

Free-Floating Bike Share

Position Statement and Recommendations

The Bellevue Downtown Association has endorsed a position supporting the permitted use of free-floating bike share within the City of Bellevue. The position includes the following recommendations:

1. Bike Share must be safe

- (1.1) Address the absence of helmets when using a free-floating bike
- (1.2) Prevent clustered bikes from being hazardous obstacles
- (1.3) Ensure enforcement of traffic laws to support the addition of free-floating bikes

2. Mitigate impacts

- (2.1) Cooperate with the bike share businesses about managing bikes
- (2.2) Protect public and private space from bike clustering
- (2.3) Communicate with property managers about bike shares on private property
- (2.4) Safeguard the aesthetics from mismanaged bikes
- (2.5) Prevent bike share from obstructing access to entrances

3. Permitting fees

- (3.1) Establish a permitting fee for bike share businesses to operate in Bellevue
- (3.2) Funds collected from the fees should be invested into sidewalks and bike facilities

4. Implement a Pilot Period

- (4.1) Analyze data from the Seattle pilot to establish metrics
- (4.2) Generate a model to measure impacts
- (4.3) Define a period of time to conduct a pilot program
- (4.4) Limit the number of bikes

5. Enforcement

- (5.1) Create a process to monitor issues
- (5.2) Establish a protocol for resolving problems
- (5.3) Consider penalties for bike share businesses not complying with City rules