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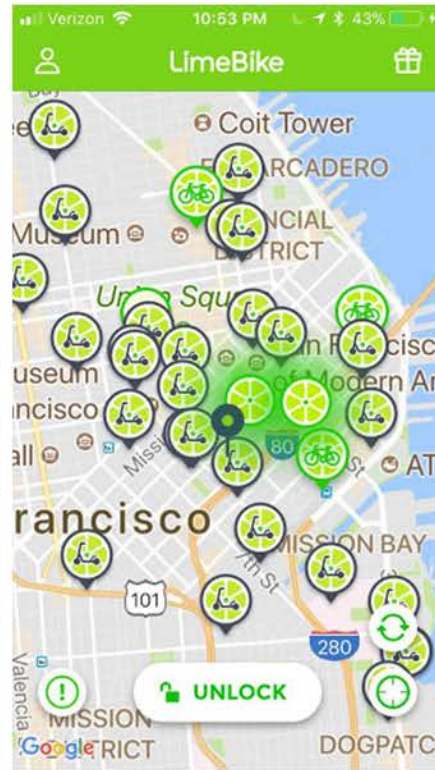
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Pilot Scooter Share Program Permit

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SFMTA Board of Directors Meeting

Scooter Share Deploys in SF



A rider cruises down Mission Street on a Bird scooter. Almost an city regulations govern the vehicles — yet.

Complaints roll in over scooter crush

City officials weigh action against stand-up vehicle firms

By Michael Cavanaugh

San Francisco, whose sidewalks and streets have never just about anything, were swarmed by something new at the tail-end of March — hundreds of motorized stand-up scooters meant to be shared for short rides.

The scooters, capable of speeds up to 15 mph, appeared suddenly, and since their arrival, they've drawn a flood of complaints from people who don't like one of the cheaper two-wheeled biggest features. They can be parked anywhere.

And they are.

City Attorney Dennis Herrera said his office has received numerous complaints, particularly about sidewalk blocking, "stepping grounds for non-motorized vehicles." He offers, he said, is "examining all of our legal options to protect the street that a million people who use San Francisco sidewalks every day."

Detractors complain that others are leaving the scooters — sometimes, piling them — in the middle of sidewalks and bike lanes, and blocking

building entrances with them. Pedestrians say they've tripped over them, and people with disabilities say they've been cornered and difficult obstacles to navigate around.

Some users criticize the problems by illegally riding the scooters on sidewalks, leaving pedestrians as they weave in and out of crowds.

San Francisco Chronicle



A Bird scooter is left on Market Street for the next user to pick up with the rental app. The scooters have no locks and can be left anywhere.



SFMTA Supports Emerging Mobility

Powered scooters have the potential to provide sustainable and convenient alternatives to driving



Issues With Scooters To Date

Impede pedestrian travel and risk of pedestrian injury



Existing Regulations Govern Usage

- Sidewalk Riding Prohibited
- Helmet Required
- May not obstruct sidewalk



Proposal to Establish Permit

- 24 month pilot
- Up to 5 permits / 500 scooters per permit
- Permit application fee (\$5,000) and annual fee (\$25,000)
- Permit Requirements
 - User Education
 - Data Sharing
 - Privacy Policy
 - Low Income Plan
 - Approved Service Area
 - Insurance

Permit Expectations

- SFMTA must approve operations plan
 - Permittees will propose how they will ensure safe use and storage of scooters
- Permit is Revocable

Thank You!

