

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

- **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?**

Last year, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) started a pilot project and issued temporary permits for dockless rental bikes and scooters to be on DC streets.

Unlike Capital Bikeshare bikes, these new rental dockless bikes and scooters do not have fixed homes (company-provided docking stations) to which they must be locked.

DDOT recently extended the trial period until late August. In early September, DDOT will complete its review of public comments, as well as input and data from the dockless bike and scooter companies, and recommend a regulatory framework. When the licensing regulations are finalized, there will be a 30-day public comment period.

Our Transportation Department will benefit from hearing the ideas and opinions of older adults now before decisions are made on the number of bikes and scooters to be allowed, as well as the rules that dockless bike companies will be expected to follow.

Send your opinions and ideas about how to shape the program to the DDOT comment line: dockless.bikeshare@dc.gov. Be sure to mention that you’re an older adult, a senior.

DDOT provides licenses to operate, yet other government offices have jurisdiction or a voice on parts of the pilot project. 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 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 15-20 minutes to communicate your views to each of these offices, you will help send a strong message that the experiences and views of older adults count.