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Subject: NO "Birds" Scooters

These scooters are everywhere in Marina Del Rey, El Segundo and Santa Monica. People disregard the need to wear helmets. People still ride on the sidewalk and abandon the scooters anywhere they please. Some people ride two at a time. There have been accidents of scooters crashing into pedestrians who were in crosswalks. It seems to me that Hermosa Beach could be opening themselves up to liabilities and lawsuits. While there is a minimum age of 18 to ride scooters in the street, the scooter has no way of knowing how old you are. Even a consent form may not cover everything. An underage minor could lie about their age. Our Police Dept. has better things to do than be on "Bird" Patrol. Learn from the mistakes of other communities and make it known that "Birds" are not welcome here. Perhaps the bicycle shops would consider renting scooters? At least there would be some supervision of the individuals renting them and create a need to return the scooter to the rental shop. I can see need to establish rules for individuals who have their own scooters. Bicycle riders also disregard the rules of the road. One can only try to get the word out via the Beach Reporter, Easy Reader and Daily Breeze. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Hermosa Beach has several bike rental shops and I do not feel our little community is in need of a "bike share" program. However, if you really must pursue this, please look into Biki Bikes. This program works very well for larger cities like Honolulu. Go to <https://gobiki.org> to see how it works. Thank you for your time.

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