

Lime and Bird haven't hit the brakes yet, despite Denver's order to remove scooters. What's next?

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Last week, two companies deployed fleets of electric rental scooters that quickly spread through Denver's streets. Suddenly, people were cruising down sidewalks and streets on the two-wheelers and parking them just about everywhere.

Call it a case of “disrupt first, ask questions later.”

Well, now the city of Denver is asking questions. On Friday, the local public works department ordered Lime and Bird to get their “dockless” scooters out of Denver's public spaces. Officials said they were concerned about the “use, placement and quantity of scooters.”

But the two-wheel debate of 2018 is only beginning, and the city has indicated that it may create rules that allow the scooters to operate here.

Four days later, the city is still full of scooters.

