

From: William J. Dorsett <williamjdorsett@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 9:35 AM

To: Sofia Bayardo <sbayardo@portofsandiego.org>; parkpermits <parkpermits@portofsandiego.org>; Larry Hofreiter <lhofreiter@portofsandiego.org>

Subject: I am writing on behalf of the PediCab Tour Guides.

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Dear Harbor Officials,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed ban on pedicabs in the waterfront area. I have heard from pedicab workers that the port plans to push them out into the streets due to some bad actors driving fast along the paths and playing loud music.

While I understand that these issues need to be addressed, punishing all of the workers for the actions of a few is not the right solution. Pedicabs bring a lot of joy to the harbor, and the people who ride them love the experience. The workers are also friendly and provide a great service to visitors.

Instead of a ban, I suggest implementing the following measures:

1. Set a speed limit for pedicabs in the harbor area.
2. Enforce a noise limit for pedicabs.
3. Cite problem pedicabbers for rule violations. After three citations for the same offense, ban them from working in the harbor.

I believe these measures can effectively address the issues without taking away the livelihoods of responsible pedicab workers. It is unfair to punish the majority for the actions of a few.

Thank you for considering my suggestions.

Sincerely,

William J Dorsett.

From: stephen crome <stephen.crome@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:03 PM
To: Parking <parking@portofsandiego.org>
Subject: Proposed pedicab ordinance

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Hello,

I strongly urge the Port Authority to ban all pedicabs from Seaport Village walkways, promenades, Embarcadero and all other pedestrian walkways throughout the area.

Now that they've gone electric they are exceedingly more dangerous as they zip through the port area without regard for pedestrians. I've seen so many near misses between them and people walking, including small children. Thank you.

Stephen Crome

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Sally Seyler <sallyseyler@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 3:04 PM

To: CustomerServiceCenter <customerservicecenter@portofsandiego.org>

Subject: Noise from pedicabs

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Hello, I'm a resident of the Marina District and I live at Park Place across from Seaport Village. I have noticed that increasingly many of the pedicabs around our neighborhood and specifically at Seaport operate at dangerous speeds, narrowly missing people and dogs on a leisurely stroll.

My biggest complaint beyond that issue is that they operate well past 11 pm blaring music at very high decibels. Can anything be done to prohibit the noise after 10 pm when many of us try to sleep? Thank you very much. Sally Seyler

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bob Piskule <rjp527@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Parking <parking@portofsandiego.org>
Subject: Embarcadero

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I am a downtown retired resident. I try and walk the embarcadero and have found it getting unsafe the multi new vendors along with motorized vehicles and pedicabs. You need to pass an ordinance to put these transportation vehicles on the street!

Thank you
Robert Piskule
1205 Pacific Hwy 1802

From: Pedicab LIMO <info@pedicablimo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Parking <parking@portofsandiego.org>
Subject: Pedicab parking spots at the port of San Diego

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To whom it may concern,

I'm pedicab business owner since 2006 and San Diego Harbor is main source of my business and my team for almost 2 decades. My family which includes 3 children my wife and Myself rely on pedicab business as our main and only source of income. I have a fleet of 25 pedicabs and most of pedicab operators of my fleet are working and conducting their business along Port of San Diego. This will cost us very significant amount of business if we not receive parking spots along the Port of San Diego. Some of the drivers including me are almost 100% rely on San Diego Harbor visitors.

Since we losing availability to be able to ride boardwalk it's critical for our business to be able keep conducting the business along the Port of San Diego without those spots we are going to loose our revenue and basically be out the business if we not able to park along Port of San Diego. This is only fair since Vendors who were not permitted before received spots to conduct their business we are losing spots because of them.

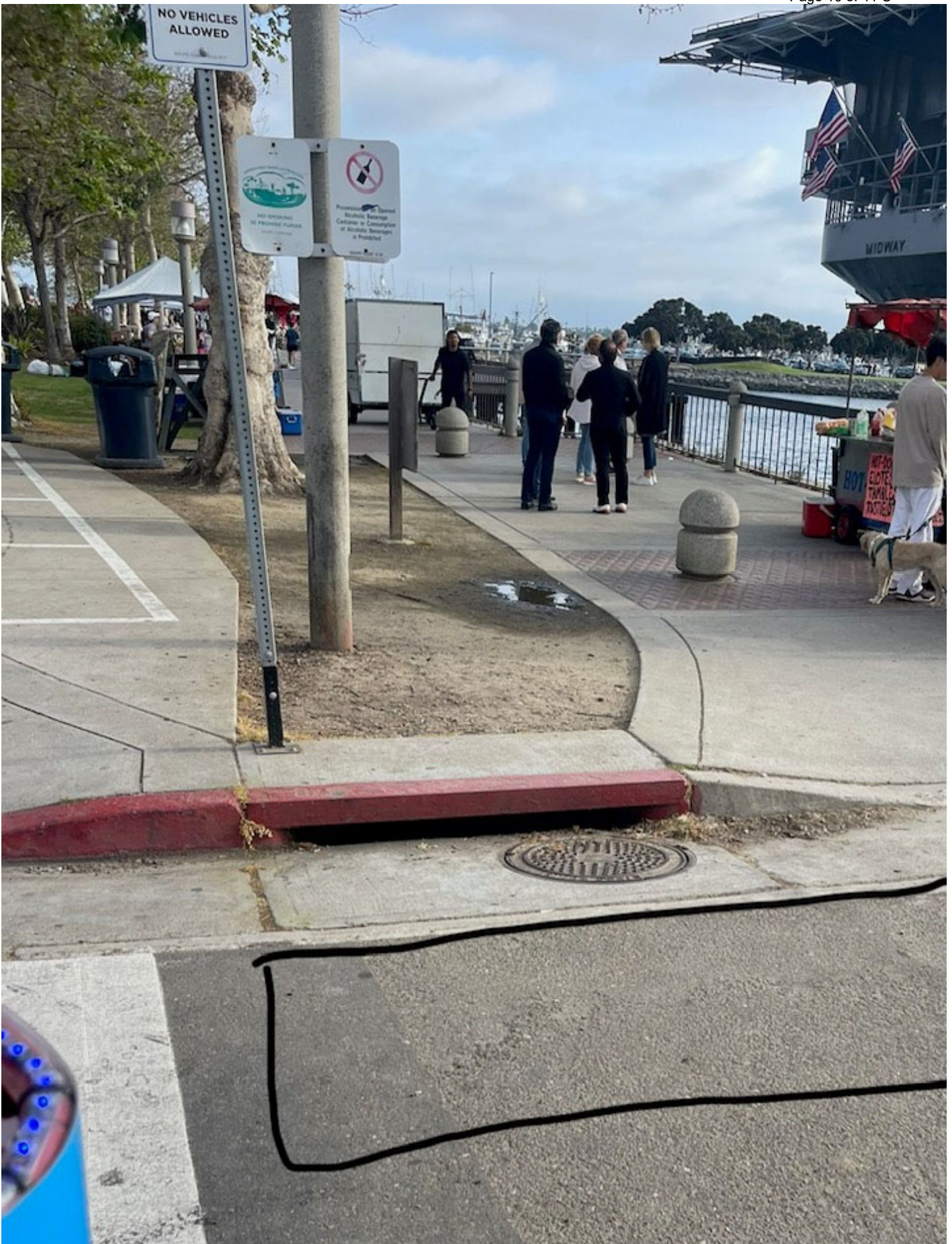
Pedicabs were allowed on the boardwalk's along the harbor for over 25 years and now we are getting pushed out because those Vendors saturated the Harbor without even getting permits and permission from Port of San Diego authorities. Pedicab business were permitted and insured for all this time.

Installing permanent parking spots for pedicabs it's only fair way for Port of San Diego help us providing for our families. This is my proposal parking spaces for pedicabs along Port of San Diego.



This is parking spots available for pedicabs along cruise ships terminal. Very important spots for pedicabs to be able conduct business.







Midway museum pedestrian entrance on both sides are available spots for pedicabs to park and conduct business.





Pedicab parking spots to be able to park by Harbor Tours boats and Ferry landing very important to be able to pick up passengers from boats.



Parking spots at Portside Pier and Maritime Museum very important



Parking spots for pedicabs at the Tuna Harbor and Fish Market entrance

We also need parking spots at the Seaport Village entrance.

I hope that port of San Diego will help us with this very important matter and crucial issue for our businesses.

Best regards

Michael Wawrzynski

PedicabLIMO

Kristine Love

From: Ann-Marie Piskule <Ann-Marie-SD2010@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 7:09 AM
To: Parking
Subject: Scooters and other modes of motorized vehicles on sidewalks.

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Dear Port Members:

As an elderly woman who loves walking along the embarcadero it is important to me that this ordinance be passed. Over the years I have had to curtail my excursions because of personal safety. Please make it illegal for ALL motorized vehicles and pedicabs to drive on the sidewalks, Embarcadero, promenade, nature trails, piers, etc. These vehicles should only be allowed on streets and in dedicated bike lanes. Not only is the ordinance important but it is vital that it be enforced. Enforcement is the only way to keep our walkways safe. I want to be able to get back to my walks on our lovely walkways that border the bay.

This ordinance will be a huge win for pedestrian safety on Port managed property. Please show us that the Port is taking our concerns seriously as the expansion of motorized vehicles, both privately owned and rental, has endangered our walkways that used to be safe.

Thank you,
Ann-Marie Piskule
1205 Pacific Hwy

Kristine Love

From: Safe Walkways <safewalkwayssd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 5:55 PM
To: Parking
Cc: Janet Rogers; Kristine Love
Subject: Code Section 8.07 Regulation of Motorized Mobility Devices and Pedicabs on District Tidelands

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Port Staff,

As co-chair of Safe Walkways I want to support your efforts to prohibit all motorized vehicles and pedicabs from operating in pedestrian areas on Port managed property.

The proliferation of these fast, often barely controlled devices, have permanently injured and even killed pedestrians in California that used to be safe to walk. They are having a negative impact on people using, let alone enjoying, the Port's walkways. I know I was almost hit one day by a couple on a Bird scooter going at least 10 mph on the sidewalk, and it was seriously frightening and kept me away from walking on the Port until they were geofenced.

Since the Port's mandate is to encourage people to use the Port managed land, anything that drives people away, especially out of fear, should be prohibited. State law already makes it illegal to operate motorized scooters on sidewalks.

Under ADA law, disability scooters should be allowed. Since Segawys are allowed on sidewalks under state law, and the fact that the Segawy tours are well controlled, I have no objection to them being exempt.

I am concerned about enforcement. The City of San Diego made a similar ordinance in 2019 for the boardwalks, but has not effectively enforced it for privately owned motorized vehicles. As part of updating the ordinance, please work with the Harbor Police to have an enforcement plan in place.

Shared Motorized Devices, like Bird and Spin, are already geofenced off the Port property downtown.

Pedicabs should be fairly easy to enforce, since they can be ticketed and drivers can lose their license. Due to the danger level and large size of the pedicabs, whether motorized or not, I agree that they should all be prohibited except in streets and bike lanes.

Individually owned motorized vehicles are posing a great danger and difficulty enforcing. These motorized vehicles are often driven recklessly around pedestrians and need to be prohibited. The police may have a strategy in mind for enforcement.

Will individuals be ticketed? How much is the fine? Unlike the SMD, these will mostly be locally owned vehicles and the police efforts will help teach the community, unlike the tourist trade for SMD.

Please consider something simple, like taking the keys or the battery, and making the offender walk or carry the vehicle home. The police are probably not going to confiscate the vehicle, although they could, yet the offender should not be able to drive away and continue the same behavior. These small items could be tagged and picked up at headquarters. An administrative fee for handling these items could be added to any ticket, to get the keys or battery back. Social media would educate the local public quickly. Having an enforcement blitz soon after the effective date of the ordinance is important.

Thank you for taking public safety seriously.

Sincerely,
Janet Rogers
Co-chair Safe Walkways
816-550-3579



Kristine Love

From: Cynthia Adkins <adkins.cynthia@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Parking
Subject: Please Keep All Motorized Vehicles OFF the PORT WALKWAYS

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I am a downtown resident and enjoy walking along the port walkways and Embarcadero. Lately , I have experienced many close calls with people dangerously operating motorized vehicles in these areas.

I strongly support a change in district code to restrict motorized vehicles along the port controlled walkways, Embarcadero, promenade, nature trails and piers. Motorized vehicles such as electric bicycles, scooters, skateboards and pedicabs should be restricted to existing bike lanes and city streets. I encourage the port district to dedicate staff for enforcement of any new bans. Changing the code and ensuring enforcement will dramatically enhance the safety and experience of pedestrians and cyclists visiting the port of San Diego waterfront.

Thank you,
Cynthia D. Adkins
Little Italy Resident

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Sent from my iPhone

Kristine Love

From: Danny Ayer <dayer4@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:37 AM
To: Parking
Subject: Re: Public Notice Motorized Mobility and Pedicabs Agenda for May 9

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View the images below, This is why the Port is really picking on us. A small group of immigrants is easy to attack. I understand the ban but make the enforcement light in non traffic areas or on off hours. We pay out rents and survive off these harbor views you aren't going to just take it away from us that easy. Visit my social media account I got more prominent people following me than the mayor. We will play this immigrant angle if we have to and it will get real loud and very public. Many port employees follow are accounts already. Ask around. We are the city! Learn to live with us.

@thatpedicablfe

Sincerely,
Daniel William Ayer II
Aka @thatpedicablfe
619-446-9299



I won green card from lottery

My wife and my son 7 years old come together with me



We survive

Bro that is awesome nobody deserves it more than you

Where from?

I need to stand up here



Turkey

Ok that's what I thought but didn't want to assume.

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I am lecturer at university in turkey

I am computer engineering I have a master degree and I have two bachelor's degree

I am looking for my job but I am new here

My wife is a nurse she is preparing exam for the license here

My son 7 years old he goes to first elementary school

We don't have a car we don't have any furniture at home



Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2023, at 3:13 PM, Parking <parking@portofsandiego.org> wrote:

Please see the attached for the Public Hearing Notice and information for the May 9th Board Meeting.

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<Public Hearing Notice Motorized Mobility Devices and Pedicabs Agenda for May 9.pdf>

Kristine Love

From: Histed, Katie <Katie.Histed@marriott.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 7:30 AM
To: Parking
Subject: FW: Motorized and Mobility Devices (Pedicab) Speaking Points
Attachments: Motorized and Mobility Speaking points.pdf

Importance: High

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Hi,

Some of the feedback from the Marriott Marquis.

- Pedicabs music is way too loud, especially late at night between the hours 10pm-2:30am. We have received several noise complaints from our guest (at least 2-3 per week).
- About 1-2 times a month the hotel Security team needs to intervene in an argument between a pedicab driver and a hotel guest about a disagreement over price. Typically we are seeing a guest quoted at once price then when they are dropped off the rate is much higher than originally quoted.
- We have seen SEVERAL near misses with pedicabs going way too fast in our parking lots areas and almost hitting pedestrians.
- We have caught the pedicab drivers urinating on our property
- When we have attempted to stop them from using our property as a cut through to the boardwalk, they have yelled vulgarities at several of my officers and shown a complete disregard for our direction and notice that they are trespassing on private property.

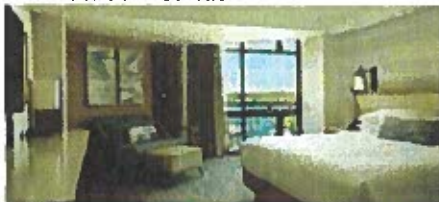
Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide.

KATIE HISTED | DIRECTOR OF LOSS PREVENTION

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Kristine Love

From: Kuperschmid, Daniel (SANRS) <daniel.kuperschmid@hyatt.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Parking
Subject: Motorized and Mobility Devices (Pedicab) Ordinance

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing to voice my support for the proposed amendments that include regulations for motorized mobility devices (MMDs) and pedicabs to only operate on streets and in bike lanes, and to prohibit the operation of MMDs and pedicabs (whether motorized or human powered) on sidewalks, pathways, piers, and promenades to protect pedestrians.

I also wanted to send along my concerns about the current pedicab and MMD situation as it pertains to Grand Hyatt San Diego:

- The loud music from the pedicabs is disruptive to our guests dining in our outdoor spaces, staying in guest rooms, and arriving and departing at the front drive.
- There is a real concern for the safety of our guests and employees; that they will be run over on the front drive, side of the hotel, the sidewalk, or the boardwalk.
- Additional safety issues are caused when they drive on our busy front drive soliciting rides.
- They do not follow our property rules and when asked to do so are rude and noncompliant.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider our concerns and hope that it will advance the efforts of matching The City of San Diego's rules of not allowing most MMDs or pedicabs from operating on sidewalks downtown.

Best,
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DANIEL KUPERSCHMID
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Here are my comments about the motorized mobility situation, many of which I stated at the meeting and were also mentioned by others:

1. **Safety first** - vehicles too large, too fast, reckless/dangerously driven should not be allowed to comeingle with pedestrians, especially in confined areas like the boardwalk/promenade at Seaport Village. This includes all vehicles, not just those motorized. I have seen many bicyclists driving way too fast, popping wheelies, making sharp turns, with young drivers who have no helmets or pads who are a danger to themselves and pedestrians. I have heard that they crash into a lot of things. As I mentioned at the meeting, there are kids, dogs, senior citizens, tourists, disabled people and others put in harm's way. The police officer in attendance at the meeting also chimed-in about the various accidents these vehicles - especially pedicabs - cause, including death from tipping over - which refuted what one pedicab driver at the meeting stated about the media sensationalizing these accidents because even the driver did not know about these. Publishing these statistics would be helpful; I believe you also cited numerous accidents that have been reported. These hazards would be helpful for the vehicle drivers and the public to understand, and know what is being done about them. Perhaps a newsletter or brochure can be assembled including this information, along with other relevant data. E-anything should not be allowed, but neither should these others, too, unless properly driven/licensed/insured as applicable.
2. As I mentioned, potential deterrents/solutions are as follows: enforcement of existing laws; communication/training/education process as needed; signage needs to be clear and more conspicuous - the "Walk Your Wheels" painted on the concrete is largely ignored; post speed limits and include radar showing the speed at which all vehicles (including non-motorized) are traveling; include a divider/barrier on the promenade as I believe was recently done for some show or concert, which would slow pedestrian and thus vehicle traffic in both directions, and maybe discourage these vehicles from even being there based on the slow pace/fewer vehicle passengers; post the rates/mileage on the pedicabs to help avoid (but probably not totally avoid) overcharges/ripoffs as I witnessed recently happened at Seaport Village on April 10th circa 9:00 p.m. when a male part of a romantic couple called for the police as he was being "taken for a ride" so to speak - I spoke to the guy and he said he would call the port management about his being severely overcharged and the reckless driving.
3. **Enforce the rules and regulations!** I see they are now posted on a metal sign at the Seaport Village entrance, so the officers should be able to warn/write tickets/enforce the law. Once these tickets are issued, I believe this will be a self-policing process among the drivers. Young riders can be a particular hazard - they wear no helmet or pads, and thus become a danger to themselves and other pedestrians/vehicles. Reminder that there are no guardrails, including on the pier, so this creates even more of a danger. The promenade is simply too narrow and too busy to accommodate so many of these vehicles; the width of these pedicabs alone takes up almost all the space moving in either direction, forcing people and pets to have to move/dart/scurry out of the way. As I stated at the meeting, the sheer number, speed and size of these (e.g., pedicabs) are literally "an accident waiting to happen." Station more police officers at the hot spots - including at night at Seaport Village, because then the pedicab drivers also blast loud music disturbing the quiet ambiance as romantic couples take a stroll, people quietly walk their dogs, others are in pleasant conversation, and then there is this huge disturbance with flashing lights, yelling from the passengers/driver (even if in delight), ruining what should be a pleasant experience for others seeking a nice, quiet, even romantic place to go. So, please keep in mind the decorum and ambiance the port wants to present to its citizens as well. Reminder, as I stated at the meeting, to the extent fewer people go to Seaport Village, e.g., there will be less business for the shop/restaurant owners who are paying high rent to be there, so they, too, might want to chime-in on this issue if they haven't already, or a reaching out to them could be helpful as part of a coalition.

4. Consider moving the vertical posts closer together so no pedicab can fit through, because now they can (post on the right at Seaport Village near Sally's Restaurant is too far right); if you need to allow wheelchairs through, as we discussed, perhaps have a gate with a key fob for those who need it (this idea is a little "out there" but the point is to allow what should be there, and block what shuldn't). Based on there being motorized vehicles mingling with the public as currently constituted, should there be stop signs and traffic lights, with appropriate enforcement? I realize that San Diego might not want to make this a "no-this-or-that" venue, but the trafiic flow idea might be required to keep the citizens safe. There is a "don't feed the ducks" sign at the pond, so why not post the other "dont's" as needed?
5. As I also mentioned, it's ironic that on the back of all the pedicabs there is a placard for Attorney King - in case you get into a vehicle accident. He's the smartest guy in the room because he knows what calimity might happen in these vehicles - either to the driver, passengers, and/or pedestrians/pets.

I hope this commentary and suggestions help. These drivers and other recreationists have a right to do what they do - but not at the expense and safety of others. Seaport Village and other venues in San Diego are beautiful crown jewels and should be safe and pleasant for all visitors and those who work there. I believe more communication, conspicuous and clear signage, and enforcement are needed, and my ideas are based on observation at various venues here, comments I have heard from many other pedestrians, and my own personal and business experiences elsewhere. I have seen pedicabs in parks, so maybe Balboa Park can have a space for them off the main roads. I would also suggest a listing of public forums on a flyer in the lobby, and also mailed/emailed to those who express interest.

All for now. Please feel free to contact me as needed. Thanks again for informing me about this event, and I hope these comments help as my run-to-goal is not to be critical, but to be of assistance.

Regards,

Steve

Kristine Love

From: h s <acoustic212@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Parking
Subject: Motorized mobility devices along the public pathways of the San Diego harbor

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-To Whom it may concern,

I have been operating a pedicab for 20 years in downtown San Diego and a majority of my operating is done along the harbor. This past year was the first year I used a motorized pedicab and the first year i was really having a problem moving around freely. I feel the main problem with the sidewalks is they are just not large enough to accommodate all the vendors that started setting up and in a number of areas they are using half the path and then the lines to purchase the food are blocking a bit more of the path. I never have any problems in the evening when the vendors have left or at any time of day from the southern exit of seaport village to the Hilton Bayfront . On that side there are no vendors and the paths are huge .

The rise of electric bicycles has really given a lot of people the ability to explore the beautiful areas along the harbor where I bring my customers and a lot of my customers are elderly and would never have been able to see those areas due to their limited mobility . I also give a lot of rides and tours to the cruise ship passengers and i show them all over the waterfront and the majority of them are elderly as well. Guess what I'm trying to say is we provide a service that a lot of people really want that makes great memories for them and it would be a real shame to stop that. Maybe everyone could be happy somehow . Maybe we could have the riders turn there motors off when they are driving on the paths . There are a bunch of guys that only pedal and they are going to have big issues because they are the old school riders that are against the motors . Those guys only work on the harbor and specialize in giving tours and would have real problems giving tours driving down harbor drive. Their top speed would be going 5 miles an hour with passengers and are going to really slow down traffic. Maybe some type of low speed area would be the answer if safety is the main concern here because I'm often passed by road bikers who can really move. I also haven't heard of any accidents on the harbor involving pedicabs and im out there working like 4 days per week and would most likely have heard about them . Maybe another possible solution would be that the pedicabs can only drive down the harbor paths when they are giving a ride or tour which would greatly lower the pedicab traffic because most of the bikes driving around are empty just looking for rides . There could be staging areas made like in front of the midway , by the unconditional surrender statue , by the Brigantine restaurant complex, by the ferry and boat ramps near the Broadway pier and a couple other areas I haven't thought of yet so as to limit the congestion for the walkers , still allow the pedicabs to get most of the rides they would have gotten and so the passengers can still have the experience and service they want .

I ask you to please give this a lot of thought because there is a lot of value at stake here for everyone and it is a big decision that will be impacting a lot of lives and shouldn't be rushed . I wish I had made the meeting the other day but was unable to attend due to a prior engagement but would be in for further communication and

a possible meet up to try and get this to work best for all parties who will be affected. Also could it be possible to give me a list of what your trying to accomplish in order of most importance so I can mull it over to possibly come up with more possible ideas .

Thanks for listening ,
Shaun Swift
1-619-857-3847

Sent from Outlook

Kristine Love

From: Erin Bobrowski <ebobrowski@proteaproperties.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Kristine Love
Cc: Donovan Martinez
Subject: Petty cabs in the area

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Hello Kristine,

We have struggled for a while with the Petty Cab drivers in the area. They often, and consistently throughout the day, drive along the boardwalk at Seaport Village (and the neighboring properties) at high speeds. Occasionally, they even drive into the inside of the property, into the food courts and main walkways to pick up and drop people off. When we see them, management, janitorial and security teams often ask them to "walk their wheels" as indicated on the boardwalk and slow down in general. And we ask them to leave when they are located inside the property off the boardwalk.

I have had visitors (locals in the area) complain to me directly and to the security team regarding their personal negative interactions and the danger they have witnessed. One gentleman (that owns a boat at the slips nearby) said he called Harbor PD as one struck his leg as they drove by, injuring him.

We notice an uptick in the cabs in the evenings and the closer we get to the weekend/on weekends.

We struggle to accomplish any communication or result in reducing this as they drive by too quickly to have a conversation, and really, there isn't much we can do to currently stop it. By the time we involve Harbor PD, they would be long gone.

I am not sure what the next step is in addressing this ongoing issue and expect it to increase greatly as the weather improves and we head into the summer months.

Additionally, we have transients and "vendors" on bikes that we ask (they usually do NOT comply) to walk their wheels and they often point to the Petty Cabs as they speed past.

I am reaching out in the hopes that you might be able to assist or point me in the right direction as to how we can limit this, as our biggest concern is that someone is injured on the property we manage and beyond that, might proceed legally with a claim.

I am available anytime to further discuss.
 I appreciate your help,

Erin Bobrowski
 Commercial Property Manager

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San Diego Public Safety Issues - - Unintended Consequences

ELECTRIC BICYCLES

The uncontrolled deployment of electric bicycles in California has resulted in thousands of accidents and many avoidable deaths. As a concerned citizen, I believe that the current state of affairs with these vehicles needs to be thoroughly revised, particularly for children under 16 years old who have no experience with operating a motor vehicle.

One major issue that I have observed is that many riders, including younger children, are using the fastest Class 3 electric bicycles, often without wearing helmets and/or carrying passengers. It should be noted that only Class 3 e-bikes are allowed up to 28 mph and those require riders to be over 16 and all to be wearing helmets. Further adding to these speed related issues, a large number of riders are violating regular traffic laws by running stop signs, riding on the wrong side of the street, and even using sidewalks. They are operating them as though there were simple bicycles, not powered vehicles that weigh as much as the rider in many cases. Have a collision with a pedestrian and the outcome may be catastrophic.

I believe that there are several factors leading to this explosion of 'bad riders' and the resultant injuries - none of which are apparently being addressed. I've personally visited a large local e-bike store inquiring about getting an e-bike for myself that I would share with my 15 year-old niece. At no time did the salesman indicate that there were restrictions on who may ride, nor that different classes of e-bikes. In fact, he was misleading me as a prospective buyer by suggesting that there are no regulations in place, and if any were to be established, they would be difficult to enforce. In all reality, these shops are fighting for market share and in no way hold themselves accountable while selling a powered motor vehicle. He ended his 'sales pitch' with the comment: "Anything to get more bikes on the road and fewer cars." These motorcycles require licensing.

I believe much of this 'out of control' e-bike crisis stems from the DMV regulations that were revised in 2016 to classify electric bicycles as distinct from mopeds simply because they were electric. Although intended to quickly expand the number of e-bike riders, it made ill advised changes to the safety of those riders and has no method to manage the unintended consequences. This change in regulations eliminated the helmet law that required a DOT-class motorcycle helmet for mopeds and replaced them with simple bicycle helmets. I expect that there were no scientific or safety considerations in deciding that change, I expect it was probably driven by the desire to remove any obstacles to the market expansion.

As a former motorcyclist, I am certain that bicycle helmets are completely wrong for the potential accidents and this 'laissez faire' attitude toward safety is reckless. In fact, the crucial missing element is the need to educate the salesmen, parents and young riders of the responsibility and risks of operating an e-bike as a motor vehicle on a city street. As these e-bikes are mixing in the flow of automobiles, it is imperative that everyone operates any vehicle in traffic are themselves aware of the other vehicles and respectful for the limited visibility and greater attention needed to avoid conflicts. At this point everyone has witnessed the surprise of seeing an e-bike rider blissfully going up a hill at the speed of other vehicles, but does this rider appreciate that he is nearly invisible. These are not simply bicycles, they are equipped with throttles.

As a responsible member of the community, I believe it is crucial to address these concerns in order to ensure the safety of riders. I respectfully request that you take action to address these issues by enforcing existing traffic laws, implementing specific regulations for the sale and safe use of electric bicycles, and increasing public education about safe riding practices.

I urge you to consider the examples of other cities and countries that have successfully addressed these issues and adopted regulations and safety measures for electric bicycles. I believe that with your leadership and guidance, we can make San Diego a safer place for everyone.

I thank you for your attention to these important safety-related matters.

Sincerely,
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Kristine Love

From: Matt Williams <beardo619@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:09 PM
To: Kristine Love
Subject: Pedicab

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Hello Kristine!

My name is Matt and I've been a pedicab driver since 1999. All these years I've been doing it without the use of a motor. I was made aware that there was a meeting about getting rid of pedicabs on the waterfront. If I would have known my job was on the line, I would have made it to that meeting.

Would you please consider having another meeting about this? I would love to go to the next one. I also wanna say, please don't get rid of my job. Consider maybe just banning pedicabs with motors. That would get rid of a lot of problems and there would also be a lot less pedicabs.

Thank you for your time, I hope to hear back from you soon.

Kristine Love

From: Pedicab LIMO <info@pedicablimo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:35 PM
To: Kristine Love
Subject: Pedicab Limo inquiry about up coming changes

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Hello,
My name is Michael Wawrzynski I'm the owner and operator at PedicabLIMO. I have established pedicab business since 2006.

Is there possible I could meet with you and discuss some issues about new up coming changes.
I have a question about non electric pedicabs, Is there possible that they could be excluded, Also my concern is about parking spots for pedicabs along the Port of San Diego.
I would like to discuss some options for us to have designated spots where we could pick up rides and then take them along streets or bike lanes if we are electric pedicabs.
There is a space around entrance to Midway Museum we're we could have designated parking spots so we able still pick up rides.
I just like to ask for 10-15 minutes if I could discuss those couple of issues some time next week? Please let me know.
Thank you for all information on the meeting .
Best regards
Michael Wawrzynski
PedicabLIMO
Sent from my iPhone

Kristine Love

To: Parking
Subject: FW: FW: Notice - Upcoming Public Meetings - Motorized Mobility Devices - April 13th at 10am

From: Janet Rogers <jsrogers624@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Kristine Love <klove@portofsandiego.org>
Subject: Re: FW: Notice - Upcoming Public Meetings - Motorized Mobility Devices - April 13th at 10am

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Kristine,
Thank you for remembering me.
Yes I did get the notice and the meeting is already on my calendar.

I think this is exactly the right position and I am so glad you are proposing that all motorized vehicles be restricted to streets and bike lanes.

Even motorized skateboards are too fast and dangerous to mingle with pedestrians.

I understand that people want these vehicles, but once they have a motor, they belong in the street.
I'll be there to support you and this new regulation.

All the best,
Janet
816-550-3579

Kristine Love

From: Mark Mills RE/MAX <Mark@liveatthetop.com>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 11:27 PM
To: Parking
Subject: Mobility Motorized Issue Comment

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I would really like to see an end to Pedi Cabs along the embarcadero sidewalk at the waters edge. From the Coast Guard station to the Hilton on Park Blvd.
 ALSO equally important is to prevent them from playing music.
 The City had/has a noise volume limit from Pedicabs and that is either void or not inforced.
 These guys and gals go around blaring their music which is disturbing everyone within 50 yards, you have to stop talking when they go by.
 Its just a very low class operation.. add in the sausage vendors and the water front feels like your on a stroll in TJ, not good.
 Thank you,
 Mark

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From: Robert Stein <bstein711@att.net>
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I support the proposed restrictions! They are dangerous to pedestrians and should not be on sidewalks. Dr, Bob Stein

Sent from my iPhone

Kristine Love

From: Bill Addy <addy968@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:25 PM
To: Parking
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Isn't it already law that they are not to be operated on sidewalks and promenades? Why are we not enforcing laws already on the books?

Bill Addy