

# **Dockless Mobility**Briefing

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### What We'll Cover

- Shared Active Transportation in Austin: Availability, Use & Safety
- Policy and Regulation: 4 Components
- Community Engagement, Education Update
- Street Design and Parking Update
- Discussion, Questions





# Shared Active Transportation in Austin

Availability, Use & Safety

Dockless Mobility Availability

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Licensed Operators

Units Deployed

17,650

Service Area



85 sq. mi.

### What We're Seeing

#### DOCKLESS MOBILITY RIDERSHIP

| January 2019 | Device Type | Total Number of Trips |          | Average Trip Time (Minutes) | Average Trip<br>Length (Miles) | Total Number of Devices in Service |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|              | Scooter     | 263, 053              | 270, 692 | 12.38                       | 1.03                           | 7,778                              |
|              | Bicycle     | 554                   | 1,297    | 20.31                       | 2.34                           | 190                                |
|              | All Types   | 263,607               | 271,988  | 12.40                       | 1.03                           | 7,968                              |

| December 2018 | Device Type | Total Number of Trips | Total Distance<br>Ridden (Miles) | Average Trip Time (Minutes) | Average Trip<br>Length (Miles) | Total Number of Devices in Service |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | Scooter     | 297,516               | 297,608                          | 12.26                       | 1.00                           | 8,982                              |
|               | Bicycle     | 4,374                 | 7,987                            | 18.68                       | 1.83                           | 414                                |
|               | All Types   | 301,890               | 305,594                          | 12.35                       | 1.01                           | 9,396                              |

These statistics are preliminary and subject to change.

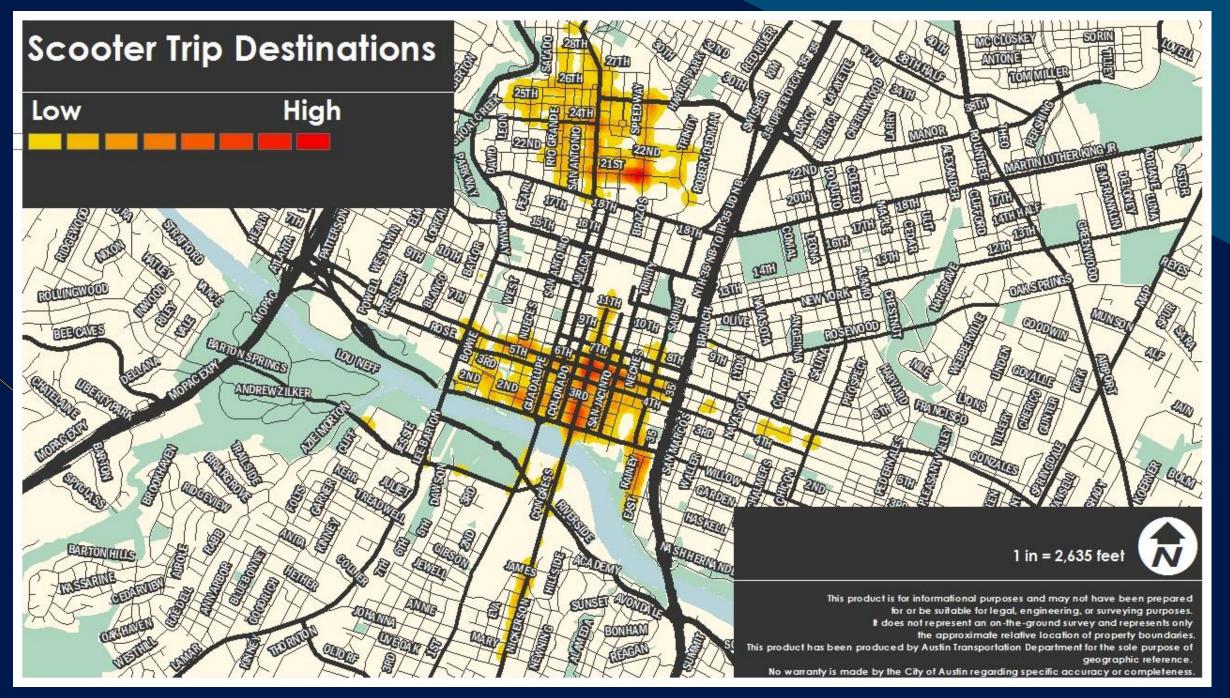
This page summarizes dockless mobility trips reported to the City of Austin Transportation Department as part of the Dockless Mobility operating rules.

Data is drawn from our dockless vehicle trips dataset and is updated on a daily basis. A trip record is included in this summary report if it meets the following criteria:

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<sup>•</sup> Trip distance at least 0.1 miles and less than 500 miles

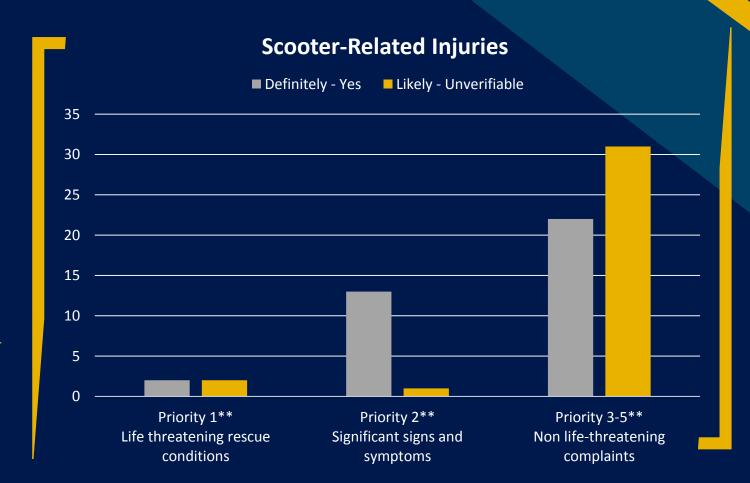
<sup>•</sup> Trip duration less than 24 hours



### **Safety Data**

#### All Crashes (Dec 1, 2018 – Jan 31, 2019)

|                  | Fatal | Injury | Property<br>Damage<br>Only | Total |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------------------------|-------|
| Motor<br>Vehicle | 2     | 1359   | 3742                       | 5103  |
| Motorcycle       | 1     | 45     | 41                         | 87    |
| Pedestrian       | 3     | 81     | 63                         | 147   |
| Bicycle          | 0     | 41     | 36                         | 77    |
| Scooter          | 0     | 71*    | Unknown                    | 71    |
| Total            | 6     | 1597   | 3882                       | 5485  |



Data extraction date: 2/12/2019

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Unless otherwise indicated, Data Source: Crash Record Information System (CRIS) by TxDOT

<sup>\*</sup>Scooter injury data source: Austin Emergency Medical Services; analyzed by Austin Public Health

<sup>\*\*</sup>Data provided by Austin/Travis County EMS

# APH/CDC Electric Scooter Injury Investigation

- Research will assist with developing injury prevention recommendations for this emerging mobility mode
- Evaluating incidents between September 5 and November 30, 2018
- Interviewing injured individuals to learn about environmental factors and clinical information
- Results expected mid-Spring





## **Policy & Regulation**

# Four Components of Policy & Regulation





Define Appropriate
Use and Enforcement



**Improve Service** 



Strengthen Ability to Innovate



Improve Safety and Connectivity



## Define Appropriate Use and Enforcement

Section 12-2

#### Subject:

Define new micro-mobility devices (e.g. electric scooters) and to establish rules for the safe operation of such devices

#### **Changes include:**

- ATD in coordination with APD, is proposing changes to City Code
   Chapter 12-2 to:
  - Recognize the presence of new micro mobility devices in Austin's transportation system
    - Including scooters and other devices
  - Provide regulatory framework for managing use of new modes within the existing transportation system

# Define Appropriate Use and Enforcement

Section 12-2: Safe Passing Interactions

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Street



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Street



#### **Congress Avenue**



### **Slow Down Zones**





### **Improve Service**

Section 13-2

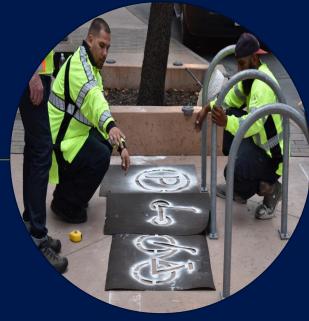
#### Subject:

Authorize the issuance of a limited number of franchises, while creating requirements for the authorization of shared mobility service

#### **Changes include:**

- Establishing a franchise and other regulatory requirements, under Section 13-2, for companies offering Shared Mobility Services
  - To include dockless mobility units
- Limiting the number of providers authorized to offer services within the City
- Establishing criteria wherein companies must demonstrate competence to gain access to Austin's marketplace.
  - Criteria and strategic areas would be founded upon the Six Anchors of the Austin Strategic Direction 2023's plan

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# Strengthen Ability to Innovate

Section 14-9

#### Subject:

Broaden services regulated in the City's right-of-way, to Shared Mobility Services, to prevent release without the appropriate planning or mechanisms in place.

#### **Changes include:**

- ATD is proposing an amendment to City Code Chapter 14-9 to remove the term "dockless", to broaden the City's ability to regulate mobility devices and services
- The below sections are being repealed, in order to move dockless mobility providers into a Franchise
  - 14-9-23 CITY-WIDE DOCKLESS TRANSPORTATION LICENSE AUTHORIZED,
  - 14-9-24 CITY-WIDE DOCKLESS TRANSPORTATION UNIT PLACEMENT PLAN,
  - 14-9-25 LICENSE AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION



# Safety and Connectivity

Fee Refresh

#### **Changes include:**

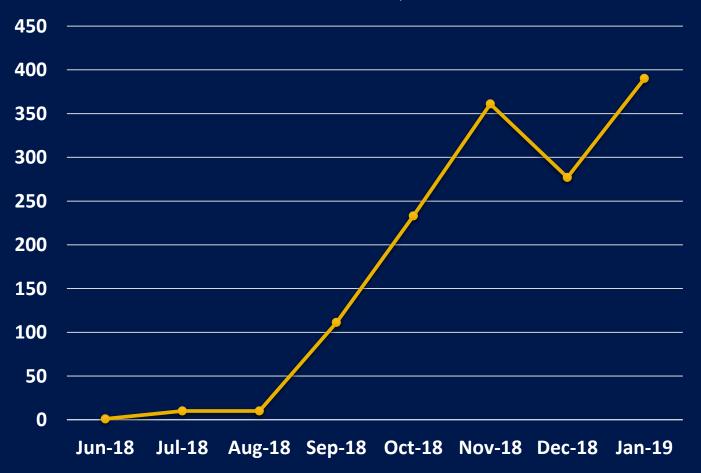
- In April 2018, the Austin City Council authorized shared mobility service providers to use the public right-of-way to offer dockless scooters and bicycles, as a first/last mile solution
- Amendments to the 2018-2019 Transportation Fee Schedule will allow ATD to recoup programmatic costs to:
  - Process applications
  - Monitor and inspect fleets
  - Respond to Citizen Service Requests
  - Make capital infrastructure investments
- Fees established are at market value and in-line with original offerings made by two scooter companies in April of 2018.



# Community Engagement and Education Update

### **311 Service Requests**





| Council District | Service Requests |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1                | 111              |
| 2                | 11               |
| 3                | 162              |
| 4                | 53               |
| 5                | 224              |
| 6                | 4                |
| 7                | 186              |
| 8                | 52               |
| 9                | 688              |
| 10               | 87               |
| TOTAL            | 1,578            |

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflects requests made from June 2018 through January 2019

<sup>\*\*</sup>No 311 data available before June 2018

### **SXSW Preparation**

- Same rules that apply to people on bicycles apply to people on scooters
- There are designated areas where scooters will be prohibited
- Austin Police will enforce unsafe riding behavior from anyone whose actions are deemed dangerous and a harm to themselves and/or the public
- Signage with information for people riding scooters will be posted throughout downtown





# **Street Design and Parking Update**

### **Capital Metro Partnership**

#### **Pleasant Valley Bus Stop**



## PLANNED DOCKLESS PARKING LOCATIONS CMTA MetroRapid Stations:

- SOCO northbound
- SOCO southbound
- Republic Square northbound
- UT/West Mall southbound
- Austin History Center southbound

### **Current and Future Parking**

#### **Existing Parking Spaces**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Red River
- Trinity at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- San Jacinto between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street and San Jacinto
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Nueces and San Antonio



#### **Upcoming Priority Areas**

- Downtown
- School for the Blind and Visually Impaired campus area
- West Campus area
- Rainey Street
- 6th Street

#### **Planned Dockless Parking**

- Congress Avenue
- Capitol Complex



# Questions and Discussion

Thank you!