

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION

MOTION

Private companies have recently begun deploying delivery robots, also known as automated personal delivery devices (PDDs), on sidewalks to complete last-mile deliveries for retail purchases and meal deliveries. Currently, the deployment of PDDs is limited, but states and local jurisdictions across the nation have begun to implement local regulations to ensure the safe operation of these devices. In California, there is no legal prohibition to operating PDDs; however, cities may adopt a regulatory framework to ensure their safety and the protection of pedestrians.

While these innovative technologies have allowed for more contactless delivery options in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic and provide a clean energy alternative to traditional package delivery by gas-powered vehicles, the City should analyze the impacts of allowing these devices to operate in the public right-of-way. The City should be proactive in regulating these devices in order to balance the health and environmental advantages of shifting last-mile deliveries to contactless, electric alternatives against the private use and capitalization of the City's public infrastructure and the potential job impacts in the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, be instructed to develop a regulatory framework for personal delivery devices that operate in the City's public right-of-way.

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