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Subject: [EXTERNAL] E Scooter and Cargo Bike Pilot

Good Evening,

I am writing you today to give my input on the E Scooter Pilot program for London and the Cargo Bike Pilot

I am in favor of the Cargo Bike Project. These bikes are already in use in other cities to help augment delivery services and can also help other industries such as at home repair services. For instance, bike repair can be offered to a home while not using a fuel burning vehicle like van. Other repair companies could also provide their services without using a van. Electric assist can help anyone to be able to operate a cargo bike of this type.

On e scooters, I am in favor of personal, owner owned scooters being utilized in bike lanes and shared pathways. While I do have concerns for how they are operated currently, my hopes that if they are allowed, an education program for users can be utilized to improve operation. For instance, as someone who rides the TVP every day on my bike and diligently rings my bell when passing walkers, I have never seen a scooter with a bell much less one used. Also, items like helmets are not being utilized. So my suggestion is if they are allowed that there be a provision for rescinding the allowance if bells, helmets and other requirements are not being met.

I am adamantly opposed to any type of e-scooter share program. I have recently been in two cities that have programs, Nashville, TN and Detroit, MI. Both programs exhibit all the pitfalls that are noted in these programs. Scooters are left anywhere and block sidewalks. Operators are inexperienced and operate the scooters in unsafe ways menacing car traffic, pedestrians and themselves. An e scooter program is not like a bike share program. Just about everyone has ridden a bike at some point so to pick up a shared one and ride it properly, is not a surprising act. But hardly anyone has ridden an e scooter and since they are trick to operate in the first place, to expect an inexperienced operator to ride it properly would be a surprise. I am including photos that I took last week in Detroit that demonstrate the clutter and sidewalk accessibility problems the scooters create.

Thank you for your consideration.

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