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IE24.1 - Micromobility Update

Adam Roy Cohoon, an electric wheelchair user and member of the disability accessibility committee, raised concerns about the city's micro mobility strategy. Adam highlighted the ambiguity regarding wheelchair users' access to bike lanes and the potential issues that could arise if electric standing scooters are legalized and rented out in Toronto, similar to the problems with jet ski rentals on lakes. Cohoon called for a transparent dialogue with the disability community to address pedestrian and accessibility issues effectively and ensure the safety of all users.

Action Items

- [] Engage in a dialogue with the disability community regarding the micromobility strategy and its impact on accessibility.

Outline

Concerns About Micro Mobility Strategy for Wheelchair Users

- Adam Roy Cohoon expresses worries about the micro-mobility strategy's impact on wheelchair users, highlighting a gray area regarding the use of bike lanes.
- Adam notes that bike lanes can be more efficient for wheelchair users as they offer fewer barriers and allow for faster travel.
- Adam points out that the labels and signage are not clear enough, creating confusion for wheelchair users.
- Adam emphasizes the need for a more transparent and inclusive strategy that addresses the specific needs of individuals with disabilities.

Issues with Electric Standing Scooters

- Adam raises concerns about the potential legalization of electric standing scooters in Toronto, despite their current illegality.
- Adam compares the potential issues with electric standing scooters to the problems caused by jet ski rentals on lakes, suggesting that rentals could lead to significant issues.
- Adam expresses fear that the increased availability of these scooters could exacerbate existing issues related to pedestrian and accessibility.
- Adam calls for a proactive approach to address these potential problems before they arise.

Desire for a healthy dialogue with the Disability Community

- Adam hopes for a genuine and healthy dialogue with the disability community about pedestrian and accessibility issues.
- Adam stresses the importance of involving the disability community in discussions to ensure that everyone feels safer and more secure.
- Adam thanks the participants, indicating his commitment to continuing the conversation and working towards better solutions.
- Final remarks emphasize the importance of inclusive and thoughtful planning in micro-mobility strategies.

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