



About the pilot project

On April 5, 2024, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit launched a four-year pilot project to allow electric kick scooters to be operated in participating communities.

The results of the pilot project will help determine the safety of electric kick scooters and whether they should be permanently allowed in BC.

Want to learn more?

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Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project





What are they?

Electric kick scooters are battery-powered motorized devices with two to four wheels, a platform for standing and handlebars for steering.

Only devices that meet certain criteria may be used in the pilot project.

Why pilot them?

Electric kick scooters are a popular, affordable and convenient way to get around. They also are a form of active and clean transportation, and support access to public transit.

Participating communities are providing the opportunity for residents and visitors to legally use these devices within their municipal boundaries.

What are the rules?

You must follow these safety rules to use an electric kick scooter in a pilot project community:

Roads with speed limit 50 km/h or below:

- Must use designated cycling lane if available or stay as far right as practicable

Roads with speed limit above 50 km/h:

- Must use designated cycling lane (prohibited if no lane available)

Device requirements:

- Maximum speed capability of 25 km/h
- Power output rating 500 W or less
- Weight not exceeding 45 kg
- No seat or enclosure

Operator requirements:

- Minimum 16 years of age
- Safety helmet required
- No passengers allowed

Full rules and safety tips are listed on the Ministry Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project website.

Is my community in the pilot project?

Participating communities are listed on the Ministry Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project website.

Participating communities may also set certain rules where you can operate an electric kick scooter. Contact your municipality for information.

How can communities join?

A municipal council can join the pilot by passing a resolution or bylaw that consents to the pilot project taking place within the municipality.

Local governments can contact the Ministry of Transportation and Transit for information on how to join and onboarding help.