

**From:** Michael Kim  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** Coleman, Kayla  
**Subject:** Re: Electric scooters in our sidewalks and bike paths

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you a second time now because today the situation appears to have worsened. Today I had to move 5 scooters blocking cross walks, fire exits, sidewalk access, and access ramps for the disabled. These scooters weigh about 40 lb according to the company website. There were two blocking a fire exit perpendicular to it together. That is a total of at least 80 lb blocking the means of exit in the event of an emergency. These scooters are proving to put lives on the line. They are now more than a nuisance. We need emergent action here. I am horrified that our beloved town could have such an egregious safety violation that disproportionately impacts our weak or disabled. That is not even to say only our weak are impacted. I am not sure if I would have been able to move 80 lb rapidly in an emergency, especially if I had been on the inside of the building. I managed to pull my back lifted those out of the way but this has to happen. Someone needs to ensure fire exits, sidewalks, access ramps, and bike paths are clear. This does not even take an active fire. A fire drill or a tripped fire alarm would cause people to try to use that exit. People may trip, panic, or be trampled even in the absence of a fire. Please act with all due haste.

Thanks,  
Michael Kim

On Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 10:38 AM Michael Kim wrote:  
To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about a crisis for the safety of our residents. We have witnessed numerous instances of students smashing into pedestrians, buildings, and sidewalks while riding electric scooters. I have literally witnessed multiple students get thrown off the scooters from how hard they hit a person or obstacle. I have also personally been hit. The man on the scooter was thrown several meters and the scooter continued into a crowd of pedestrians. These scooters are also being parked irresponsibly. I have had to reposition hundreds of scooters by now that have been in the sidewalks and bike paths. I have found them lying down perpendicular to bike paths around blind corners causing collisions for bikers. Moreover, the scooters are not obeying the "red" zones that have been defined. Scooters are ending up running through the diag and being parked everywhere. This is a crisis for the safety of our residents.

Our residents deserve better. Ann Arbor is home to a hardworking community on the cutting edge of culture and science. We should be able to continue our developments without dodging reckless drivers of scooters, tripping over the scooters parked irresponsibly, or slamming into scooters while biking on designated bike paths. I am asking this committee to take dramatic and immediate action for the well-being of our community. We are not asking for much. We have humble needs that are not being met. These scooters are standing in the way of the safety we are entitled to.

Your committee has the officials most able to address these concerns from the community. I ask that you do not renew the contract with SPIN. How much money is the safety of the community worth? We pay taxes worth far more than \$18,400. This committee must also prove its resolve by ensuring clear sidewalks and bike paths. Require spin to clear our sidewalks in the meantime. Make them ensure riders park responsibly and have them send crews to clear the sidewalks. It costs us nothing to demand they take action. SPIN puts the profits before the well-being of our community.

How many collisions are required before someone, anyone, takes action? We have the ability to change our city for the better. I ask that your officials take immediate action as listed above. I certainly support officials who put public safety first. I hope members of this committee agree that public safety is of paramount importance.

Sincerely,  
Michael Kim, Concerned resident