

ESTABLISHING E-SCOOTER AND BICYCLE PILOT PROGRAM

In November 2018, the arrival of e-scooters in unincorporated Altadena and East Pasadena without notice created a nuisance for the communities and raised serious public safety concerns over their operation in public rights of way, necessitating urgent action by the Board of Supervisors. A November 20, 2018 motion directed the CEO to work with various County departments to identify best practices; identify potential public safety issues; compile recommendations on how to move forward with potential regulation of these technologies; and report back to the Board in 30 days. In a separate motion on October 16, 2018, the Board directed the Department of Public Works, in collaboration with County Counsel, to develop recommendations for usage of County bike paths by vehicles including e-scooters. Separately, the Department of Beaches and Harbors has been working collaboratively with e-scooter vendors to establish a pilot program to regulate the use of these devices in Marina del Rey.

In its report back to the November 20 motion, the CEO reviewed best practices and identified the establishment of a temporary pilot as the recommended approach to safely, yet expeditiously move forward with e-scooters and bicycles as potential tools to expand clean mobility options in the County. The CEO also identified many areas for potential regulation within a pilot program that would set the stage for a safe, sustainable, equitable, and innovative approach to incorporating e-scooter and bicycles onto the roads of unincorporated County that considers both Board motions and the existing efforts in Marina del Rey.

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MOTION

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RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

Direct the CEO, in collaboration with County Counsel, the Departments of Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, Consumer and Business Affairs, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and others, to:

1. To collaboratively develop a set of regulations for the safe commercial operation of dockless e-scooters and bicycles in public rights of way in unincorporated Los Angeles County, and inform the companies currently operating therein to immediately cease and desist their operations (with the exception of Marina del Rey) until such time that regulations have been adopted by this Board. The regulations shall consider, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. Parking
 - b. E-scooter vehicle conditions
 - c. A cost recovery component
 - d. Geographic distribution
 - e. Rules of use
 - f. Public safety
 - g. Data sharing between vendors and the County
 - h. Street conditions and design
 - i. Enforcement
 - j. Legal issues
2. Create a consumer-focused website regarding safety and frequently asked questions that also communicates County action on dockless e-scooters and bikes to keep residents informed;
3. Develop and launch a pilot permitting program with an accompanying set of regulations as expeditiously as possible to allow for the safe operation and storage of shared e-scooters and bikes on County roadways; and delegate authority to the CEO to enter into any agreements necessary to implement the pilot program.
4. Provide a written status report in 45 days and a final written report on the outcome of the pilot by December 31, 2019.

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