

Electric Scooters & Public Transit: Can We Coexist?

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OUTLINE

- Public Transportation Overview
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An aerial, high-angle photograph of a city street intersection. The street has white crosswalk lines and dark asphalt. Several people are walking across the crosswalks. A large, thick orange circle is superimposed over the center of the image, partially obscuring the street and pedestrians. In the top left, a light beige rectangular box contains the title text. On the right side, two orange circles contain text, and the bottom right corner shows the front of a car.

Public Transportation Overview

Past/
Present

Future

Past



1827 - America's first public railroad

Present



Union Pacific Coal Train



BART Passenger Train

Past

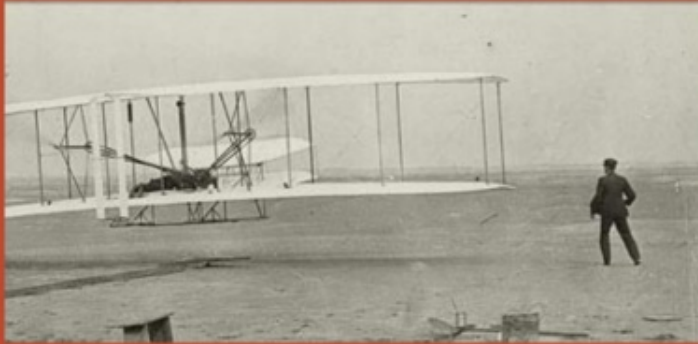


1870 - First pneumatic
subway attempt

Present



Past



1903 - Self-propelled airplane

Present



Over
100,000
flights
per day
globally!

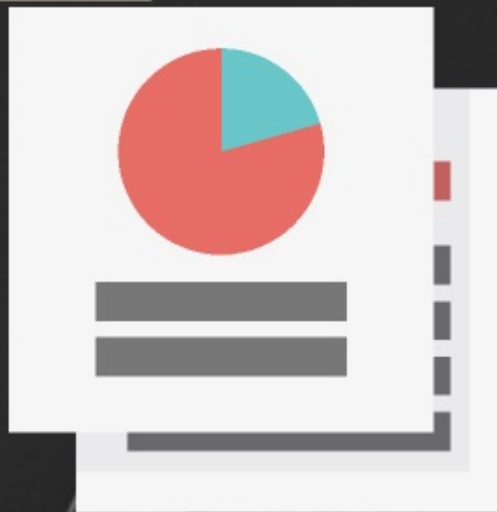
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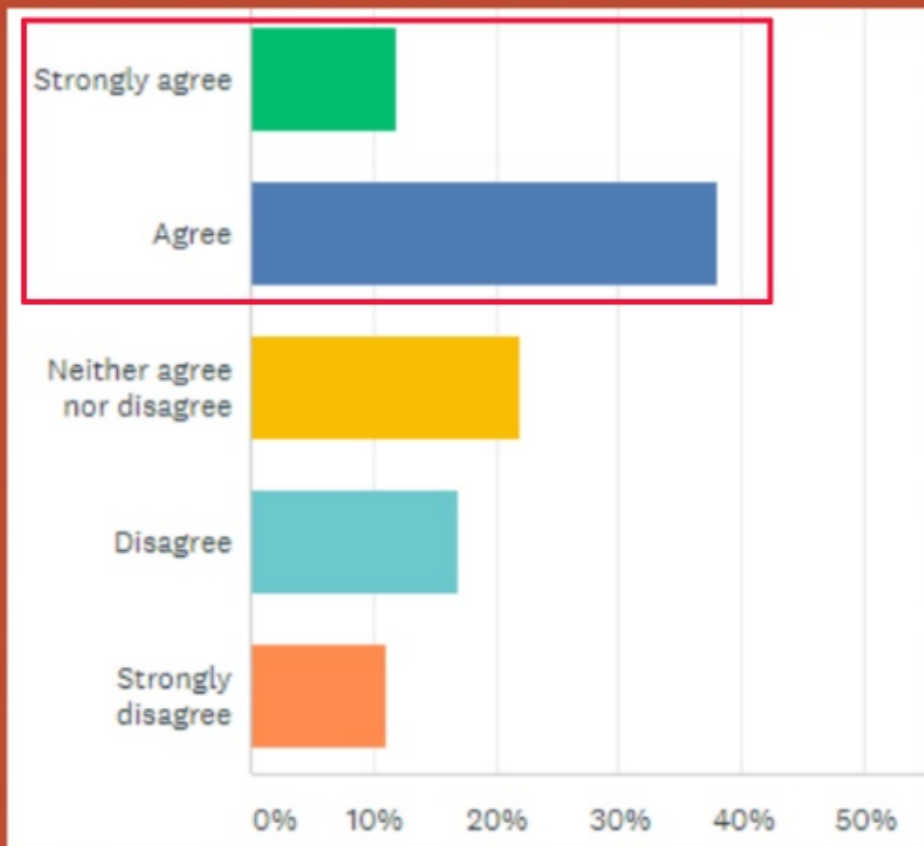
"When you're finished changing, you're finished." -Benjamin Franklin



SURVEY FINDINGS



Incorporating Public Scooters



50% responded
either **Strongly
Agree** or **Agree**

Future Growth of Mobility

**Embrace
Change**



**Keep Up with
the Joneses**



**Proactively
Collaborate**



**Welcome Pilot
Programs**



**Evolve
Institutional
Mindset**



Drawbacks of Incorporating Electric Scooters

Scooter Littering



Safety Hazards



Insufficient Regulation



Not ADA Accessible



Lack of Industry Knowledge



Advantages of Incorporating Electric Scooters

Change public's
mindset



Reduce parking
demand



Attract new
riders



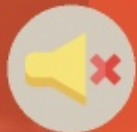
Reduce carbon
footprint



More first/last
mile options



Current Issues with Electric Scooters



Inconsistent message between
and within cities



Lack of subject knowledge

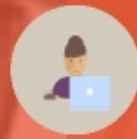
Excessive regulation



Insufficient regulation



Lack of data sharing



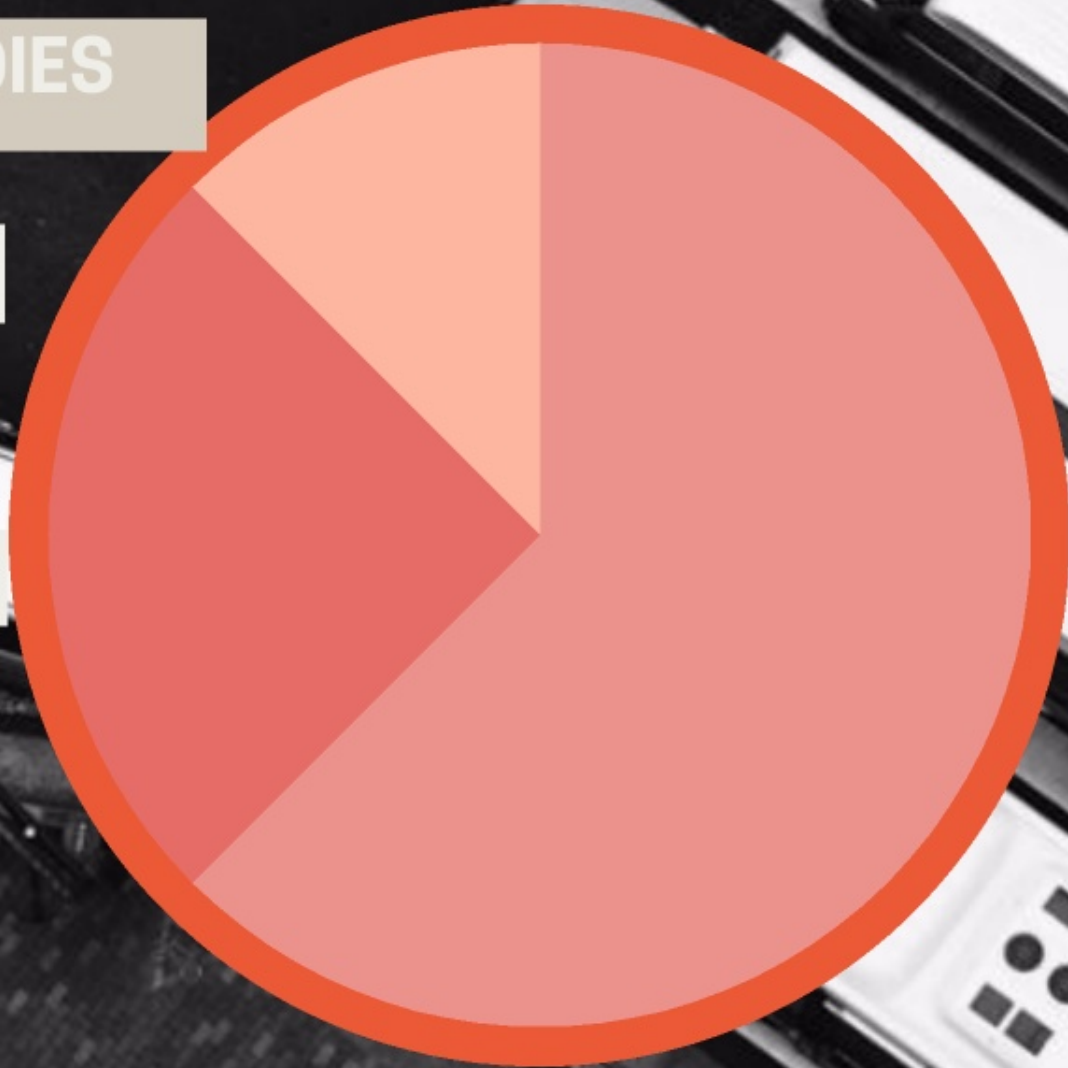
Poor communication with
e-scooter companies

CASE STUDIES

Portland, OR

San Francisco, CA

Denver, CO



Case Study: Portland, OR

Portland Bureau of Transportation

Four (4) month program

- July 2018 - November 2018

Four (4) objectives

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Prevent fatalities and serious injuries
- Expand access to under served areas
- Reduce air pollution

Public education and engagement

- Community events
- Listed e-scooter laws, rules, and safety information on scooter
- Helmet distribution plan

Required to provide/share data

E-Scooter Providers

- Lime
- Bird Rides Inc.
- Skip Transport Inc.



Findings: Portland, OR

Pilot Program Results

- Permitted scooters: 2,043
- Total trips: 700,369
- Total miles: 801,888
- Average trip length: 1.15 miles

Pilot Program Findings

- E-scooters replaced private vehicle use
- E-scooter injuries increased
- Access to under served areas is possible
- Survey saw potential decrease in single occupancy vehicles
- Most complaints regarding helmet and sidewalk issues

Survey Findings

- 18% of visitors used scooters to get to/from public transportation
- 10% of respondents would have taken public transit if a scooter was not available for their last trip
- 6% of respondents used scooters to/from public transit
- 5% of respondents used public transit more often since first using scooters

Case Study: San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Twelve (12) month program

- August 2018 - August 2019

Two (2) providers issued permits

- Skip
- Scoot

Up to 625 scooters allowed per provider

- Implemented a locking/tethering mechanism for each scooter

Public Education and Engagement

- Providers must support, rather than compete with public transportation
- Reach out to community groups
- Series of pop-up events and safety trainings

Community Plan

- Discounted low-income plan for qualified government assistance program users



Findings: San Francisco, CA

Five (5) Month Pilot Program Results

- Rides per month: 48,500
- Average trip time: 20 minutes
- Average trip length: 0.7 miles

Public Transportation Usage

- 34% used scooters to get to/from public transportation
- 28% would not have taken transit if a scooter was not available
- 7% would have taken transit regardless if a scooter was available
- Data shows that scooters induce transit trips at roughly four (4) times the rate they replace a transit trip

Recommendations/Next Steps

- Analysis shows pilot supports goals such as "Transit First"
- Continued education on safety
- Continued progress in underrepresented communities

Case Study: Denver, CO

Denver Dockless Mobility Pilot Program

Pilot began June 2018

- Five (5) permitted providers
- Bird, Lime, Lyft, Razor, Spin

Requirements

- Initial fleet of 350 scooters max
- Additional 100 scooters allowed in “opportunity areas”
- Re-balance scooters to areas near transit stops each day

Public education and engagement

- Work with partners on safety and education
- Increase access to public transportation

Required to provide/share data

- Usage/ridership
- Complaints
- Damage and Repairs



Findings: Denver, CO

Pilot Program Results

- Total miles: 952,898
- Total trips: 819,927
- Average trip length: 0.92 miles

Survey Results

- 43% of scooter trips replaced a walk
- 22% replaced a rideshare trip
- 10% replaced a vehicle trip

Pilot Program Findings

- Trips and length of trips are higher and longer on weekends
- Highest usage: morning/evening commute and mid-day/lunchtime
- Greatest e-scooter activity around downtown and Denver Union Station

Pilot Program Findings

- 37% of respondents connect to public transit via scooter occasionally
- 9% of respondents chose transit as one of their top three places for which they used a scooter
- 7% would have taken public transit if a scooter was not available for their last trip

RECOMMENDATIONS





Can we coexist?

Necessary Improvements

Protected Bike-Ways



Dedicated Parking



Safety Requirements



Lessons Learned

Data Requirements

- Trips
- Accidents
- Demographics
- Injuries
- Maintenance

Regulations and Guidelines

- Speed limit
- Signage
- Set up restrictions
- No-ride zones
- Limit on providers and fleet size

Provider Requirements

- Integrate into public transit
- Permit fees
- Scooters placement
- Parking enforcement
- Public Education
- Oversight



Thank you

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