

Pedestrian Access Advisory Committee

Meeting Q1-2025

March 18, 2025







Date: 3/18/25

Seattle Department of Transportation



City of Seattle

Agenda

-  **2:30 to 2:40 pm:** Welcome and Introductions
-  **2:40 to 2:50 pm:** ADA Program and TWSI Pilot Updates
-  **2:50 to 3:10 pm:** SDOT ADA Transition Plan Update
-  **3:10 to 3:30 pm:** Shared Mobility Program Updates
-  **3:30 to 4:00 pm:** Open discussion, questions, and answers
-  **4:00 pm:** Adjourn

2024 Preliminary Curb Ramp Construction Summary

- 1,806 curb ramps have been installed citywide in 2024
 - 156 CSR curb ramps built by ADA Program
 - 268 curb ramps from the ADA Program's Transition Plan efforts
 - 641 curb ramps built by Capital Projects and Project Development
 - 119 curb ramps built by SDOT Maintenance Operations
 - 622 curb ramps permitted and constructed through utilities, private development, or other permitted capital improvements projects



2025 Projected Curb Ramp Summary (subject to change)

- 695 curb ramps projected to be completed citywide in 2025 via SDOT projects, including the following programs/projects:
 - 204 CSR curb ramps built by ADA Program
 - 373 curb ramps built by other SDOT Capital Projects
 - 118 curb ramps built by SDOT Maintenance Operations
- The overall projected amount of curb ramps does not include projects that will be completed by utilities or private development



2024 APS Installation Locations

- 15th Ave NW and NW 83rd
- NE 125th St and 33rd Ave NE
- Pinehurst Way NE and NE 117th
- Rainier Ave S and S Rose St
- N 130th St and Meridian Ave N
- 15th Ave NW and NW Market St
- N 130th and Stone Ave N
- Elliott Ave and Broad St
- NE 130th St and 1st Ave N
- 4th Ave N and Broad St
- 9th Ave N and Mercer St
- Western Ave and Broad St



2025 Planned APS Installation Locations

- Boren Ave and Columbia St
- 15th Ave NW and NW 51st St
- Aurora Ave N and 137th St
- 35th & Alaska St (East Leg Crossing)
- 25th Ave NE and NE 145th St
- Fremont Ave N and N 105th
- E Thomas St & Broadway
- Bellevue Ave E & E Olive Way



Tactile Walking Surface Indicator (TWSI) Pilot Project

- Introduce third TWSI tactile walking surface known as a tactile warning delineator (TWD)
- TWD is a trapezoid shaped pedestrian surface treatment that acts as a rollable, yet cane detectable, edge treatment.
- TWD provides different tactile cue than existing 4-bar, tactile directional indicator (TDI)
- Observe how individuals with disabilities recognize and interact with these treatments



TWSI Pilot Location at Brooklyn Ave NE

- Installed Summer 2024
- Included all three TWSI surface treatments
- Testing included pre-determined steps and movements to capture interaction with the three surfaces in multiple directions
- Four individuals have participated in the pilot testing to date
- Resuming testing this spring and will continue through the summer



TWSI Pilot Project Next Steps

- Set up and test additional pilot locations
 - Rainier Ave S and 23rd Ave S
 - NE 65th St under Interstate 5
- Complete pilot testing and review feedback
- Develop recommendations for TWSI applications in different situations
- Determine installation processes and products
- Develop TWD standard and specification to include into 2026 Citywide Standards update



SDOT ADA Transition Plan - Update Overview

- ADA Transition Plan Basics
 - A public entity shall operate services, programs, or activities so that [they] are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities
 - The pedestrian right-of-way, specifically sidewalks, is a program subject to program access
 - The plan needs to identify barriers to access and detail methods to remove said barriers
 - Requires public participation to be a part of the transition plan process and implementation
- Status of Current SDOT ADA Transition Plan
 - Released December 2020
 - Outdated information, staff, and guiding policies
 - Incomplete sections and missing information



SDOT ADA Transition Plan - Structure and Approach

- Approach to Update
 - Collect feedback from the disability community (PAAC, advocacy groups, etc.) to identify barriers and help SDOT determine priorities
 - Develop additional self-evaluations based on issues and feedback
 - Develop prioritization methodology and coordinate with existing SDOT programs
 - Develop projects and identify funding to fill gaps in barrier removal
- Relationship to Other Documents, Projects, and Initiatives
 - Overlay to Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) and Transportation Levy priorities
 - Coordination with partners (i.e. King County Metro Transition Plan)



SDOT ADA Transition Plan – Survey and Feedback

- Public feedback is critical in a successful, meaningful ADA Transition Plan!
- SDOT ADA Program will be releasing a survey in June at the Q2 PAAC meeting
 - Survey to determine where SDOT should focus efforts to assess barriers, identify accessibility issues, and rank priorities
- Project website will provide survey link to the public
 - Remain open until early Fall (depending on response rate)
- Other opportunities to provide feedback:
 - Focus groups to discuss specific priorities based on identified barriers and needs
 - Review of Prioritization Methodology
 - Review of Final Draft of Transition Plan



ADA Transition Plan Timeline (2025 to 2026)

- 2025
 - Public survey and feedback from specific stakeholder groups (PAAC, SDC, disability orgs)
 - Draft prioritization process
 - Set up self-assessment evaluations of ADA facilities in the public right-of-way
- 2026
 - Finalize prioritization and GIS analysis
 - Continue self-evaluation efforts
 - Modifications and updates to transition plan sections



ADA Transition Plan Timeline (2027 to 2028)

- 2027
 - Continue self-evaluation efforts
 - Finalize prioritization methodology and identify accessibility gaps and potential projects
 - Develop final draft of updated Transition Plan for public review and comment
 - Review comments and make plan adjustments
- 2028
 - Publish SDOT Transition Plan Update
 - Establish plan update cycle and website to track progress





SDOT Shared Micromobility Update

Kim Pearson, Senior Transportation Planner
PAAC meeting presentation | March 18, 2025

Presentation overview

- Program goals
- Recap from past meetings
- Current program
- 2024 recap and 2025 look ahead
- Questions, discussion

Shared Micromobility Program Objectives

- **Sustainability:** Reduce Seattle's carbon emissions by providing active, low-carbon, and congestion-reducing mobility options
- **Equity:** Ensure accessibility for and expand use by Black and Indigenous people, people of color, low-income people, immigrants and refugees, and people with limited English proficiency
- **Safety:** Be safe and advance Seattle's Vision Zero objectives
- **Parking management:** Ensure sidewalks are safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities
- **Mobility:** Provide accessible and adaptive mobility options and expand use by people with disabilities

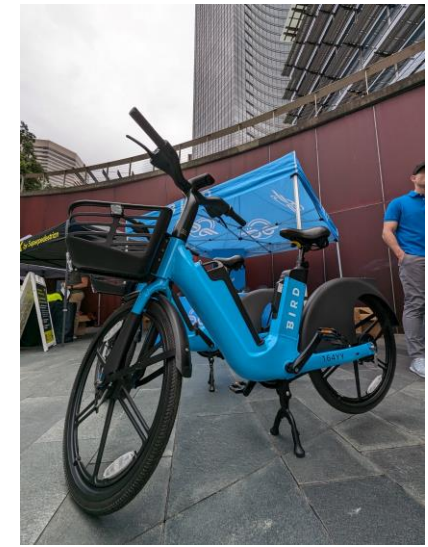
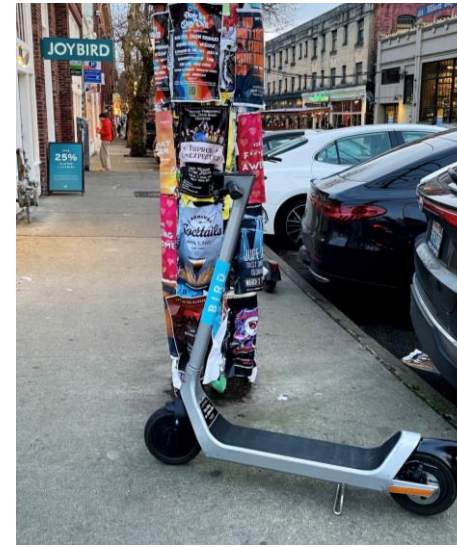


Recap from past PAAC meetings

- Participated in June and October 2023, April 2024 meetings
- Shared work on physical and digital parking management and education campaigns
- Continue to hear your call for additional parking management
- Discussed options for future engagement with PAAC members

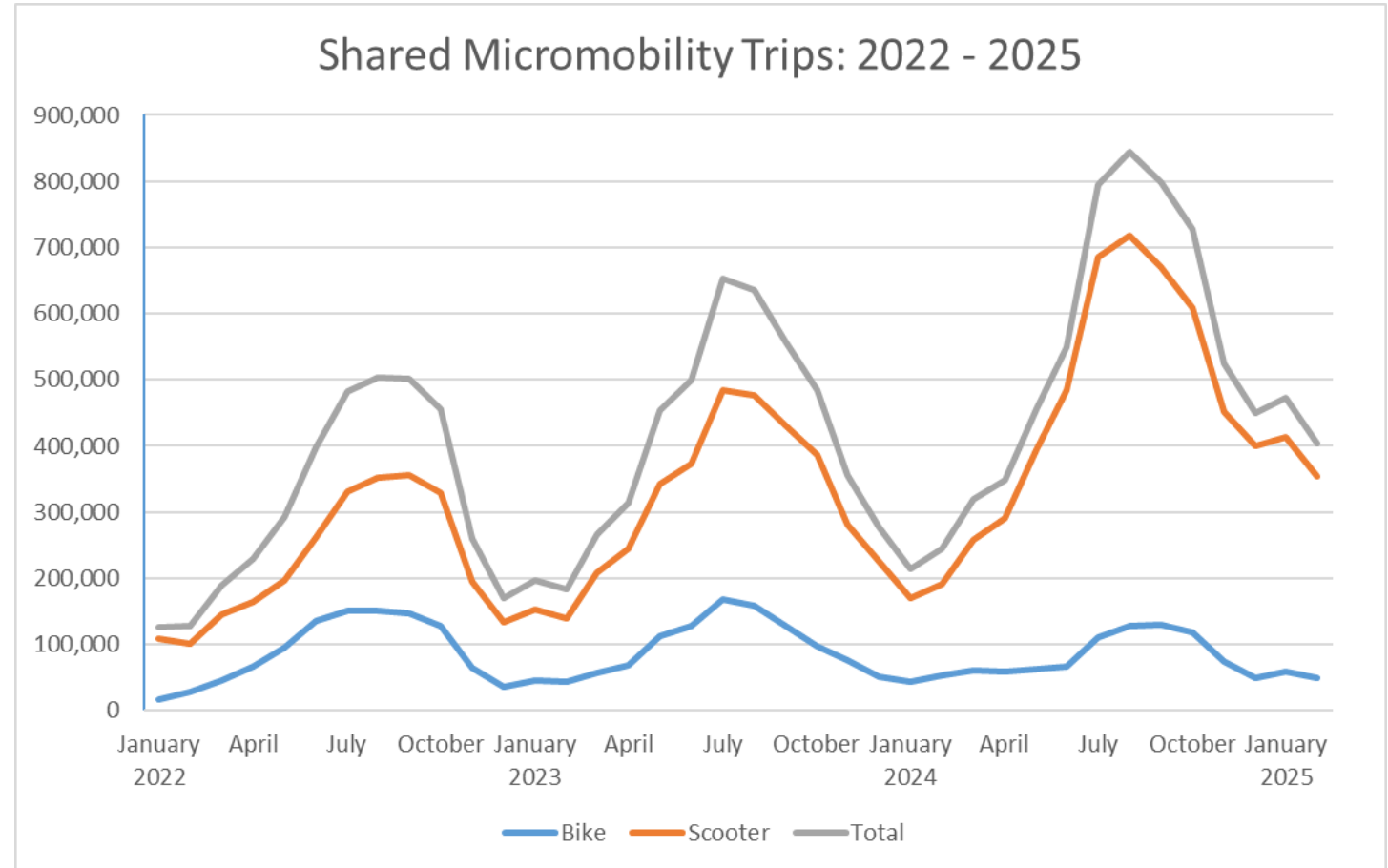


Current vendors



Growing ridership

- Nearly 6.3 million trips in 2024 (29% increase from 2023 trips; 69% increase from 2022)
- 41,000+ rides on August 31, 2024
- 20.7+ million trips since 2019
- Highlights need for additional parking



2024 recap and 2025 look ahead

- Parking planning and implementation
- Auditing/compliance
- Bike & Scoot to Transit Pilots
- Lime Glider (seated scooter) pilot



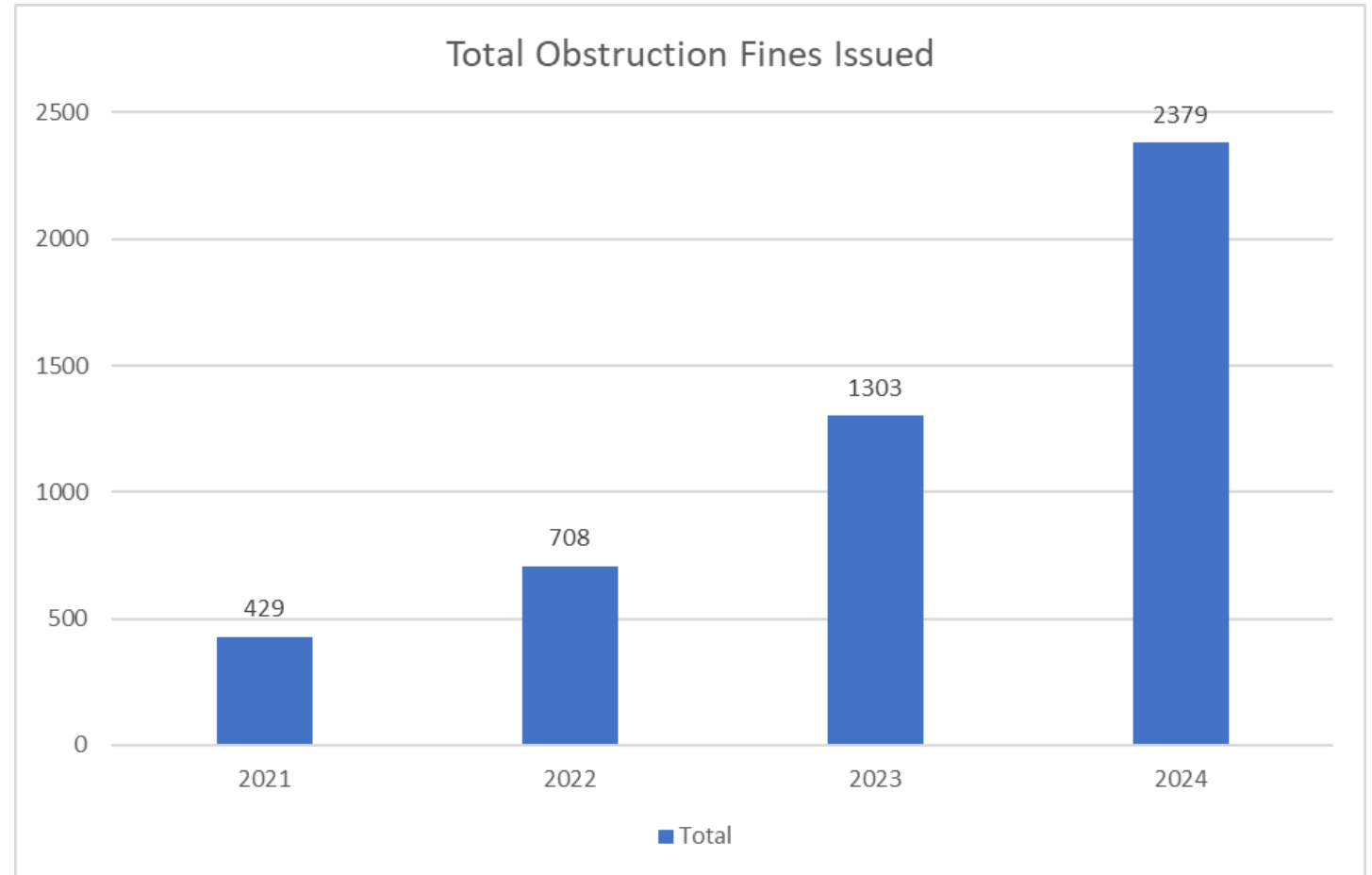
Parking planning and implementation

- Tour of Mt. Baker Link Station to review parking, planning additional community tours with Sound Transit
- Physical corrals paired with digital guidance (geofencing) are the most effective way to manage scooter and bike share parking
- In 2024, we installed 15 corrals
- In 2025, 1 has been installed, ~90 are in the queue, and 200 additional work orders w/ help of consultant



Additional parking fines being issued

- Shifted day-to-day process to ticketing, rather than full audit
- Vendors warn users for first offense; then send increasing fines; then temporary or permanent suspension
- Majority of users do not reoffend



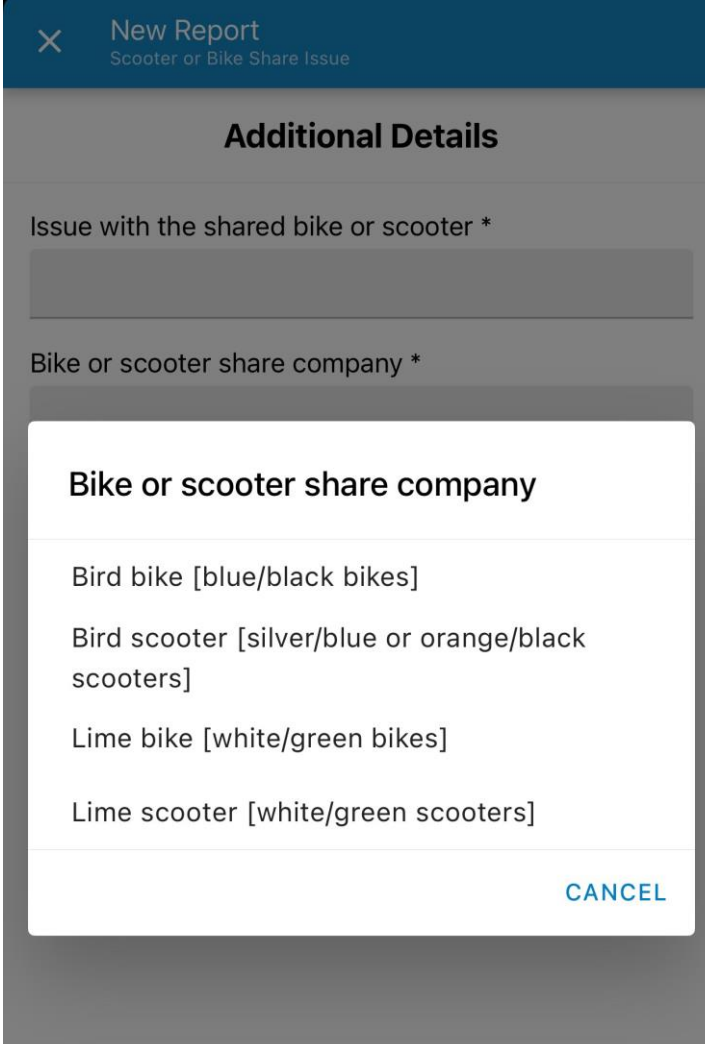
Representative samples

- Our team performs a representative sample 1-2 times per year
- Below is a table of the obstruction rate results:

Representative Sample	Fall 2023	Summer 2024	Winter 2024
Obstruction Rate	13%	11%	9%

Find It, Fix It – potential updates

Considering changes to Find It, Fix It app to improve the overview description and ticket description(s) for Scooter and Bike Share Issues ticket, especially regarding devices misparked at transit stops and stations.



The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for reporting issues. At the top, a dark blue header contains a close button (X) and the text "New Report" and "Scooter or Bike Share Issue". Below this is a section titled "Additional Details". It contains two text input fields: "Issue with the shared bike or scooter *" and "Bike or scooter share company *". A white modal is open over the second field, titled "Bike or scooter share company". It lists four options: "Bird bike [blue/black bikes]", "Bird scooter [silver/blue or orange/black scooters]", "Lime bike [white/green bikes]", and "Lime scooter [white/green scooters]". A "CANCEL" button is at the bottom right of the modal.

Bike & Scoot to Transit Pilots

- Project goals: help people connect to transit via shared micromobility, reducing car trips across the city
- 2024 outcomes: over 3,000 individual participants and over 6,000 transit tickets redeemed
- 2025 plans: permanent corral infrastructure at each Seattle Link light rail station

EARN REWARDS WHEN YOU BIKE OR SCOOT TO TRANSIT!

Earn **FREE** transit tickets when you take Lime bikes or scooters to select Link light rail stations!

Get started with the **Transit GO Ticket mobile app!**

For more information, scan this QR code or visit: kingcounty.gov/metro/BikeScoot2Transit

Questions? Call Transit GO Rewards Assistance at 1-844-202-0082.

Logos: Seattle Department of Transportation, King County METRO, Sound Transit, Lime, Transit GO Ticket

Lime Glider (seated scooter) pilot

- Pilot goal: learn about public interest and experience with a seated scooter device type, with the goal of providing more accessible devices for riders who wish to remain seated but not have to pedal
- 2024 outcomes: high usage in late summer, reaching over 2 trips per vehicle per day
- 2025 plan: launch devices in summer



Questions?

Stay in touch:



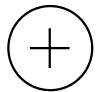
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Open Forum Discussion and Questions



Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025
2:30 – 4:00 PM



Thank You!

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