



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: Dockless Bicycles & Scooters

DATE: March 28, 2018

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3/28/2018

RECOMMENDATION

Direct City Staff to provide a presentation to City Council on dockless shared bicycles and scooters and provide recommendations on a potential permitting process that includes community engagement.

BACKGROUND

I was not alone in my surprise when a surge of dockless shared bicycles and scooters appeared overnight on the streets of San José, especially in Downtown. As a bicycle advocate, I am enthused about the opportunities that these transit devices present to our community. These devices creatively embrace our city's shift towards multimodality and expands consumer options in the bike share movement, ultimately encouraging residents to reduce vehicular usage.

However, the lack of physical docking infrastructure has created an unforeseen loophole in our city's permitting and community engagement process. A process that ensures any potential impact to residential and business areas are communicated and properly vetted. My office has already received a number of concerns from residents regarding these devices being parked at random throughout their neighborhoods, at times directly on private property.

It would be prudent that the City Council should be briefed on this matter and discuss next steps on how to allow these devices to exist harmoniously in our city without restricting the market overall.