

# North Shore E-Bike Share Pilot Program

Elicia Elliott,
Manager, Transportation Planning
Michelle Lam,
North Shore Mobility Options Coordinator

Presentation to
City of North Vancouver Council
2023-10-16







# Today's Goals

Background

**End-of-Pilot Evaluation** 

**Future Considerations** 









# **Policy Context**

#### **PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

- Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) - Emission Reduction Strategies
- B.C.'s Active Transportation Strategy
   Move Commute Connect

#### **METRO VANCOUVER REGION**

• TransLink Transport 2050

#### **NORTH SHORE**

Integrated North Shore
 Transportation Planning Project
 (INSTPP)

#### CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER (CNV)

- Official Community Plan (2014)
- 2022-2026 Council Strategic Plan priorities
- Mobility Strategy (2022)

#### **DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER (DNV)**

- Official Community Plan (2021)
- Transportation Plan (2012)
- Community Energy and Emissions Plan (2019)

#### **DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER (DWV)**

- Official Community Plan (2018)
- Council's Strategic Objectives

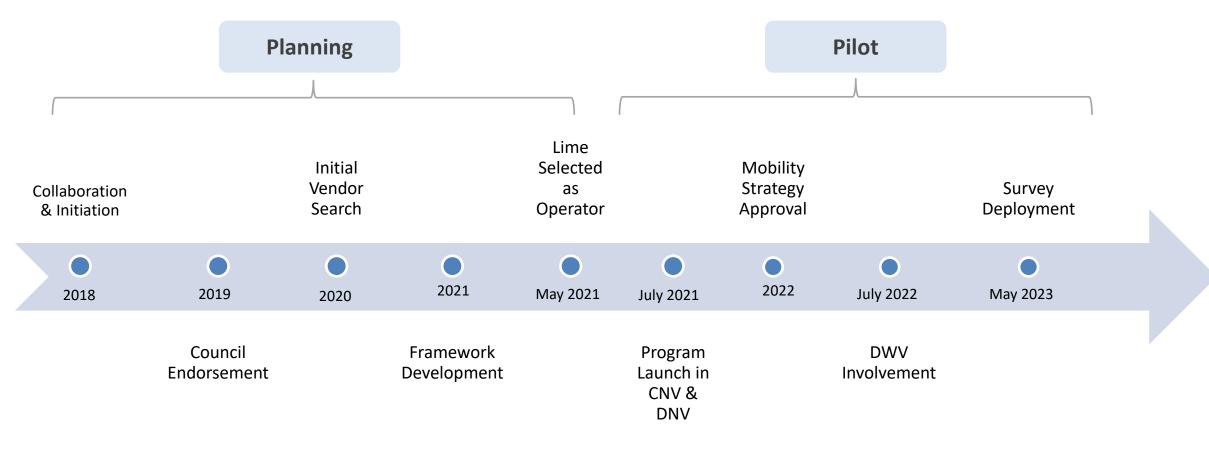






# Program Timeline

2 Years of Strategic Planning, 2.5 Years of Successful Pilot Execution, and Looking Ahead









# **Program Evaluation Social Equity Ridership Public Outreach** Safety & Program **Fleet Evaluation Operations Environmental 5**0 **User experience Impact** (P **Parking**







#### **Ridership**

30 Fleet

User Exp

**Parking** 

**Env Impact** 

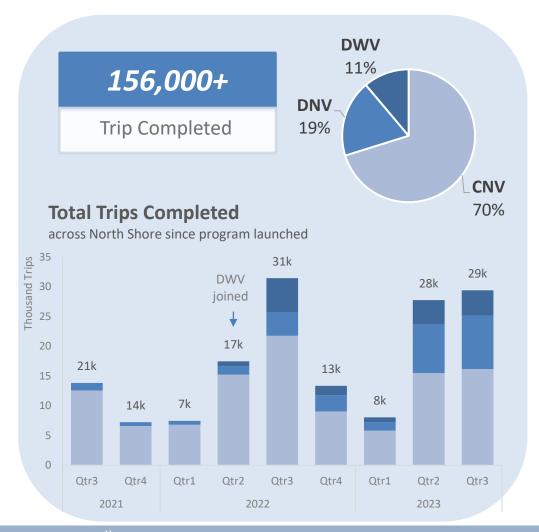
Safety

Public Outreach

Social Equity

# North Shore Ridership

becoming a widely accepted mode of transportation on the North Shore



319,000 km

E-bike Travelled



✓ E-bike Share is attractive for **short**distance trips.

2 km per trip

12 mins per trip

Median Trip Distance

Median Trip Duration

✓ About **1/3** of trips occur on **weekends** and 2/3 of the trips occur on weekdays.











Fleet



S User Exp



Parking



**Env Impact** 



Safety



Public Outreach



Social Equity

#### E-bike Share User

**11%** of frequent user accounts for **60%** of trips

*35,000+* 

Total Unique User

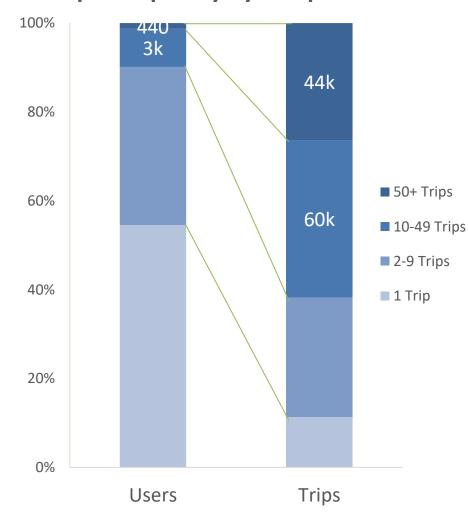
3,400 +

Frequent User (10 Trips+)

- High-Frequency Users (50+ Trips) 1% loyal user base
- Frequent Users (10-49 Trips): **10%** strong local riding population
- Regular Users (2-9 Trips): **34%** casual or occasional riders.
- Single-Trip Users:

**55%** visitors or tourists

#### **Trips Frequency by Unique Users**











Ridership

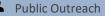














#### Fleet Size

Consistent growth in average E-Bike availability.

**2021**: Launch faced issues in fleet size due to COVID-19's impact on supply chain.

**2022**: Operator met summer and winter minimums.

2023: Not only met, but exceeded requirements; peak deployment in August, with 435 E-bikes.



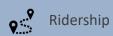
Summer months min. 200 E-bikes

Winter months min. 120 E-bikes









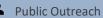






Env Impact

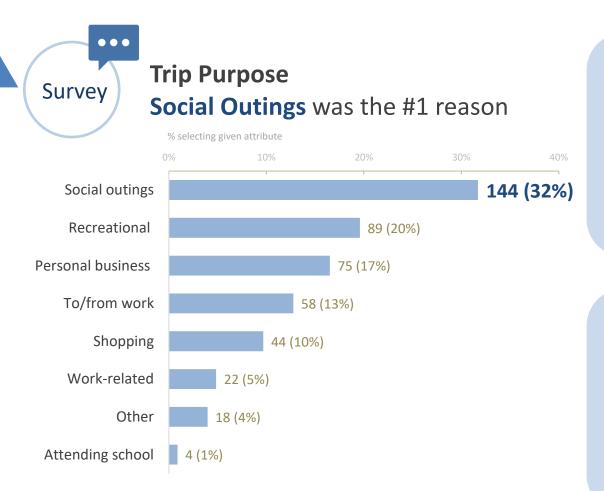






## **User Experience**

73% of surveyed users expressed that they were satisfied with the E-bike Share program.



#### Top reasons to use E-bike Share

- ✓ Efficiency and direct connections (26%)
- ✓ Enjoyment (16%)
- ✓ Avoid Traffic congestion(12%)
- ✓ Parking concerns(12%)

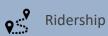
# The most appreciated features among E-bike Share users are...

- ✓ User-friendly app (24%)
- ✓ Environmental benefits (23%)
- ✓ Program convenience (23%)















Parking

**Env Impact** 

Safety

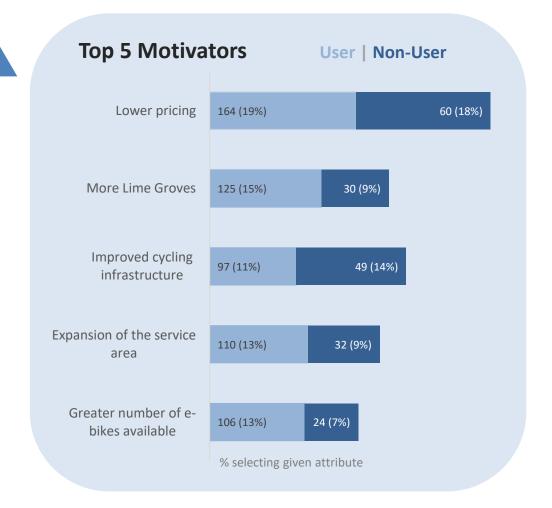
Public Outreach

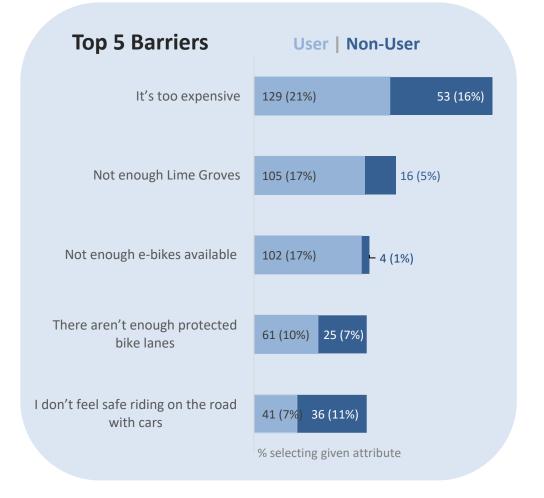
Social Equity

# Motivators and Barriers to use E-bike Share

Common Themes: Pricing, Parking Availability, Cycling infrastructures



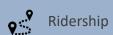
















P Parking



Safety

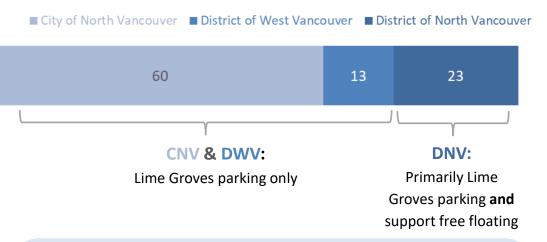
Public Outreach



# **Lime Groves**

Designated parking for E-bike share

Total of 96 Lime Groves across North Shore





In 2023, parking violations per total trips have remained **below 5%**, **with a decreasing trend.** 

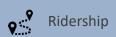
- End-Trip Photo
- Parking Fines
- Regular In-app, email communications



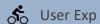








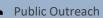














# **Lime Groves**

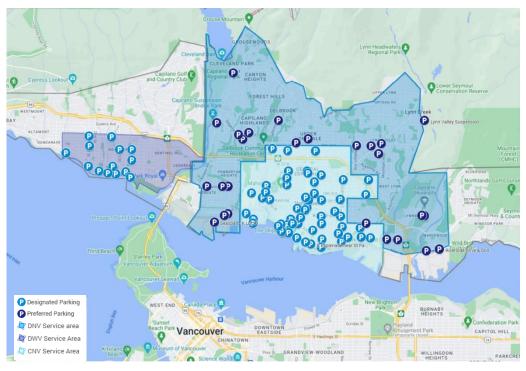
Designated parking for E-bike share

Total of 96 Lime Groves across North Shore



In 2023, parking violations per total trips have remained **below 5%**, **with a decreasing trend**.

- End-Trip Photo
- Parking Fines
- Regular In-app, email communications

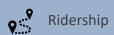


**Current Lime Grove Location Map** 

















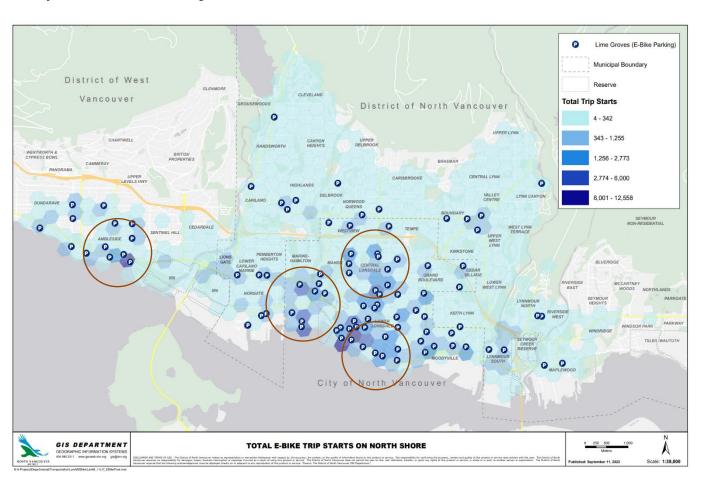


Public Outreach



# Most Popular Lime Groves

Key destinations for E-bike share users



#### **Top 5 Lime Groves**

1.Lonsdale Quay-Chadwick Court -CNV
2.Lonsdale - Carrie Cates Court - CNV
3.Lonsdale Avenue & E 13th St - CNV
4.Marine Drive & Hanes Avenue - CNV
5.Spirit Trail & Argyle Avenue - DWV

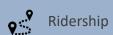
#### **Most Popular Areas**

- The Shipyards Common CNV
- Lower Lonsdale CNV
- Central Lonsdale CNV
- Ambleside DWV
- Marine-Hamilton DNV
- Moodyville CNV



















Public Outreach



## Mode Shift

Reducing vehicle usage and support public transit use, contributing to GHG reduction targets







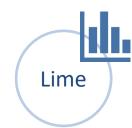
**3%** of trips are **new trips** that wouldn't have been taken otherwise.



**63%** of survey respondents use the Ebike Share program to connect to transit.



**72%** of survey respondents are more likely to **use public** transit when E-bike Share is available.



25 Metric Tons

36,973

9,727 Liters

CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided

**Car Trips Replaced** 

**Fuel Consumption Avoided** 







# **Pilot Operations**

Ridership



Fleet



S User Exp



Parking



**Env Impact** 



Safety



Public Outreach



Social Equity

**Major Injuries** 

60

**Moderate to Severe Vandalism** 

28

**Minor Incidents** 

**All-Electric Transition** 

**By Fall 2023** 

**Operations Staff** 

Email, In-App, Phone, Help Centre

**Customer Services** 

< 6 hours

**Response Time** 

**Every 45 Days** 

**Full Maintenance** 





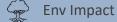




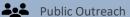














# Helmet Usage

Initial compliance was low, but the Operator took proactive steps to enhance it



46%
Always/Sometimes
wear helmets

1 in 3

respondents

Never wear helmets

1 in 5 respondents opt for shared helmets Reasons for not using shared helmets:

• Hygienic Concerns: 40%

Helmets unavailability: 35%

#### **Effort to Helmet Compliance:**

- ✓ Helmet Giveaway: Provided over 2,000 helmets
- ✓ **Helmet Brackets:** Installed on **over 60%** of E-bike fleet.
- ✓ Helmet Lock: To prevent theft or loss.
- ✓ In-App Prompts: Reminding riders of helmet requirements
- ✓ Helmet Selfie Incentive: Incentivizing riders with discounts for showcasing helmet usage.









#### Ridership

える Fleet

S User Exp

Parking

Env Impact

Safety

Public Outreach

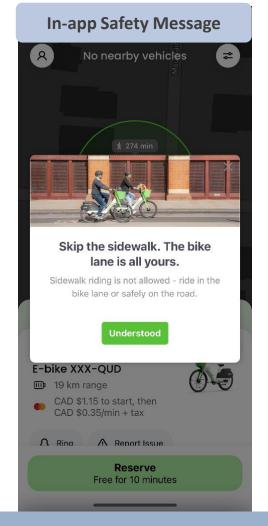


# Rider Education & Awareness

Through community events, in-app modules, social media, email campaigns



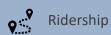












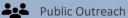














## **Equity Programs**

#### LIME ASSIST-ADAPTIVE VEHICLES

- Company wide program from Lime but not yet implemented on the North Shore
- Enhance the accessibility of shared electric vehicles for persons with varying abilities
- Available to the community on demand at no cost.

#### **LIME ACCESS – DISCOUNTED PROGRAM**

- Company wide program from Lime but not yet implemented on the North Shore
- Offers discounts to eligible applicants who are identified through community group partners



**4-Wheel Mobility Scooter** 







#### **Future Considerations**



Expand service area



Boost fleet availability and reliability



Strengthen parking management



Enhance social equity and accessibility



Emphasize on rider education and awareness





#### Recommendations

- Conclude the pilot program, reflecting on learnings
- Formalize the City's commitment to Shared Micromobility by transitioning to a more permanent E-bike Share operation with North Shore partners
- License & Permit extensions with Lime for up to 12 months beginning Jan 1, 2024

# **Next Steps**

- Refine vendor evaluation criteria and undertake market sounding
- Consider additional/alternative vendors
- Continue to reflect on findings from other shared micromobility programs in the region
- Explore partnership opportunities with North Shore First Nations











**Questions?** 





