City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 12, 2024

To:

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation

Council Action Requested:

Amendments to the Micromobility Ordinance

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation **Strategic Objective:** No **Strategic Plan Action Item:** No **Key Work Item: No**



Summary of Information:

City Council adopted the Shared Micromobility Ordinance in March 2019 to address management and operation concerns that developed when electric scooters first arrived in Winston-Salem in August 2018. The ordinance has remained unchanged since its adoption. The Department of Transportation (DOT) staff has managed the micromobility program according to the Ordinance through three permit seasons and have identified several potential ordinance changes to improve service for customers and overall system performance. WSDOT staff's research of micromobility ordinances and management experiences in peer communities are the justification for proposed ordinance changes which are intended to ensure shared micromobility devices best meet the transportation needs of the community and ensure Winston-Salem remains a competitive micromobility market. Proposed changes include removing restrictions on hours of operation, incorporating new vehicle types such as electric bikes, and reducing burdensome and ineffective rules on operators.

WSDOT staff will be present to share the proposed amendments to the current micromobility ordinance and will be available for questions that may follow.

Committee Action:			
Committee	PS - 2/12/24	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			