

## **All Team Members**

All team members will communicate effectively while respecting others' roles and ideas. Additionally, team members will be assigned different projects and are expected to keep all commitments and deliver them before the designated due date. Members will be expected to treat all parts of the project with respect and commitment. Members will respect others' feedback of their portions of the project and will be respectful in giving feedback. Every person is expected to be an ambassador to the outside world for their own portions of the project and report back to the team at weekly meetings. Team members will show confidence in our team when any and all occasions to do so arise.





## **Communication**

The team will have most of its communication in the meetings. If there are urgent matters that cannot wait until a meeting, there is a GroupMe group chat setup to allow for messaging us. The documents that are being made by the team will be stored on Google Drive which will eliminate the need for emailing them.

If a meeting time will need to be changed, the message must be sent out more than 4 hours before the meeting is supposed to start. If a meeting needs to be added, the message should be sent out 24 hours in advance. If a member cannot make it to a meeting, they need to let the team know 4 hours in advance. Multiple absences will result in meeting time changes and further absences will not be tolerated.

## **Team Dynamics**

All members of our team are equal; every person's opinion will be not only considered but done so thoughtfully when it comes to every decision; each member of the team will keep all commitments by the due date; each member agrees to assess whether all members are honoring their commitments to the team. All communication between team members will be respectful; No team member will talk down to another; Team members will recognize contributions positively.

## **Ethics**

The team members should practice the NSPE Engineering Code of ethics. Each team member must complete all work assigned to them and try to go above and beyond to help the rest of the team. Always keeping ethical practices in mind will allow the team to be successful.



## **Dress Code**

Team meetings can be held in any socially appropriate attire. Sponsor meetings and group presentations will be held in business casual or formal dress that will depend on the event.

## **Weekly and Biweekly Tasks**

There will be meetings held every Monday and Wednesday from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in a reserved conference room at the COE. If more meeting time is needed during the week, the team will use the unused time from Senior Design Class. If there are too many or not enough meeting times, the team will vote on how to change them. Meeting minutes will be taken by the team note taker.

Each week the team needs to make journal entry that explains everything that was accomplished that week and everything that needs attention the week coming up. At Least every other week, the sponsor/advisor will be updated on the team's progress.

## **Decision Making**

All ideas and opinions will be taken into consideration during the decision making process. Members will make decisions by consensus, but majority rule will be used if a consensus can not be made in a timely manner; any and all conflicts will be resolved with the persons involved directly.

## **Conflict Resolution**

All team members will make certain they have agreed on what and when to communicate; complaints about fellow team members will be addresses within the team first.



If a conflict cannot be resolved within the team, Professor McConomy will be contacted to help resolve it.

### Statement of Understanding

By signing this document the members of Team 21 agree the all of the above and will abide by the code of conduct set forth by the group.

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## **Appendix B: Functional Decomposition**

*The human powered vehicle's functions are to:*

- Use human input to create mechanical energy
- Transport operator by rolling on wheels
- Transport operator safely
- Enable operator to travel on government maintained roads
- Enable operator to steer vehicle in desired direction
- Enable operator to detect upcoming obstacles
- Enable operator to alter vehicle's longitudinal acceleration



## Appendix C: Target Catalog

1. Use human input to create mechanical energy
  - a. How many RPMs?
    - i. 600 RPMs
  - b. What gear ratio if no CVT is used?
    - i. 3.25:1 (standard bicycle gear train)
  - c. What gear ratio can the CVT provide?
    - i. 4.8:1 (NuVinci CVT)
  
2. Transport operator by rolling on wheels
  - a. What size wheels?
    - i. 700c (29")
  - b. How many wheels?
    - i. 2
    - ii. 3
    - iii. 4
  
3. Transport operator safely
  - a. How many meters does it take to stop it?
    - i. <6 m from 25 km/hr
  - b. How stable must the vehicle be while traveling?
    - i. Must travel for 30 m (98.4 ft) in a straight line at a speed of 5 to 8 km/hr (fast paced walking speed).
  - c. What kind of RPS (single post, or bar over head)?
    - i. What kind of loads does it need to handle?
      1. (Single or bar) top load of at least 601 lbs (2670 N)
      2. (Single or bar) side load of at least 299 lbs (1330 N)
    - ii. How will operator be secured in vehicle?
      1. Shoulder harness
    - iii. How is driver positioned?
      1. Recumbent
    - iv. How is the vehicle able to adapt to different sized riders?
      - i. Seat adjustment



4. Enable operator to travel on government maintained roads
  - a. Does it need lights, if so how many?
    - i. >300 lumen white headlight
    - ii. >10 lumen red taillight
  - b. Does it need reflective material, if so how much?
    - i. No reflective material required
  
5. Enable operator to steer vehicle in desired direction
  - a. Turning radius
    - i. 24.6 ft turn radius
  
6. Enable operator to alter vehicle's longitudinal acceleration
  - a. How many wheels have brakes?
    - i. One brake per wheel on front most wheels
  
7. Enable operator to detect upcoming obstacles
  - a. Field of view angle?
    - i. >180 degrees



## References

**There are no sources in the current document.**