



Shared Micro-Mobility Definition & Use Ordinance Update

MOBILITY COMMITTEE APRIL 4, 2019

Definition & Use of Shared Micro-Mobility Devices



Ordinance Next Steps

- ▶ Continued Collaboration with Austin Police Department Leadership
- ▶ Outreach to Various Stakeholders
 - Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)
 - Bike Texas
 - Other Key Advocates
- ▶ Draft Ordinance Revision Process
- ▶ Austin Transportation Dept. Equity Tool Process
- ▶ Draft Ordinance Revisions & Finalization

Sidewalk Mobility Management Approach

- ▶ Streets should support all modes (City of Austin Complete Streets Policy)
 - ▶ Protect the most vulnerable user – preserve sidewalk safety for pedestrians
- ▶ People on scooters choose to use sidewalks because they don't feel safe in the street
- ▶ Until such time as streets can support all modes, we must manage the space we have
- ▶ Focus on safe behavior in a shared environment, in particular safe passing interactions



Sidewalk Mobility Management Process - DRAFT

▶ Evaluation Process:

- ▶ Observation of use and passing interactions
 - ▶ Weekday, Weekend, morning & afternoon peak
- ▶ Physical Environment Scan
 - ▶ Presence and type of bicycle facility
 - ▶ Speed of Motor Vehicles
 - ▶ Bus Service
- ▶ Review of complaint type and severity

▶ Tools for managing sidewalk mobility:

- ▶ Slow Shared Zone Signage
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Enforcement
- ▶ Fleet reduction or other provider-led efforts
- ▶ Dismount zones (used judiciously to achieve safe behaviors)



Draft Ordinance Finalization Timeline

Next Steps

- ▶ April 16, 2019 – Bicycle Advisory Council
- ▶ May 6, 2019 – Pedestrian Advisory Council
- ▶ May 14, 2019 – Urban Transportation Commission
- ▶ May 21, 2019 – Bicycle Advisory Council
- ▶ May 23, 2019 – Recommendation to Mayor & Council