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To: <u>Infrastructure and Environment</u>

Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2025.IE24.1 on September 26, 2025 Infrastructure and Environment

Committee

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the September 26, 2025 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2025.IE24.1, Micromobility Update

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Comments:

We would like to encourage the committee to take this time to ensure staff are working towards legalizing private escooters in the future, and that the tasks required to get to yes are well defined.

We would also like to encourage the committee to take this time to direct staff to reengage with the e-scooter community. It has been ScootTO's experience that staff are being told - both the cycling teams, and the Micromobility teams - to no longer work with pro-scooter community groups - including ourselves. We have emails to that effect from staff.

This seems to indicate that there is no future path to participating in the e-scooter pilot, although it seemed that councils direction was more that it would take time to get there.

There are a number of issues that we are concerned about - including how deaths and injuries of e-scooter riders are reported on (since they are classified as motor vehicles they aren't included in the vision zero map or report). We also have concerns about ensuring there is proper parking available for scooters - which we hope will begin to solve some of the issues the accessibility community has brought forward. None of these can be solved without engagement and planning from staff.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. We hope to work more closely with the city over time.

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