



Agenda Item: Memorandum of Understanding

Title: Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between Bird Rides, Inc. and the City of Laramie for the provision of a stand-up electric scooter sharing system.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Bird Rides, Inc. and the City of Laramie for the provision of a stand-up electric scooter sharing system and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Supporting transportation mode shift, support climate action goals, enhance transit and first/last mile connectivity, support equitable access and inclusion.

Background:

The City of Laramie was approached by Michael Covato, Bird Rides, Inc. requesting the ability to deploy Bird Rides’ stand-up electric scooter sharing system utilizing. Through discussions with City staff and Mr. Covato a “trial run” MOU was drafted and is presented to City Council for consideration.

With this trial period it will allow the City of Laramie to evaluate the impact of stand-up electric scooter sharing systems and their effect on the operations and residents of this community. Bird Rides, Inc. has the ability to “geo-fence” areas where the scooters will not operate, makes the scooters inoperable between midnight and 4:00am., provides staff (jobs) to pick-up, charge and repair scooters and has a myriad of tools available to make this project successful including the development of no park zones where scooter rides can’t be ended preventing them being left in areas they shouldn’t be left on and providing decreased speed zones further increasing the safety of this system.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

N/A

Budget/Fiscal Information:

N/A

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments:

- Laramie.Bird MOU 7.20.21
- Laramie - Bird Presentation
- Bird_Model Regulatory Framework & Ordinance