

Richmond, Virginia

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Shared Mobility Program Expands its Southside Presence

~community kick-off Tuesday August 30th~

RICHMOND, Va. – The City of Richmond's e-scooter providers, Bird and Lime will be deploying 100 shared mobility devices each to south of the river locations. To increase transportation equity, a concerted effort between the City's Office of Equitable Transit & Mobility (OETM) and Councilman Michael Jones has resulted in the expansion of the e-scooter program on the Southside of the City. OETM wants to ensure the City is better served with alternative transportation options. The City thanks Bird and Lime for being highly receptive in deploying their fleet in previously underserved areas.

In addition to the expansion of E-scooters, the City has also expanded its Bikeshare network to the Southside. The City recently completed its first Southside station at Broad Rock Library and its second Southside station at Carter Jones Park. Another station in the Blackwell neighborhood is currently under construction. OETM has partnered with Richmond Public Libraries to install a series of stations at various libraries throughout the City. OETM has also initiated converting all of the City's Bikeshare fleet to electric assisted bikes and plans to be 100% converted by the end of the year.

The City of Richmond's shared mobility device program has proven to be a popular and vital transportation option for thousands of Richmonders. Riders in the City logged almost 43,000 rides in the months of June and July. Since the program's inception Bird and Lime have been the top performers in the Richmond market and have worked diligently with the City to carry out an effective shared mobility device program.

Join the City of Richmond in celebrating at Broad Rock Branch Richmond Public Library Tuesday August 30th from 11AM – 1PM! Enjoy snow cones and giveaways from our E-scooter and RVA Bikeshare teams!

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of only 195 currently accredited public works agencies in the United States. DPW's portfolio comprises a wide array of services to include leaf collection; street, sidewalk and alley maintenance; trash collection; recycling; grass cutting; graffiti removal; parking enforcement; urban forestry; street signs; traffic signals and pavement markings and civil engineering. In addition, DPW maintains upkeep on most city buildings; issues permits for working in the city's right-of-way; manages the RVA Bike Share program and maintains the fleet of city vehicles. DPW's operating budget comes from the general fund of the City of Richmond. For more information about DPW services, click here or call 3-1-1.