Tech companies are launching “stationless” scooter share operations, in which large numbers of powered scooters are deposited in the public right-of-way for customers to rent using a mobile phone app, in cities across the country. Powered scooters have the potential to provide an affordable, convenient alternative transportation option, and could help transit users to bridge the critical “last mile” gap between transit stops and their destination. However, powered scooter share programs can create public safety and nuisance issues, such as unsafe riding, traffic and pedestrian hazards, and sidewalk clutter.

On June 19, the City Council adopted an emergency ordinance regulating the operation of shared mobility services, including powered scooter share, in the City. The ordinance requires scooter share operators to obtain a permit before beginning operations on City streets.

City staff is in the process of developing a permitting program for powered scooter sharing that will ensure that these services are provided to the public in a safe, effective way.

Listening Workshop

The City encourages public input as we develop a program to permit and regulate powered scooter share services. Please join us for a listening workshop to share your scooter-related concerns and interests!

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
5:30 – 7:30 PM
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