



Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	September 3, 2026
Agenda Item:	Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Bicycle, Electric Bicycle, and Electric Scooter Use on Sidewalks.
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

As part of the City Attorney's review of potential ordinance changes related to bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and similar devices, clarification has been requested regarding whether the City wishes to place additional restrictions on the operation of these devices on sidewalks.

The City's current bicycle ordinance prohibits riding bicycles on sidewalks within the Central Business District. No previous discussion or recommendation has occurred regarding expanding this restriction to other areas of the City or applying sidewalk restrictions specifically to electric bicycles, electric scooters, or similar devices.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission is being asked to discuss whether the existing sidewalk restriction should remain unchanged or whether additional restrictions should be incorporated into the proposed ordinance revisions. This may include consideration of which devices should be regulated, whether restrictions should apply citywide or only in designated areas, and whether any exceptions should be provided.

The Commission's recommendation will provide direction to the City Attorney in preparing proposed ordinance language for future consideration by the Common Council.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no specific recommendation and is seeking direction from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission regarding whether additional restrictions should be placed on the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and similar devices on sidewalks within the City.

The Commission's recommendation will be provided to the City Attorney for consideration in drafting proposed ordinance revisions for future consideration by the Common Council.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)
