



PHASE 1 PILOT PROJECTS – GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q: The focus of the first phase of pilot projects is “e-scooters and other similar forms of micromobility”. What is “micromobility” and what are some examples of other forms similar to e-scooters?

A: A *Micromobility* device is intended to mean a zero-emission motorized personal mobility device (MPMD) such as an e-scooter typically designed to transport one person.

With respect to other similar forms of micromobility the intention is to potentially enable use of other types of devices that have technical features, operating functions and requirements similar to an e-scooter, e.g. they have a similar maximum speed; outfitted with similar safety equipment; and can be operated along the same portion of roadway as an e-scooter.

Q: Why is the Province asking local communities to submit proposals for micromobility pilot projects? Why doesn't the Province conduct its own pilots?

A: Local communities have authority over their streets and traffic and pilot projects provide an opportunity for the Province to work with interested local communities to understand how better to regulate matters that are currently not provided for under the *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) or its regulations.

With respect to micromobility, the Province has heard from several municipalities interested in permitting the use of e-scooters on their streets. An e-scooter pilot project provides an opportunity to establish a temporary regulatory framework to evaluate the use of such devices from both a provincial and local perspective and, in doing so, help inform potential future (and more permanent) regulatory approaches.

Q: What if our local community wants to implement a pilot project under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, that is unrelated to e-scooters or other similar forms of micromobility?

A: For this first phase of pilot projects, the focus is on the Province's Active Transportation Strategy, specifically pilots that research and test the use of e-scooters and other similar forms of micromobility. There will be future opportunities to consider other types of pilot projects. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (the Ministry) staff will be providing further information on a second phase of intake of Pilot Project Proposals, likely in fall 2020.

Q: Who can we contact at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure if we have any questions?

A: For questions related to pilot projects, please contact:

Email: MVA.Pilot.Project@gov.bc.ca

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PHASE 1 PILOT PROJECTS – LOCAL COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

Q: Who may submit a Pilot Project Proposal?

A: In accordance with Part 13 of the MVA, the Ministry will only consider and recommend to Lieutenant Governor in Council (i.e. Cabinet) MVA Pilot Project Proposals received from municipalities or Treaty First Nations, including the Nisga'a (local communities).

Citizens who have ideas for potential pilot projects under the MVA are encouraged to contact and discuss with their local communities.

Q: When will we know whether Cabinet approves our local community's proposed pilot project?

A: As pilot projects established under Part 13 of the MVA require Cabinet to approve an Order in Council (OIC), formal government notification of approval cannot be provided until after Cabinet approves the required OIC.

Q: What will happen after we submit our local community's MVA Pilot Project Proposal?

A: After receiving your local community's proposal, Ministry staff will contact you to discuss your local community's proposed pilot project.

The purpose of these discussions will be: 1. To address any questions respecting your local community's Pilot Project Proposal; 2. Assess whether your local community's proposed pilot project meets the requirements under Part 13 of the MVA; 3. Ensure the proposed pilot is consistent with government's objective respecting active transportation; and, 4. Support drafting of an e-scooter pilot regulation to enable your local community's pilot project under the MVA.

Q: Is funding available to support local community pilot projects?

A: Local communities that intend to submit or who have submitted a Pilot Project Proposal may contact the Ministry's existing grant funding program for more information respecting infrastructure projects that encourage healthy living and address climate change, including cycling infrastructure projects.

Q: What form of 'consent' is required from our governing council to satisfy the requirements under Part 13 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*?

A: The MVA provides that Cabinet be satisfied that a local community's governing council consents to a pilot project within their jurisdiction before Cabinet approves an (OIC) to authorize the pilot project. While the form and manner of consent is not stated in the MVA, a resolution or letter are some examples of how your governing council may seek to satisfy Cabinet of the consent requirement under the MVA.

Q: What if we cannot obtain consent from our governing council before we submit our MVA Pilot Project Proposal?

A: It is up to staff with each local community to decide when to obtain the consent of their governing council for the purposes of Part 13 of the MVA.

If you do not provide evidence of your governing council's consent when you submit your Pilot Project Proposal, you can provide this information later, i.e. prior to Cabinet approving the OIC to authorize the pilot project.

Q: Can we pull our MVA Pilot Project Proposal from consideration if we are unable to obtain our governing council's consent?

A: Yes, you can remove your MVA Pilot Project Proposal from consideration at any time after you have submitted it to the Ministry. There will be opportunities to consider future pilot projects after Phase 1 projects are implemented. Ministry staff will be providing further information on a second phase of intake of MVA Pilot Project Proposals, likely in fall 2020.