

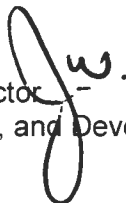


Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: February 23, 2021 – Work Session Item
Micromobility Devices

Orange County has been reviewing the issues associated with micromobility devices since August 2019, when a micromobility provider began staging rental scooters for public use along the sidewalks of International Drive. Staff presented an initial work session to the Board on micromobility and shortly thereafter, in March 2020, a moratorium was passed prohibiting storage of the devices on unincorporated County rights-of-way. The moratorium was lifted in July 2020 as usage largely ceased due to the COVID-19 pandemic and staff was actively conducting research, meeting with stakeholders, and considering potential ordinance standards.

On October 27, 2020, staff presented a work session on micromobility devices that provided the background issues, review of local programs/regulatory framework, challenges and opportunities for Orange County, feedback from stakeholder engagement, and options for consideration for Board direction. At that work session, Board members expressed concerns with user and pedestrian safety and overall management of the activities. Mayor Demings asked staff to conduct a deeper review of crash data and analysis from Florida and other similar urban areas.

The work session will provide a summary of relevant U.S., regional, and local crash data, discussion on the development of safety advancements by micromobility providers, and a review of legal issues associated with regulating micromobility activities, along with a skeletal framework for an ordinance.

This item is for informational purposes only; no action is required.

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