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NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center Issues New Micromobility Guide

Guide Explains Road Rules for E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and More

(Trenton) - The NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJDOT BPRC) has issued a Micromobility Guide for the Garden State, to help the public enjoy a safer and more accessible walking and cycling environment. The Guide summarizes state laws and best practices for safely riding, charging, and storing micromobility devices in New Jersey.

The term "micromobility" refers to a range of compact, electric- and human-powered devices, including traditional bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters, and other low-speed, wheeled devices. Micromobility is an affordable, energy-efficient, eco-friendly alternative to driving, especially for short-distance travel, and can help reduce transportation costs and congestion. By providing tips, answering common questions, and clarifying how different devices are regulated, the New Jersey Micromobility Guide serves as a resource that promotes the safe and legal use of various forms of micromobility throughout the state.

"There are rules of the road even when you're off-road, on a bike path, hiking trail or a sidewalk," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "This expertly produced guide will help anyone, no matter their form of transportation, stay legal and stay safe."

The Guide explains the regulations, characteristics, and transit agency rules for 11 types of micromobility devices, including traditional bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters, Segways, roller skates, and more. The Guide also clarifies how different classes of e-bikes are regulated under New Jersey laws. Key device features and regulatory differences are highlighted in easy-to-understand, one-page "cheat sheets" for each type of device.

In addition, the Guide includes information on how to ride and park micromobility, safely charge and store devices with batteries, and bring micromobility on transit. Micromobility users, and motorists who want to be informed, can get a copy of the Guide online here and here.

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