# Micromobility's Launch in NJ & Beyond



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### Why should cities embrace micromobility?

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- Enhanced mobility
- 30% of trips are 1 mile or less, 40% of trips are 2 miles or less, and 50% of trips are 3 miles or less
- First/last mile trips
- Reduce VMT
- 10-20 bikes or scooters can be stored within the footprint of one vehicle parking space

### 84 Million Trips on Shared Micromobility in 2018



### "Try it before you buy it"



### Bike Share (2013)

### Bike-Share Technology Takes Trial Run in Hoboken

As New York City rolls out its bike-share program, Hoboken, N.J., is debuting its own that could offer a new way cities – both large and small – can encourage bicycling.

BY RYAN HOLEYWELL | MAY 27, 2013 AT 1:00 PM



Hoboken's bikes have a built-in "smart lock" that allows cyclists to park their bikes wherever they can lock them up, eliminating the need for docks. (Photo: Nicholas & Lence Communications)

### Scooter Share (2019)

### Hoboken launches e-scooter pilot program

Posted: 6:05 PM, May 20, 2019 Updated: 6:05 PM, May 20, 2019

By: Andrew Ramos





The PIX11 Morning News: Now 'til 10 a.m.

# Sobi Pilot (2013)



- Partnership with Social Bicycles (Sobi), now JUMP
- 6-month pilot program, launched in May 2013
- 25 bikes, 7 stations
- 1<sup>st</sup> municipal "smart bike" bike share program in the U.S.

#### MOBILIZING THE REGION NEWS AND OPINION FROM THE TRI-STATE TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN

### Hoboken Announces Unprecedented "Hybrid" Bike Share Model

#### POSTED BY: JANNA CHERNETZ APRIL 23, 2013

Late last week, the City of Hoboken **announced** its plan to partner with E3Think, Bike And Roll and Social Bicycles (SoBi) to launch the nation's first hybrid bike rental and bike share program.



# Sobi Pilot (2013)



- \$15/month memberships
- 1 cumulative hour of unlimited free rides per day
  - \$10/hr. for each additional hour thereafter
- Initially only 150 members able to sign up on first come, first-served basis; demand far exceeded 150



# Sobi Pilot (2013)



# Is Hoboken's Bike Share Better Than Ours?

BY <u>LAUREN EVANS</u> MAY 17, 2013 4:05 P.M. • 41 COMMENTS



The Hated Bike Rack of Petrosino Square, courtesy SoHo Alliance "CHILDREN OF CITI BIKE" PHOTO COMPOSITE COURTESY JEN CARLSON

# System Map and Ridership Data











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# **Program Summary**





### Hudson Bike Share (2015)

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- Launched in 2015
- 5-year contract
- 29 stations, 250 bikes
  - Now 40 stations, 300+ bikes
- Hybrid system w/smart bikes parked at proprietary bike racks

Bike-sharing is caring

Program launches with 250 smart bikes, 29 stations



LET'S ROLL – Mayor Dawn Zimmer took an inaugural first ride for the city's Hudson Bike Share program. Front row left to right: Councilwoman Jen Glattino, Mayor Dawn Zimmer and City Council President Ravi Bhalla.

#### Bike-Sharing Programs Gain a Toehold in New Jersey

By MATT A.V. CHABAN SEPT. 20, 2015



Mayor Dawn Zimmer of Hoboken expects her city's bike-sharing program to start within weeks. Yana Paskova for The New York Times



### **Mobile App and Station Map**







### **Funding Sources**





#### Pricing

Hudson Bike Share provides an inexpensive option for cycling trips in the Hudson River area. There are different pricing options for short trips or frequent rides around New Jersey.





### **Stations**





### **Stations**





### **Stations**





### Anywhere can be a station



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Liberty State

Park



Clearly wrong & being addressed. Public space being used to subsidize a private venture. Being addressed.



#### Jersey City council adopts law aimed at Hoboken bike share

Updated Jan 16, 2019; Posted Apr 14, 2016



By Terrence T. McDonald | The Jersey Journal

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A spat over competing bike-share systems has pitted Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop against Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer. Reena Rose Sibayan | The Jersey Journal

### Hudson Bike Share in 2020

- 40 stations, 300+ bikes
- 56,579 total registrations to date
- 10,000+ active users during peak season
- 712,000+ trips to date
  - 1,120 rides highest single day
- 0.69 miles avg. trip distance
- 500,000 miles traveled
- Now part of JerseyBike, which includes 500+ bikes in 6 cities



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### What's next for bike share in Hoboken?

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- New RFP to be released in 2020
- In talks with Jersey City, and potentially other adjacent municipalities to have interoperable system
- Introduction of e-bikes
- Station-based program

#### Planning Begins for CitiBike in Hoboken, Hudson Bike Share in Jersey City

By Chris Fry - February 7, 2018



CitiBikes in Jersey City. Photo via CitiBike.

A long-running bike-share war that has **frustrated** some Hudson County residents appears to have relaxed a bit, as the mayors of two prominent cities have started to talk about how to better integrate dueling systems and want to know what locals think.

# E-Scooter Pilot (2019)

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- Launched in May 2019
- 6-month contract
- 250 Lime scooters (dockless)
- 50 0j0 scooters (station-based)







### Hoboken 1st In New Jersey To Embrace E-Scooter 'Revolution'

Electronic scooters are coming to Hoboken. Is the Mile Square City ready?

By Eric Kiefer, Patch Staff 📀 Apr 5, 2019 12:20 pm ET | Updated Apr 5, 2019 12:23 pm ET







### Why e-scooters?



- First-last mile trips
- Lower barrier to entry than bikes
- Explosive growth
- Reduce VMT
- Shrink the footprint of Hoboken



### 84 Million Trips on Shared Micromobility in 2018





Source: Barclays Research, company data

### **Regulatory Framework**



- Where do e-scooters best fit within our street network?
- Where don't they fit?







### **Regulatory Framework**



- What other regulations are necessary to create framework for safe, orderly shared e-scooter system?
  - Age requirement (18+)
  - No riding on sidewalks
  - No blocking pedestrian ROW when parking
  - Speed limit (18mph)
  - One rider per scooter
  - Scooters banned overnight
  - Riders must follow "rules of the road"
  - Rider must be same as renter
  - \$100 fines



### **Education and Outreach**





#### **Electric Scooter Pilot Program**

#### Transforming Urban Mobility

Lime provides a network of dock-free, share transportation options, including electric scooters, and will begin to operate in Hoboken on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Our GPS-enabled technology allows riders to locate and unlock a scototer using our mobile app. When a ride is finished, simply find an appropriate parking location and end the ride. There are no docks required and the rider can pick up and drop off the scotors anywhere in any Hoboken neighborhood.





#### ow to use Lime

 Download the Lime app
 Scan or enter code to unlock
 Click "End Ride" in the app to end your trip





### **Scooter Safety Guidelines**

- Never ride on the sidewalk
- Always yield to pedestrians
- Obey all stop signs, traffic signals, and other rules of the road (like a bike or car)
- Only travel in the direction of traffic (not the wrong way down one-way strets)
- Never block sidewalks or crossswalks when parking a Lime scooter (park to the curb)

For a safe and smooth experience, we recommend you ride with one foot in front of the other



### Parking











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### **Record Ridership**

**Total Mileage** 





116,800 MILES (the equivalent of scooting from

Hoboken to Hong Kong more than 13 times)

#### HOBOKEN SCOOTER PILOT REACHES GLOBAL-HIGH IN **RIDERSHIP AFTER THREE WEEKS**

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HOBOKEN SCOOTER PILOT REACHES GLOBAL-HIGH IN RIDERSHIP AFTER THREE WEEKS



# High Volumes = Challenges



### Complaints pour in over Hoboken escooter program

Posted: 5:46 AM, May 22, 2019 Updated: 6:27 PM, May 22, 2019

By: Katie Corrado , Andrew Ramos



### **Internal E-Scooter Task Force**



- Created internal e-scooter task force
- Developed additional management strategies
  - Geofenced speed restriction of 8mph on waterfront
  - Large font ID #s on each scooter
  - Safety guideline cards
  - First Ride Academies
  - Ban and geofence in parks
  - Local social media presence





#### Attention E-Scooter Riders: New Waterfront Walkway Regulations in Effect

- >> E-Scooters may ride on the Waterfront Walkway where no dedicated bicycle infrastructure currently e
- >> Riders must obey an 8 MPH speed limit.
- >> Citywide, no e-scooters may be ridden in park



### "Kudos"



tl Lime\_NJ Retweeted



Hoboken, Inc. @HobokenInc · Jul 3, 2019

Kudos to @Lime\_NJ for implementing this. I already saw some joyriders from out of town commenting that they can't go full speed on the waterfront. This really works. I hope @OjOElectric is doing the same and this becomes a requirement of any e-scooter program in Hoboken.

#### 🚷 Lime\_NJ @Lime\_NJ · Jul 3, 2019

We have created an 8 MPH slow-zone on the #Hoboken waterfront from the North End to Pier A. Have fun and be safe! @CityofHoboken @HobokenPD



### Watch Out For Trolls





Bad Scooterists Hoboken @BadHoboken Follows you

I video document lawless acts of scooterists in Hoboken. I rarely drive. Washington Post called me a Documentarian. Pedestrian advocate. "Annoying But Useful"

Hoboken, NJ III Joined April 2019



RudeScooter @RudeScooter

Documenting Rude Scooters nationwide while the Hoboken Pilot is done. You know that City Hall wants them back though so I'm sticking around.



Another Hoboken Fail: E-scooter hits blind woman & the town does nothing about it. How unfortunate &





HoBroken scoot @hobokenscoot

The voices of Hoboken. Show your constituents you have viable solution to preventing sidewalk riding and red light violations, or end it. Nov.20.

III Joined June 2013





### **Renegotiated Contracts**



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# Hoboken scooter program is a hit. But how much is the city making from it?

Updated Jun 04, 2019; Posted Jun 04, 2019



A man rides an electric scooter on Hudson Street in Hoboken. Reena Rose Sibayan | The Jersey

### New contract between Hoboken, Lime would send more than \$100K to the city, officials estimate

Updated Aug 04, 2019; Posted Aug 02, 2019



Hoboken and Lime have drawn up a new contract for their e-scooter pilot program. (AP) Michael Dempsey





#### **Hoboken Vision Zero**

Through an agreement with the City of Hoboken, a portion of your ride will now support Vision Zero Street Safety efforts.

Tap the vehicle icon or scan to ride to see the updated rate.

Happy riding!



### **Other Improvements**







Summonses



#### Lime set to roll out larger 'safer' electric scooters o

Mandy Te • 14:10, Aug 19 2019

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### **Charity and Equity**



# **BEALIMEHERO**

#### **Start Donating**

You will round up and donate a slice of your ride fare to Hoboken Community Center.

#### **Lime + Hoboken Housing** 2019 End of Summer Bash

#unlocklife community.li.me



Lime, the world leader in e-scooter sharing, is proud to partner with the Hoboken Housing Authority and host the inaugural "Lime/HHA Block Party!" Join us on Saturday, September 21 at the basketball court on Fifth Street and Marshall Drive for an afternoon of scooter ride/safety demonstrations, hiring opportunities, plus a dj/food.



September 21, 2019 11:00AM - 3:00PM

More specifically, Lime is happy to provide information on the following programs:

Lime Access - A discounted rate program for Housing Authority riders

Lime Juicers - Community Members can earn money charging Lime scooters

Hiring Locally - Lime hires locally and wants its workforce to be representative of the communities it's in



Where Fifth Street and Marshall Drive Basketball Court

Agenda - DJ and Food - Ride and Safety Demos - Engagement Opportunities

RSVP community.li.me/cityname





### **Program Summary**



- 673,990 trips in 6 months
- 82,000+ unique riders
  - 11,000+ riders took 5-15 trips
  - 7,000+ unique riders to >15 trips
- 613,000+ miles
- \$130,000+ in revenue in 3 months
- 43 reported crashes (HPD)
- 115 reported injuries (HUMC)
  - Roughly <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> were lacerations

HOBOKEN Electric Scooter Sharing Pilot Program Summary Report				
6-MONTH SUMMARY		MAY 20-NOVEMBER 20, 2019		
TOTAL TRIPS		<ul> <li>PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS</li> <li>Initially two operators: Djo and Lime; only Lime operated past September.</li> <li>613,000+ miles traveled (equivalent to traveling to the moon and back)</li> <li>82,000+ unique riders</li> <li>12,000+ riders took at least 10 trips</li> <li>6 minute median trip time</li> <li>Estimated 500,000+ lbs of C02 saved</li> <li>\$3,000 generated through Lime Hero charity program for the Hoboken Community Center</li> <li>At peak ridership levels, there were more than 15 daily rides per scoter, the highest in the world.</li> </ul>		
MONTHLY TRIP DETAILS	Total Trips		Median Trip Distance	Daily Rides Per Scooter
May	36,137		0.8 mi	8
June	119,304		0.7 mi	10
July	121,102		0.9 mi	10
August	121,614		0.8 mi	10
September	109,831		0.8 mi	10
October	106,571		0.8 mi	8
November	59,521		0.7 mi	7
Pilot Program Period	673,990		0.8 mi	9

### Program Survey Highlights

- 2,000+ responses
- 92% of respondents lived in Hoboken
- 24% of respondents used shared e-scooters at least once per week
- 81% said they had used an e-scooter to connect to public transportation
- 52% of respondents used shared e-scooters at least once per week to go shopping
- 48% of respondents said that if a shared e-scooter was unavailable for their most recent trip they would have driven a car or used a rideshare service (Uber, Lyft, taxi, etc.)
- 79% of respondents reported never using Hudson Bike Share before or a personal bike in Hoboken
- 163 respondents said that they have reduced the number of vehicles they own or delayed the purchase of an additional motor vehicle because of shared e-scooters
- 75% of respondents felt that the e-scooter share program should continue



### **Lessons Learned**

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- Infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure
- Good to have two vendors to drive competition, but more than two could be burdensome
- Require a per ride fee of at least \$0.25 to cover costs
- Set regulations first, then engage in education campaign
- Internal micromobility committee
- Phase in scooters slowly
- First ride mode
- Geofence low-speed zones in areas with high ped volumes
- Use virtual parking zones or preferred parking areas
- Dedicated staff for program management and enforcement
- Use a third party data aggregator
- Prohibit scooters overnight
- Local social media presence

### **Future of E-Scooters in Hoboken**



- RFI (Q1 2020)
- Interviews (Q1 2020)
- RFP (02 2020)
- Pilot 2.0 (Q2 2020)



### Thank you!





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