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It is commendable to consider alternate forms of transportation for those who cannot afford a car, and/or need to supplement public services, or even improve something very locally; however, when a new method of public use of rights of ways is under consideration, the public will want to have detailed assurances to address multiple concerns.

Many sidewalks lead to nowhere and have gaps, or aren't really wide enough for pedestrian shared usage with bicycles or scooters. The definition in the Bill equating the scooters to bicycles, depending on the State definition there, would be helpful where bicycles are disallowed, having those same rules, but there may be areas where scooters should be considered differently than bicycles. There will be issues here with CA rules, and scooter definitions, as usage increases with the permit addition of stations.

Maybe a new type of definition for this mode of transportation should be defined so as to capture any safety needs separately.

The language regarding the permit procedure, should have additional requirements like volume, placement location and more details about requiring private property permissions. Important issues like minimum driver ages, and helmet requirements, should be in the code and not just on the planned permit form.

Also, how is the concern that scooters will be left lying around going to be addressed?

Thank you.



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