

To: Milwaukee Common Council
Public Works Committee

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Re: Limits on Scooters
Testimony for Committee Hearing
Item 12. Communication File #201461

I speak from the perspective of a senior citizen who is a careful driver. I certainly recognize the environmental and possible social justice benefits of scooters. But so far, my experience with scooter drivers has been negative. Please use my 7 points below as discussion starters:

1. They have come out of nowhere **without obeying the rules of the road, especially as evening approaches**. In an accident, sadly, at least two people's lives can be greatly disrupted.
2. With scooters all over the streets, my car insurance is likely to go up. If I have an accident, it's likely to go up even more. Therefore, I want you to **be sure the scooter companies and the scooter drivers have paid their share toward insurance premiums**.
3. Automobile drivers study for their **licenses** and have to re-apply from time to time. I believe having to study and prove one's ability at proper scooter driving to obtain a license should be required. Some scooter education **instructors** should be hired.
4. Records are kept of our auto accidents. Renting a car requires giving personal information. Car rental agencies have a portion of the responsibility for their cars. Are scooter drivers similarly tracked? Can we **require that licensure and registration be remembered in a chip**, to keep track of who was using a particular scooter at a particular time? Amazon and Google use computer technology to keep track of our social behaviors online. Of course, it should be erased after a period of days.
5. I agree with the folks who want **docking stations** like we have for the Bubblr Bikes, so that scooters are not left everywhere.
6. I believe **visitors to Milwaukee should not be encouraged** to use scooters as a vacation toy, especially if they have not learned the rules of the road and practiced for their license.
7. The greater the potential **speed**, the greater the **responsibility**.