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The City is getting a new transportation option - a shared system of e-bikes and e-scooters that residents can rent to move around Mississauga.

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Get ready to explore Mississauga in a whole new way this summer! The City of Mississauga is partnering with Lime Technology, Inc. and Bird Canada to launch Mississauga's first shared system of e-bikes and e-scooters this summer. Up to 300 electric pedal-assist bicycles (e-bikes) and 900 electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) and will be available for public use across Mississauga. With this new shared system, users will be able to travel throughout Mississauga using another mode of transportation that is fun, convenient and environmentally friendly.

Micro-mobility is a form of travel using a lightweight device powered by your own body or electricity. For a fee, users will be able to rent e-bikes and e-scooters to get around the city. Users will have the flexibility to park their device with flexibility at a bike rack or another designated location closest to their destination.

"We're excited to be partnering with Lime Technology, Inc. and Bird Canada to offer e-scooters and e-bikes in Mississauga, creating a shared micromobility system for residents," said Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works. "Having a shared system of e-bikes and e-scooters was a recommendation in our <u>Transportation Master Plan</u> and also supports our work on <u>climate change</u> to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Along with walking, biking and taking <u>MiWay</u>, residents now have even more ways to get around our city sustainably."

Shared e-scooter and e-bike devices

Both partners will be providing pedal-assist e-bikes and e-scooters. Devices will be programmed with:

- No-ride zones on sidewalks and other restricted areas.
- Slow-ride zones on busy shared trails and areas with high foot traffic.
- No-parking zones to ensure trips can only end in areas approved for parking.

The City has approved a three-year contract with Lime Technology, Inc. and Bird Canada. The program will be rolling out this summer.

More information on how to rent and the cost of renting a device will be available closer to the program launch.

Learn more about <u>safety</u>, <u>rules and etiquette for bikes</u>, <u>e-bikes and e-scooters</u>. Learn more about <u>cycling</u> in Mississauga.

Background

In October 2019, Council supported the recommendation for City staff to look at how a program of shared bikes, e-bikes or e-scooters could be used for travel in Mississauga as part of a Micro-Mobility Program Development Project. Following extensive analysis and community and stakeholder consultation in June 2022, Council approved a recommendation to develop a shared micro-mobility program that offers e-bikes and e-scooters. In October 2023, staff brought a report to General Committee providing an update on the Shared Micro-mobility Program and recommending that a

hybrid docked and dockless, privately owned and operated system of ebikes and e-scooters be implemented in 2024.

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