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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	18607	Agenda Number	74.
Meeting Date:	9/27/2012		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Approve an ordinance readopting and extending City Code Chapter 13-2, Subpart G (electric-low-speed vehicles), and amending City Code Sections 13-2-287 through 13-2-289 regarding certain safety equipment and issuance of city operating authority for electric low-speed vehicles, and declaring an emergency.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	Ordinance No. 20111020-053; Resolution No. 20111006-058.				
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Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>On October 6, 2011, the Austin City Council adopted Resolution 20111006-058, directing the City Manager to establish regulations for a pilot program allowing the operation of electric low speed vehicles for hire. Council also directed the City Manager to design an application process for operating authority within 30 days of the ordinance approval and brief the Urban Transportation Commission and Council on that process prior to implementation of the program.</p> <p>A pilot program was implemented which is set to expire on September 30, 2012. Additional direction required staff to work towards the creation of a permanent policy, to explore specific needs of rail station service, late night service, and service for major events. It is the opinion of the stakeholders that due to limitations with the battery life of these types of vehicles, rail station service would not be feasible. However, the option to provide late night service as well as service for major events does exist, and a service provider has taken advantage of both options and continues to provide those services.</p> <p>On September 11, 2012, the Urban Transportation Commission endorsed staff recommendations with the caveat that</p>					

staff considers authorizing route deviation of up to two blocks, provided the operator commits to route frequency performance measures.