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“AIMing to bring accessibility inclusion in micromobility”

by advocating for

Moveable Inclusive Cities & Communities (MICC)

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AIM & MICC

What is AIM?

Adaptive & **I**nclusive **M**icromobility.

Program including advocacy for accessibility inclusion in micromobility and active transportation.

What is MICC?

Moveable **I**nclusive **C**ities & **C**ommunities.

Inclusion: people of all abilities & ages, types of devices, infrastructure, and affordability.

Why AIM & MICC were created.

There was opposition to the car, evens bans.

- Get A Horse! America's Skepticism Toward the First Automobiles , Article from the February 8, 1930, issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*
 - I asked, "What's the matter with you?" He bellowed: "There's nothing the matter with me. It's you! You're crazy if you think this fool contraption you've been wasting your time on will ever displace the horse."
- Prince Edward Island, for example, banned the automobile outright in 1908 for "the safety of the travelling public." the **ban** was in effect until 1919.
- A Danger and a Nuisance: Regulating the Automobile in Ontario, 1903-1912 by Christopher Los
 - Ontarians angered by the unrestrained automobilist would seek redress from their lawmakers.
 - A fear of automobiles kept women from taking their carriages onto the roads, preventing them from getting out to make basic purchases and thus driving up the prices of consumer goods.
- 1900-1930: The years of driving dangerously, **Bill Loomis**, Special to The Detroit News
 - **Speed demons and the law:**. The main cause of motor vehicle accidents was seen as excessive speeding. Until 1909 there was no regulation of street traffic in Detroit.
 - An extreme solution was enacted in England, where in small towns the law required the automobilist to notify a village constable, who would walk in front of the car waving two red warning flags while the driver followed slowly behind.
 - Soon the police admitted publicly they could not keep up with traffic and
 - could not afford to add more men to street safety. The city was losing the war against reckless driving.

Does banning always work? No

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Toronto put an all out ban on e-scooters, yet they are everywhere. Now they having to rethink this. Some recent articles from [e-bikes - Toronto Life](#):

- [New rules could soon be coming for e-bike riders](#)
- [Whatever gets them off the sidewalks](#)
- [Ontario’s chief coroner’s office suggests regulations for e-bikes, including that riders be licensed](#)
- [An expert panel’s report was released this week](#)
- [Feud Watch: Toronto fire chief versus e-bike batteries](#)
- [A 591 per cent uptick in battery explosions is the fastest-growing fire safety risk in the city](#)
- [Dear Urban Diplomat: what should I do about an annoying e-biker?](#)
- [Dear Urban Diplomat, Every day on my commute along Eastern Avenue, this guy on an electric bike zooms past my car, sometimes in...](#)
- [Cyclists, prepare to dodge some scooters: the city wants to start allowing e-bikes in bike lanes](#)
- [In a move that seems guaranteed to invite backlash from cyclists, a newly released city staff report recommends that the city make....](#)

Pros to micromobility

- An **inclusive** way for people with disabilities and seniors to get around.
- Children with disabilities can join their friends.
- Lower **environmental impact** than cars.
- Take up **less space** on roads, and in parking lots, than automobiles.
- **Lower cost** to own or rent than a car.
- Can **benefit businesses**.
- Can **boost tourism**.
- Great **alternative** for students on large campuses and sports pavilions.
- Can be **incorporated with transit** systems (1st & last mile).
- Can **reduce traffic congestion**.

A city of inclusion or exclusion/discrimination?

- Should children with disabilities be left behind to look on or be included?
Should parents & grandparents not join rest of family because they have a disability?
- Should people with nonvisible disabilities using a personal electric vehicle, i.e. e-bike, e-scooter, be regarded as “lazy”?





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