

Date: April 9, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Cindy Allen, Vice Mayor, Second District  
Mary Zendejas, Councilwoman, First District  
Roberto Uranga, Councilmember, Seventh District

Subject: Feasibility Study on Having E-Scooters on Shoreline Bike Path

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### RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request the Public Works Department to conduct feasibility study of electric scooters on the Beach Bike Path to determine the viability of safe use and management of this eco-friendly shared mode of transportation on the Path, and report back in 45 days.

### DISCUSSION

In an effort to reduce traffic and pollution, the City of Long Beach implemented the Shared Micromobility Program in 2020. This program created the deployment of electric scooters around the city. However, there are areas within the city that do not allow the use of electric scooters (no operating zones). One such area is the Shoreline bike path, which is a popular attraction for tourists and residents along our coastline. By permitting the use of e-scooters in this area, we can reduce vehicle traffic around our beaches, increase the accessibility of our beaches, promote eco-friendly and sustainable transit solutions, and allow more people to visit and enjoy our beachfront amenities.

While increasing opportunities for micromobility programs and sustainable transit options is pertinent, it is also especially important to keep in mind the safety of scooter riders and pedestrians. Studies from other similar trails have shown that waterfront trails have much lower rates of unsafe incidents compared to the rest of the city, and that scooter riders rarely collide with pedestrians. However, in order to ensure that opening up the Shoreline bike path to e-scooters is both safe and efficient, the City of Long Beach should produce a feasibility study on this matter.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Analyst Joe R. Guerrero on March 22, 2024.

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This recommendation requests the creation of a feasibility study regarding allowing e-scooters on the Shoreline bike path. The requested action is anticipated to require a moderate level of staff hours beyond the budgeted scope of duties and a moderate impact on existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY

This item is being submitted through supplemental agenda due to the urgency and time sensitivity of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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