Developing a Micromobility Guide for New Jersey

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Class 1 E-Bike



Max. 20 mph Electric motor is pedal-assist only No age minimum No license/registration needed Helmets required under age 17 Allowed in bike lanes

Class 2 E-Bike



Max. 20 mph Electric motor can be used exclusively No age minimum No license/registration needed Helmets required under age 17 Allowed in bike lanes

Class 3 E-Bike



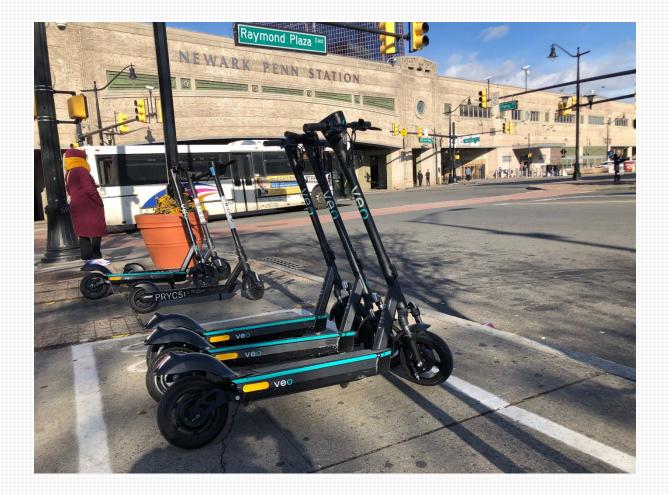
20 - 28 mph Gas or electric motor Minimum age is 15 License/registration required Helmets always required Allowed in bike lanes

Low-speed electric bicycle

Motorized bicycle

Why is this guide important?

- Increasing popularity and diversity of options
 - Accessibility, mobility, financial, and environmental benefits
- Confusion over vehicle types and regulations
- Safety for micromobility users



Our Existing Resources

New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROPULSION METHOD	POWER	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
ELECTRIC BICYCLE	Pedal and/or throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
	Pedal and throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No

http://njbikeped.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/

E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.

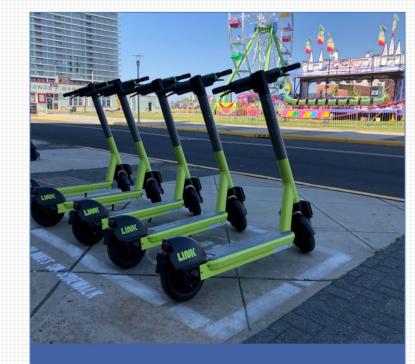


* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapsible vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.

For more information, visit the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center at <u>njbikeped.org</u> or the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at <u>saferoutesnj.org</u>. 01.13.22



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saferoutesnj.org/research-reports

njbikeped.org/micromobility

Draft Micromobility Guide Outline

- Background, Issues, and Needs
- Definitions
 - Vehicle types, propulsion method, power source, max. speed, license/registration, riding/parking regulations
- Regulations
 - State laws
 - Municipal ordinances
 - Additional regulations (agency policies, judicial precedents, etc.)
 - Guidance/recommendations for law enforcement

Best Practices for Operation

- Safety tips
- Securing/storing vehicles
- Traveling with micromobility on transit
- Riding on trails
- Safe battery handling
- Geofenced speed limitations

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