



1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST FOR MVA PILOT PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (Ministry) is inviting proposals from interested municipalities and Treaty First Nations including the Nisga'a (hereafter referred to as 'local communities') to conduct a pilot project for the use of e-scooters or other similar forms of micromobility devices not currently authorized to be used on streets and sidewalks.¹ The purpose of the pilot project is to test and evaluate a regulatory framework under Part 13 of the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA).

A key component of BC's Active Transportation Strategy is working together with communities to promote and enable active transportation use. The Active Transportation Strategy supports the CleanBC government priority of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. The regulation of micromobility devices to enhance transportation options is consistent with this priority and is the focus of pilot projects that may be established this year.

To implement a pilot project, the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) must approve regulations enabling the pilot project under the new Part 13 of the MVA, which was brought into force on October 31, 2019. Before approving a pilot project regulation, Cabinet must be satisfied that the proposed pilot project is in the public interest, will be consistent with the objectives set by government, and has the consent of the local government where it is to take place.

Upon approval, the pilot project regulation will establish a regulatory framework to allow micromobility devices to operate within a limited geographic area and in accordance with other pilot project provisions, including but not limited to technical specifications and safe usage requirements. A pilot project may remain in force for a maximum of 3 years to promote the goals of research and evaluation.

2.0 TIMEFRAMES AND PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING AND CONSIDERING PROPOSALS

2.1 Timeframes for submission of Pilot Project Proposal

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Timeframe 2020, Responsible, Comments. Row 1: Request for pilot proposals released, January 13, Ministry, Proposal includes 1 form and 1 submission for local communities to complete and submit: H1401 MVA Expression of Intent to Submit Pilot Project Proposal; and, H1402 MVA Pilot Project Proposal. Row 2: Deadline to submit a H1401 (Expression of Intent), January 31, 4:00 p.m., Local communities, Please note: Notifying the ministry of an intention to submit a Pilot Project Proposal does not obligate a local community to do so.

¹ A Micromobility device is intended to mean a zero-emission motorized personal mobility device (MPMD) such as an e-scooter typically designed to transport one person. With respect to other similar forms of micromobility, the intention is to potentially enable use of other types of devices that have technical features, operating functions and requirements comparatively similar to an e-scooter, e.g. they are equipped with a zero-emission motor; have a similar maximum speed; outfitted with similar safety equipment; and can be operated along the same portion of roadway as an e-scooter.

Activity	Timeframe 2020	Responsible	Comments
Deadline for local communities to submit an H1402 MVA Pilot Project Proposal	On or before March 6, 4:00 p.m.	Local communities	Once submitted, Ministry staff will consider your local community's proposal and follow up with questions or further information as it becomes available. Please note: Any Pilot Project Proposal submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the first phase of pilots but may be considered for a possible future phase.

2.2 Projected timeframes for proposal review, consideration, approval and implementation

Activity	Timeframe 2020	Responsible	Comments
Proposals considered and discussed with local communities	Spring	Ministry	The Ministry will work with local communities who submit proposals to determine device and usage requirements and other matters to be set in a provincial regulation.
Draft pilot project regulations and consultations with local communities	Spring	Ministry	The Ministry will be responsible for drafting the regulations and submitting them to Cabinet for approval.
Consent of Local Community for Pilot Project	Spring-Summer	Local Communities	To approve a pilot project, the Cabinet must be satisfied that a local community's governing council consents to the pilot project taking place in their jurisdiction. Please note: While consent from your governing council is not required at the time you submit an MVA Pilot Project Proposal, it will be required before Cabinet approves an Order in Council (OIC) to authorize a pilot project.
Cabinet consideration of pilot project regulations	Spring-summer	Ministry	It is Cabinet, not the Ministry, who must approve a pilot project. To approve a pilot project, Cabinet must be satisfied that a local community consents to the pilot project taking place in their jurisdiction.
Notification of approved pilot projects	Spring-summer	Ministry	The Ministry will notify local communities of approved pilot projects.
Implementation of approved pilot projects	Summer	Local communities	Local communities will be responsible for implementing the pilot project after an OIC is approved.



3.0 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- 3.1 If you intend to submit a Motor Vehicle Act Pilot Project Proposal, the Ministry requests you complete the attached H1401 Expression of Intent to Submit an MVA Pilot Project Proposal on or before **January 31, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** to MVA.Pilot.Project@gov.bc.ca.
- 3.2 To submit a Pilot Project Proposal, please complete the accompanying H1402 MVA Pilot Project Proposal in accordance with instructions in that document. Your community's MVA Pilot Project Proposal should be completed submitted via email on or before **March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** to MVA.Pilot.Project@gov.bc.ca.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Consideration of your community's submitted MVA Pilot Project Proposal will be based on:

- the extent to which the proposal meets the MVA requirements under section 304 (2) of the MVA;
- how comprehensively the proposal requirements have been addressed; and,
- readiness to implement the pilot project in the projected timeframes, i.e. summer 2020.

During the consideration process, the ministry may contact the individual(s) identified in your community's MVA Pilot Project Proposal for further information or clarification.

Please note that submitting an MVA Pilot Project Proposal does not mean that the pilot project is accepted or approved by the Ministry or Cabinet under Part 13 of the MVA. Additionally, all costs associated with preparing a Pilot Project Proposal and any other costs associated with implementing a pilot project that Cabinet may approve by way of an OIC are the responsibility of your local community.