Background

Shared electric mopeds (e-mopeds) are one of San Francisco’s newest types of shared vehicle services. To regulate and facilitate this new transportation option for the benefit of the city, the SFMTA has worked with Scoot, the city’s primary provider of shared e-mopeds, to better understand its needs and impacts.

In August 2015, the SFMTA launched a trial policy change which allowed all e-mopeds to be parked in areas with residential parking permit (RPP) restrictions, only at curb spaces that are eight feet wide or less.

After evaluating the trial, the SFMTA has proposed a parking permit program for shared e-mopeds, which is set to be considered for approval by the SFMTA Board of Directors on June 20.

Proposed Permit Conditions

Based on observations and public feedback gathered during the trial, SFMTA staff concluded that shared e-moped services provide an affordable transportation option that helps reduce traffic congestion, emissions and private vehicle ownership.

Under the proposal, permitted shared e-mopeds would be exempt from:

- RPP time limits, if parked in curbside parking spaces that are eight feet wide or less, or in a motorcycle stall
- Payment in metered motorcycle stalls
- Payment in metered parking spaces, if parked on the line between spaces
- The permit would cost $325/year per vehicle. The rate is set to cover the cost of administration and enforcement.
- Permitted providers would be required to share data on vehicle usage and parking crowding to help the SFMTA address issues as needed.
- The SFMTA would adjust the conditions of the permit program as necessary.