

PROHIBITION OF SHARED MOBILITY OPERATIONS

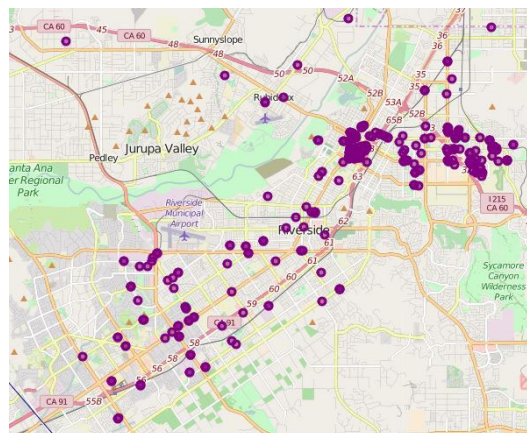
Public Works Department

City Council
September 17, 2019

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BACKGROUND

1. Bird Scooters were deployed in the City in September 2018; and
2. Lime Scooters followed with deployment in October 2018.



Bird Deployment as of 1/11/19

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BACKGROUND

3. February 12, 2019: City Council approved an interim operating agreement (IOA) and requested staff to develop a Permit Program;
4. Only Bird entered into an IOA with the City;
5. Currently neither Bird or any other company has scooters deployed in Riverside;



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BACKGROUND

6. Shared Mobility Operator Permit Pilot Program and Ordinances were introduced to Council on August 6th to implement operating regulations and guidelines; and
7. With a four to one vote, motion carried to implement the Program, along with the respective regulations and fees.



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DISCUSSION

1. On August 20th, the item was brought back to City Council for formal adoption and waiver of further readings.
2. The Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion in which Council expressed various concerns including:
 - a. City liability and public safety; and
 - b. Lack of constituent support for the presence of shared mobility devices in some areas of the City.



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THE NEED FOR REGULATION

1. After discussion, a motion to deny the Ordinances establishing a shared mobility permit program and fees passed with a 5 to 2 vote.
2. In the absence of a permitting program, staff recommends the establishment of a prohibition of shared mobility operations within the City public rights-of-way.



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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Proposed Ordinance:

1. Prohibits the operation of shared mobility services.
2. Establishes guidelines for impoundment of unauthorized devices.
 - a) The proposed Resolution would create a \$149.14 Impound Fee for any devices found in violation of the proposed Ordinance; and
 - b) Devices not retrieved within 15 days of notice may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the City.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance to amend Title 13 of the Riverside Municipal Code to prohibit the operation of shared mobility services within the City;
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing and establishing a Shared Mobility Device impound fee to recover City costs to impound Shared Mobility Devices left in the public right-of-way in violation of the Riverside Municipal Code and repealing fees established for the permitting of shared mobility operations;
3. Approve an update to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 fees and charges to add the Shared Mobility Device impound fee;



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RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT.)

4. Approve an update to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 fees and charges for the Public Works Department to repeal existing shared mobility operator fees;
5. Approve the termination of the established Interim Operating Agreement with Bird Rides Inc.; and
6. Rescind authorization of the City Manager, or his designee, to execute individual Interim Operating Agreements for operation of Shared Scooter Services under the terms set forth in the Master Interim Operating Agreement.

