Bike Share Direct Enforcement & SDOT Sidewalk Management Plan
Presentation Outline

• Bike Share Legislation Requirements
• Direct and Active Parking Enforcement
• Sidewalk Management
• Questions
Bike Share Legislation

Bike Share Fee Ordinance 125634

• Section 4: Provide a plan for direct enforcement of bike share parking requirements

• Section 6: Provide a plan for sidewalk management and safety, addressing the increasing use of fast-moving electric-motor devices on sidewalks
Bike Parking Direct Enforcement

Direct Compliance Auditing
- Citywide Random Sample Audit (Program Staff and 3rd Party)
- Targeted Audits (Program Staff)

Vendor Data Verification

Direct Enforcement Penalties
- Fleet reductions
- Permit revocation

Quarterly Reports
Next Steps

• Staff-led compliance audits – On going
• Third-party auditor contract award – early Q2
• Data verification and reporting – Ongoing
• Outreach with modal boards and disability advocate groups– Ongoing
Sidewalk Management

- Current Tools and Regulations
- Policy Considerations
- Next Steps
Current Tools
Sidewalk Riding Regulations

**Bicycles** (SMC 11.44.120)
- Allowed on sidewalks
- Must yield to pedestrians
- Must operate at a speed that is reasonable and proper under the conditions

**E-bikes** (RCW 46.61.710)
- Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed on sidewalks
- Class 3 are not allowed on sidewalks

**E-scooters** (RCW 46.61.710)
- E-scooters are not allowed on sidewalks

Current Tools
Bike Share Permit Requirements and Infrastructure Investments

Free-floating Bike Share Permit Requirements
- Vendor Education
- Vendor Response to Blockages
- Direct Compliance Audits
- Penalties for non-compliance

Infrastructure Investments
- Increased Bicycle Parking
- Move Seattle and Bicycle Master Plan deliverables
- Center City Bike Network
Key Policy Considerations

Safety
• Bicycle vs pedestrian collisions are rare
• Sidewalks offer a safe space for people to ride

Equity
• Sections of Seattle lack safe places to ride
• Laws can be inequitably enforced

Comfort
• Sidewalks should feel safe and enjoyable
• Sidewalks should balance the needs of all users, including people living with disabilities
Next Steps

• Bike parking installation throughout the City – Ongoing

• Outreach with modal boards and disability advocate groups – Ongoing

• Response to New Mobility Options and Emerging Uses of the Right-or-Way SLI (SLI 35-3-A-1) – due June 2019
Questions?

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