



Hello everyone,

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) dockless and micro mobility committee meets quarterly; during off-months, you can expect an email update in lieu of a meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 11, 2023, from 10:00-11:30am.

This month we have several new exciting projects! Including the introduction to our New Dockless vehicle program manager, special grants awarded to us, recent innovations in micromobility, anticipated increase in ridership, and seasonal events.

Announcements

DOT welcomes new program manager, Michael Kebede:



Welcome to the future of sustainable urban transportation! My name is Michael Kebede, and I am the newly appointed Dockless vehicle program manager at the Department of Transportation for Baltimore City. With over 7 years of invaluable experience in the paratransit sector, I bring a deep understanding of accessibility needs and a passion for innovative mobility solutions. Now, equipped with this unique blend of expertise, I am set to lead the charge in revolutionizing the way we navigate our cities. Fostering eco-friendly initiatives, I'm committed to enhancing accessibility, safety, and efficiency, as we embark on a journey towards a greener and more interconnected future.

As the newly appointed Dockless vehicle Program Manager for the Department of Transportation, my enthusiasm for the Complete Streets program is palpable. With fervent belief in the power of inclusive and sustainable transportation, I see the Complete Streets initiative as a transformative force in shaping the city's urban landscape. Embracing the program's core principles of equity, safety, and accessibility, I envision a city where all residents, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transport, can move freely and safely. Fueling this passion is my unwavering commitment to fostering a connected and vibrant community that values the diverse needs of its citizens, ultimately paving the way for a more vibrant, equitable, and future-ready Baltimore.



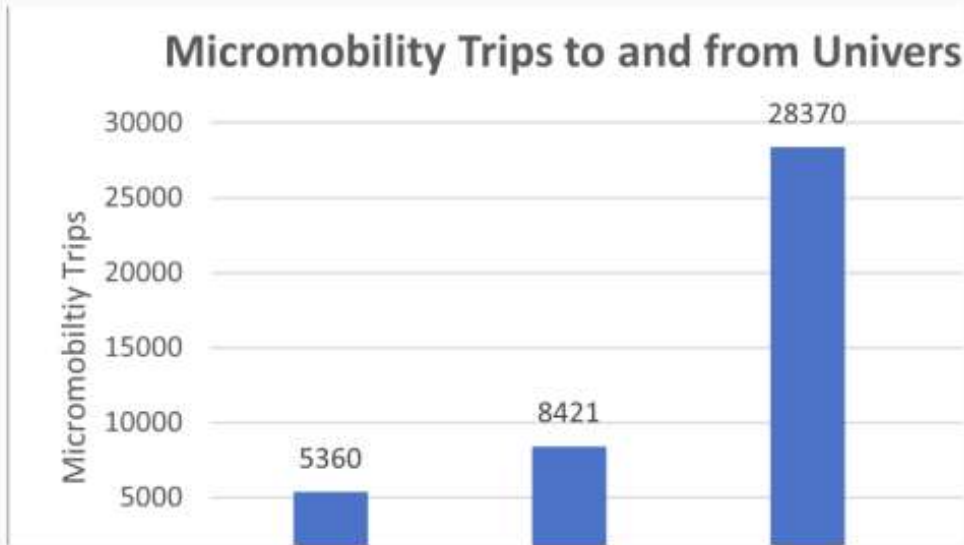
Superpedestrian continues to offer accessibility vehicles

Older News

Superpedestrian continues to provide new accessibility vehicles designed to accommodate a broader range of users, including individuals with mobility challenges and disabilities. These specialized vehicles include spacious seating, enhanced stability and user-friendly controls, making them more accessible and user-friendly for a diverse range of riders. Innovations like this align with our goals here at the Department of Transportation by providing last mile connectivity, reducing road congestion, and building inclusivity in with micromobility. If you or anyone in your organization is interested in learning more about out these vehicles, please reach out to me so we can arrange a meeting.

Data Updates

With students returning to schools, there is a noticeable increase in the ridership of e-scooters around Baltimore's universities. We attribute this increase to students who use scooters for more convenient and affordable methods of transportation. Also, school-related activities and events can increase the demand for quick and flexible transportation options. Trips to and from universities in 2022 are shown in the graph below. There was a large increase in micromobility trips to and from universities in the late summer when students returned to campus. Trips to and from universities in June 2022 to August 2022 accounted for 7% of citywide trips.



Compliance: DOT has implemented No Parking Zones on campuses that do not allow e-scooters and has installed parking corrals surrounding the No Parking Zones so students can neatly park vehicles outside of the No Parking Zones. The corrals around Johns Hopkins campus are shown below



If a scooter is in an improper location, you can have it moved. As a reminder, the fastest way to have a scooter moved is to contact the companies directly. Vehicles can be reported through the app or using the customer service numbers and emails listed on the vehicles or shown below.

- **LINK by Superpedestrian** - 1-844-701-8163, or email [LINK City](#) or visit us online at [LINK City](#)

- **Spin** - 1(888)249-9698, or email Spin or visit us online at Spin

Looking Ahead

Upcoming program dates:

- August – October: Equity Initiatives Outreach (Better Bike Share Partnership)
- October 11 - Quarterly Meeting: Dockless and Micromobility Committee - Programming updates
- January 10 - Quarterly Meeting: Dockless and Micromobility Committee - Survey and annual R&R revisions

Please email dot-community@baltimorecity.gov with any requests, including:

- Data requests – Request trip data for a specific place or time
- Events support requests – Request vehicles be deployed, an area is swept after an event, or for temporary parking zones
- Educational events requests - If you're hosting an event, you can request a company attends with information about learning to ride and signing up for different plan.

