

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As we all know, no e-scooter company has shown that it will voluntarily adhere or cause its customers to adhere to common sense safety rules. The file's 2/4/20 public comment clearly shows a significant danger - not only of e-scooters but also found in the early days of hybrid automobiles when running on their electric engines: They are silent. A quick review of relevant history will yield two obvious solutions for e-scooters such as those referenced in the 2/4 comment: In addition to geo-fencing them such that they cannot start when operated on sidewalks (Again, vendors who claim that this is technically impossible are lying), e-scooters must be required to generate relevant sound - not just when traveling fast but whenever they are in motion. Programming and deployment cost would be practically nil. Legal fees would be saved. The public would be protected. I look forward to reading in coming months that a majority of the City Council chose to honor its mandate to prioritize public safety regarding e-scooters - in this case, by requiring the above-referenced attributes. Thank you for your service.