



**August 28, 2017**

**The Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

***Subject:* Amendment to Transportation Code Division I to permit motorized scooters and mopeds to park in designated motorcycle parking spaces.**

**Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) request that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors amend San Francisco Transportation Code Division I to permit motorized scooters and mopeds to park in designated motorcycle parking spaces, to align code with existing policy and practice and facilitate SFMTA's Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit Program.

**Background**

Shared transportation services in San Francisco continue to evolve and expand. In addition to traditional car sharing, City residents, workers and visitors now have access to shared electric mopeds as an option for getting around. The SFMTA has engaged providers of these services to regulate and facilitate their operations to advance the Agency's goals of increasing mobility, safety, equity, and sustainability.

Based on observations and feedback gathered during a yearlong pilot exempting electric mopeds from parking time limits in Resident Permit Parking (RPP) areas under some conditions, as well as academic research and the SFMTA's own experience regarding vehicle sharing systems, a parking permit program for shared electric mopeds was developed by staff and adopted by the SFMTA board on June 20, 2017, codified as Section 915 of the Transportation Code.

A moped with a valid Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit may legally park:

- at an on-street parking meter without depositing payment where:
  - the metered space is designated for motorcycle parking, or;
  - the metered space is configured for parallel parking such that the Shared Electric Moped parks in a manner which allows another vehicle to also use the metered space;
- in Residential Parking Permit (RPP) areas without being subject to applicable time limits.

The Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit fee is \$325 per vehicle per year. This permit fee will recover the costs for administration and enforcement of the proposed permit program, as well as meter and other permit revenue that otherwise would have been collected.

The permit program is open to any entity which meets the definition of Shared Electric Moped Organization and the requirements and conditions for Shared Electric Moped Parking Permits established in the Transportation Code. Every permit is good for one year and will expire on June 30 of each calendar year unless otherwise renewed or revoked.

As part of the adopted permit program, the SFMTA requests that Sec. 7.2.37 of the Transportation Code be amended to include motorized scooters and mopeds to the class of vehicles allowed to park in motorcycle spaces. This has been SFMTA's policy and practice for many years; the proposed amendment brings code into agreement with that policy and practice.

### **Public Outreach**

During the pilot period, SFMTA staff heard from, and met with, numerous community members across the City, as well as members of the Board of Supervisors and their staff. Based on this feedback, staff developed a permit proposal which would facilitate shared electric moped services via a regulatory relationship with the SFMTA (including data sharing by permittees), and direct SFMTA resources to monitoring and guiding the use of shared electric mopeds.

The proposed program was presented to the SFMTA Board's Policy and Governance Committee (PAG) at their April 21, 2017 meeting, which helped staff refine the proposal and generated media reports on the proposal in the Examiner and blog outlets. Further outreach to Supervisors was conducted following the PAG presentation, and email notification of the proposal was made to interested stakeholders in advance of the June 20, 2017 SFMTA Board meeting.

### **Alternatives Considered**

A program of fixed, designated parking spaces for shared electric mopeds, similar to the on-street car share parking program, was considered but not pursued; such a program would have significantly greater costs for administration, operations, and enforcement, and would not provide the benefits of the free-floating system already in use. The adopted permit program is more flexible and adaptable, and by utilizing analysis of shared system data, the SFMTA can be more responsive to problems and opportunities for better customer service.

### **Funding Impact**

There is no funding impact. The permit fee will recover the costs for administration and enforcement of the proposed permit program, as well as meter and other permit revenue that otherwise would have been collected.

### **Environmental Review**

On May 25, 2017, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed amendments to the Transportation Code for the Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit Program are not defined as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b).

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference.

**SFMTA Board Action**

On June 20, 2017, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted Resolution 170620-084, which amended Transportation Code, Division II to create new definitions for a Shared Electric Moped Organization, Shared Electric Moped, and Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit program and establish permit fees and permit program requirements, and recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Transportation Code, Division I.

**Recommendation**

The SFMTA requests that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Transportation Code, Division I align code with existing policy and practice and facilitate SFMTA's Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit Program

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposed jurisdictional transfer. Should you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Reiskin  
Director of Transportation

