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TALKING TRANSPORTATION

## **Older adult pedestrians, dockless bikes and scooters sharing urban space: communicate your opinions and ideas!**

- **Do you walk for exercise or as your “transportation” to get somewhere?**
- **Have you or a senior friend tried a dockless bike or scooter?**
- **Do you know people who find this option a cheaper way to get around?**
- **Have you had to watch where you walk near these bikes and scooters?**
- **If you use a cane, walker or service dog, do you have ideas or concerns?**
- **Do you see these new modes of transportation as a way to reduce car congestion?**

In late 2017, the District Department of Transportation started a pilot project and issued temporary permits for dockless rental bikes and scooters to be on DC streets. Unlike Capital Bikeshare bikes, dockless vehicles do not have docking stations to which they must be locked. They are categorized as “personal mobility devices” and as such are permitted on sidewalks except in the central business district and may go up to 10mph. Scooters have proven to be more popular and thus more profitable.

DDOT recently extended the companies’ permits through December. Dockless bikes will need be to locked to “existing infrastructure” so companies will have to adapt their fleets. In early 2019, DDOT will complete review of public comments, along with the companies' input and data, and will recommend regulations to the Mayor. Yet rule-making that will shape decisions is already underway.

DDOT and other government agencies will benefit from hearing the ideas and opinions of older adults about the number of bikes and scooters to be allowed, as well as the rules that dockless companies will be expected to follow and who will educate users and non-users about requirements and public space .

Send your opinions/ideas about how to shape the dockless project to the DDOT comment line: [dockless.bikeshare@dc.gov](mailto:dockless.bikeshare@dc.gov). Be sure to mention that you’re an older adult, a senior. DDOT provides permits for dockless vehicle operation yet other government offices have jurisdiction or a voice in final decisions. These government offices also need to hear from you:

- Your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) – check here <https://anc.dc.gov/>
- Executive Office of the Mayor – visit [eom@dc.gov](mailto:eom@dc.gov) or call (202) 727-2643
- Your DC Councilmember – visit <http://dccouncil.us/council> or call (202)724-8000
- The four At-Large Councilmembers who also represent you – see above for contact
- DC311 – visit <http://311.dc.gov> or call 311 or (202) 737-4404

By spending 15 minutes to share your views with these offices, you will help send a strong message that the experiences and views of older adults count. Visit the DC Pedestrian Advisory Council site to read PAC’s comments sent to the DDOT Director: <http://www.walkdcwalk.org/p/resources.html>. This DDOT page, while not yet updated, has helpful information: <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/dockless-vehicles-district>.