

Dockless Vehicle Committee-- Minutes from: 8/12/2020

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The DVC Committee first reviewed the Permit Status, including the extension officially adopted as a result of the COVID-19 State of Emergency in Maryland. The permit will remain in place until 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. Rules and Regulations have been adjusted to reinstate 12 Equity Zones, allow for dynamic fleet increases, and allow for companies to apply for suspension of R&R for extenuating circumstances.

Trip data was shared on a weekly and a daily basis, showing trips returning to pre-COVID-19 numbers. Daily trips show a new pattern of higher trip volume on weekends, no longer aligning with commuting patterns. Trip volume by deployment district showed a resurgence of rides in the downtown core compared to March and April. Trips on arterials during the pandemic did not reveal many patterns, except for in the case of North Ave, where ridership has increased. A data request was placed for utilization by district.

DOT detailed the Equity Zone review process and adjustments. After data analysis and observations, 12 zones have been reinstated. In the long term, DOT will work with JHU School of Public Health to evaluate equity policies

DOT plans to allow scooter parking requests. Comments submitted that DOT should be willing to push forward without approval of property owner if needed, noting absentee landlords present a challenge to getting bike racks and corrals outside of "white L" neighborhoods.

Community Updates: Bike to Work week will officially include scooters. DVC attendees were glad to see us using the Love to Ride platform. The Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Commission is accepting nominations for bicycle community awards.