

Dockless Vehicle Committee Meeting

October 13, 2021

Attendees:

Anjanette Wiggins, Enoch Pratt Library
Anne Brown, University of Oregon
Andrew, Johns Hopkins University
Arco Sen, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
Breanna Bledsoe, Spin
Cheyanne Woodyard, Superpedestrian/Link
Clarissa Chen, Bikemore
Forrest Freeland III, MDOT/MTA
Hugh Scoggins, Office of Equity and Civil Rights
Jed Weeks, Bikemore
Josh Bear, Spin
Jourdin Roberts, Spin

Kaitlyn Schaffer, Kittelson & Associates
Matt Kujava, Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore
Matt Hendrickson, DOT
Matias Longo, Lime
Meg Young, DOT
Patrick McMahan, MDOT/MTA
Robert Garner, Lime
Sharonda Huffman, Office of Equity and Civil Rights
Tereina Galloway, DOT
Tiffany Walker, DOT
Theo Ngongang, DOT
Victor Tervalá, Law Department

Meeting Minutes:

- **Timeline Check In**
 - Permit Cycle and Forecast
 - Data Request – Q1 Compliance
 - Equity zone and deployment districts
 - 85% compliance minimum, 90% required for fleet increase
 - New permit holders given 60 days for compliance
 - Percentage of fleet parked over 5 days
 - 5% of fleet or lower required
 - 3 citations issued to date
 - Monthly parking and vehicle inspections
 - Conducted once a month plus audits following complaints
 - 2 warnings for vehicles missing braille stickers
 - Equity plan sign-ups and events
- **Updates**
 - Ridership numbers
 - October 2021 rides are set to surpass October 2019 rides!
 - Presented data is publicly available.
 - Data can be requested if interested.
 - Adaptive Vehicles – this item is delayed until NEXT MONTH
- **Discussion**
 - Parking Issues and Tactics
 - **Poll:** What are the biggest issues observed with scooter parking?
 - Vehicles incorrectly parked and vehicles tipped over are the biggest issues based on our poll results
 - Other issue not included in the poll is vandalism and people knocking over scooters intentionally
 - Guest Speaker – Anne Brown, University of Oregon
 - How severe is the issue?

- Not as severe as people think. Scooters block sidewalks at the same rate as sandwich boards and poles. A smaller percentage of scooters block access compared to motor vehicles.
- What are other cities doing to manage parking?
 - Fleet size/caps
 - Lock-to requirements (San Francisco, Chicago, DC)
 - Designated parking areas
 - Incentives to riders to park in designated areas / in-app communication about parking
 - Signage
- Read her work here:
 - <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2590198220300105>
- **Poll:** Where in Baltimore have you observed the most issues with parking?
 - “I see the same issues across the city.” had most responses.
- BCDOT Auditing
 - Do the auditing methods address the biggest issues?
 - Baltimore tactics:
 - Vehicle and parking checks
 - Deployment checks
 - Customer service auditing
 - Compliance with 5-day parking limit
- BCDOT Corrals
 - Have the corrals been effective in incentivizing parking?
 - Baltimore tactics:
 - More than 50 BCDOT corrals
 - Chosen based on location, equity, high ridership, main streets
 - Worked with stadiums and universities
 - Are we missing any other needed locations? Should we take requests?
 - Jed Weeks: Take requests, especially for in-street corrals.
 - Anjanette Wiggins: Looking at the map, there are large gaps in the western, eastern, northern areas of the city.
 - Jed Weeks: Until there are all ages facilities in the streetcar suburbs, I think the demand for corrals will be lower because people are scared to ride on those car-oriented arterials.
 - Clarissa Chen: If there are neighborhood complaints, we should take car parking spots for a corral.

Upcoming:

- Q2 Large Events: Ravens games, Comic Con, Concerts (MECU, M&T, Baltimore Arena)
- Community Events: Lake2Lake Play Day (November 6)
- Next Meeting: November 10, 2021
 - Possible topics: adaptive vehicles, survey