



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
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Mountain View City Council
City Hall, 500 Castro Street
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Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Re: 7.2 Personal Delivery Device Pilot Program

Dear Mayor Siegel and City Council Members:

It has come to the attention of the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) that a pilot program for Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs) is coming to the City Council for review and potential approval on February 27, 2018.

On September 5th, 2017, the City Council reviewed the "Ordinance Amending Article VI of Chapter 19 of the Mountain View City Code Related to Bicycles, Roller Skates, Coasters, and Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices". PDDs should have been listed as part of the evolving technologies that need to be reviewed in a comprehensive review of how our roadways and sidewalks are utilized, and how new technologies can be compatible with traditional bicycle and pedestrian use. The City Council sent the review of this ordinance back to Staff and the B/PAC for further input and a more comprehensive analysis.

It is the position of MVCSP members that a pilot PDD program should NOT be approved until this more comprehensive analysis and review is completed. Approving such a pilot program now would be piecemeal approach when a comprehensive and detailed analysis is needed.

As many of you are aware, I'm also on the second Environmental Sustainability Task Force. Encouraging safe and convenient active transportation is the only way that a percentage of residents and employees will utilize walking and bicycle as a substitute for auto trips. This is one of many initiatives that members of ESTF-2 have been discussing.

The first priority for sidewalks should be for pedestrians. If PDDs and other emerging technologies that have the potential of reducing greenhouse gas emissions can be accommodated on our sidewalks and roadways in a safe manner, based on objective and thorough analysis, then we might support it. However, the comprehensive

analysis that was requested back on September 5th has not been completed. Therefore, the City Council does not have the information needed to make an informed decision.

We are therefore requesting that you NOT approve the PDD pilot program until the comprehensive analysis is completed.

Sincerely,

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Cliff Chambers

For the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

cc:

Alex Andrade, Economic Development Manager

Nathan Baird, Transportation Planner - Mobility

Dan Rich, City Manager

Wanda Wong, City Clerk

About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a group of local volunteers dedicated to making Mountain View as beautiful, economically healthy, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian accessible, and affordable as possible. MVCSP member interest and expertise covers areas such as housing, transportation, the environment, the economy, and beyond!

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