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SUBJECT: Bike and Scooter Share
DATE: September 4, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
Public Works Department staff will present an overview of dockless bike and scooter share operations and permitting.

BACKGROUND:
Tacoma's future transportation network will support options that provide safe and welcoming travel by people in all modes. The majority of trips in Tacoma today consist of single occupancy vehicles, which take up a disproportionate amount of space on the roadway network and contribute to congestion. The Transportation Master Plan sets Citywide targets for 2030 commute mode split of 8 percent walking, 4 percent biking, and 10 percent transit – up from 5 percent walk and bike (combined) and 5 percent transit in 2012. One way to shift travel patterns is through providing access to these transportation options through shared vehicles like bike share.

In 2017, the City of Tacoma completed its Bike Share Feasibility Study that evaluated the potential traditional dock-based bike share in Tacoma. The feasibility assessment identified a number of significant challenges to implementing a bike share program in Tacoma. In the summer of 2017, dockless bike share debuted in the United States, starting in Seattle. Since then, dockless bike and scooter share have provided transportation options for people in cities across the country.

On September 21, 2018, Lime brought dockless e-bikes and e-scooters to Tacoma. Bird subsequently launched on October 13, 2018. The City has been working with these two vendors to evaluate possible long-term arrangements for Lime, Bird, and other providers to operate in the City of Tacoma.

ISSUE:
Lime currently operates under a short-term permit that is valid through September 30, 2019. Staff continues to work with an advisory group to structure conditions for a long-term permit that will replace the current short-term permit. The long-term permit will include a competitive solicitation process and will address some of the issues encountered during operation under the short-term permit. Staff will present a status update of these discussions in preparation for the more in-depth discussion scheduled for the IPS Committee on October 2, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.