



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 16, 2019

Re: Shared Active Transportation Operation for Small Vehicles or Dockless Electric Scooters

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning a joint venture between the City of Columbia and the University of Missouri to regulate shared active transportation of small vehicles or dockless electric scooters for a one year pilot period.

Discussion

The City of Columbia and the University of Missouri (UMC) are jointly planning a one-year pilot program to regulate the operation and use of shared active transportation of small vehicles or dockless electric scooters beginning in January of 2020.

A small vehicle is defined as:

1. designated to be operated with a wheel diameter no greater than 16 inches
2. has handlebars and a foot support or seat for the user
3. can be propelled by an electric motor or human propulsion
4. is made available for rental or public shared use in the public Right of Way

The one year pilot period will help the City and UMC determine whether the program supports desired mobility goals and identified priorities including:

- make more efficient use of physical infrastructure through data analytics to support health communities.
- learn, adapt and be innovative in responding to changing demand
- improve access to employment and services for underserved communities
- promote transportation options and encourage non-auto-oriented mobility
- assist in solving the "first mile-last mile" access to transit

The City and UMC will jointly solicit proposals from qualified entities interested in providing services as part of the one-year pilot program. To be eligible for award, the Offeror must be in financial and legal good standing with the City and UMC. Prospective operators applying to participate in the Shared Active Transportation Operation should demonstrate how their small vehicles or dockless electric scooter service would contribute to forwarding the City's and UMC's mobility goals.

Through public engagement and program evaluation, City and UMC officials will determine whether, and under what circumstances, small vehicles will be permitted to operate after the pilot period.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None related to this report

Long-Term Impact: None related to this report

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
None	None

Suggested Council Action

For information only.