



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Caleb Hood, Planning Division Manager **Meeting Date:** October 12, 2020
Presenter: Phuong Bui, Spin (via Zoom); Caleb Hood **Estimated Time:** 25 minutes
Topic: Shared Vehicles

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to Staff as we address the topic of shared vehicles with the City Council. Should the City pursue shared vehicle vendor(s) for 2021?

Background:

On Friday, December 13th, 2019 the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for shared vehicle (e-scooters) services for 2020. The RFP was sent to six known, potential vendors/contractors. One response was received. On January 23rd a 7-member scoring team met to discuss the proposal. The scoring team recommended that City Council not enter into a contract with any vendor at this time due to all of the construction and lack of destinations currently. The scoring team further recommended that the MDBA continue to monitor the climate and recommend back to the City when they believe another RFP should be issued. On January 28th, these recommendations were presented to the Mayor and City Council. The Council largely concurred with the scoring team's recommendation and further recommended that Staff be part of discussions around a regional management model for micro mobility.

In August, City Staff and the Meridian Downtown Business Association (MDBA) President Lindsey Bowshire, met with representatives of Spin via teleconference. Spin is currently one of the vendors in Boise and is interested in doing a pilot project in Meridian. Their initial proposal is that the pilot not include any fees. Planning Staff discussed this potential pilot with Legal Staff. Staff's perspective is that the City's Ordinances and processes are not set up for a pilot, but rather a competitive proposal process with up to two vendors being awarded contracts. Staff would like the TC's recommendation on shared vehicle vendor options for 2021. This input will then be shared with the Council.

Spin representative, Phuong Bui, will be attending the October TC meeting to their pilot proposal to the Commission. Lindsey Bowshire should also be at your October meeting to be a resource and part of the discussion.