

Bike Share Direct Enforcement & SDOT Sidewalk Management Plan

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Presentation Outline

- Bike Share Legislation Requirements
- Direct and Active Parking Enforcement
- Sidewalk Management
- Questions



Bike Share Legislation

Bike Share Fee Ordinance 125634

- Section 4: Provide a plan for **direct enforcement of bike share parking requirements**
- Section 6: Provide a plan for **sidewalk management** and safety, addressing the increasing use of **fast-moving electric-motor devices on sidewalks**

Bike Parking Direct Enforcement

Direct Compliance Auditing

- Citywide Random Sample Audit (Program Staff and 3rd Party)
- Targeted Audits (Program Staff)

Vendor Data Verification

Direct Enforcement Penalties

- Fleet reductions
- Permit revocation

Quarterly Reports



Next Steps

- Staff-led compliance audits – On going
- Third-party auditor contract award – early Q2
- Data verification and reporting – Ongoing
- Outreach with modal boards and disability advocate groups– Ongoing

Sidewalk Management

- Current Tools and Regulations
- Policy Considerations
- Next Steps



Current Tools

Sidewalk Riding Regulations

Bicycles (SMC 11.44.120)

- Allowed on sidewalks
- Must yield to pedestrians
- Must operate at a speed that is reasonable and proper under the conditions

E-bikes (RCW 46.61.710)

- Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed on sidewalks
- Class 3 are not allowed on sidewalks

E-scooters (RCW 46.61.710)

- E-scooters are not allowed on sidewalks



<http://www.bikewalklincolnpark.com/2011/09/what-cyclists-on-sidewalks-are-telling.html>

Current Tools

Bike Share Permit Requirements and Infrastructure Investments

Free-floating Bike Share Permit Requirements

- Vendor Education
- Vendor Response to Blockages
- Direct Compliance Audits
- Penalties for non-compliance

Infrastructure Investments

- Increased Bicycle Parking
- Move Seattle and Bicycle Master Plan deliverables
- Center City Bike Network

Key Policy Considerations

Safety

- Bicycle vs pedestrian collisions are rare
- Sidewalks offer a safe space for people to ride

Equity

- Sections of Seattle lack safe places to ride
- Laws can be inequitably enforced

Comfort

- Sidewalks should feel safe and enjoyable
- Sidewalks should balance the needs of all users, including people living with disabilities



Next Steps

- Bike parking installation throughout the City – Ongoing
- Outreach with modal boards and disability advocate groups– Ongoing
- Response to New Mobility Options and Emerging Uses of the Right-or-Way SLI (SLI 35-3-A-1) – due June 2019

Questions?

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