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Dear Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Chair, Committee on Transportation & the Environment
And Fellow Committee Councilmembers
PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON
B25-0798, The “Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2024”
And Regulation of mopeds & Motorcycles in The District of Columbia

I am submitting my written testimony to you as the Chairwoman of 3D CAC - Third District Citizens Advisory Council a Washington, DC Public Safety organization established in the District of Columbia in 1981 with strong community leadership, citizen advocacy, education and partnerships with DC Agencies and the Metropolitan Police Department.

This testimony is crucial in recommending that the amendments that were made within the Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2024 by the Committee on Transportation and the Environment at the Council of the District of Columbia be accepted and that the Regulation of mopeds & Motorcycles in The District of Columbia be adjusted following the community engagement input from 3D CAC - Third District Citizens Advisory Council. I am providing as my written testimony the results of a survey I initiated about the exponential growth of mopeds, ATVs, and other motor-driven cycles threatening the public safety of the District of Columbia’s residents and business owners whom I serve as the 3D CAC Chairwoman. The District of Columbia is yet again undergoing a crisis of two folds because of repeated violations of traffic safety laws by drivers of mopeds and ATV’s.

As you and the Committee hold the public roundtable on July 11, 2024 on [B25-0798](#), the “Moped Registration Accountability Amendment Act of 2024,” We ask that you more broadly and also strongly consider the topic of moped and motorcycle regulation in the District of Columbia.

The results of the Moped/ATV survey is being shared with the Committee so that you can use these results to feel the urgency of the immediate enforcement for the rights of public and traffic safety as we all navigate the street, alleyways and roadways of the District of Columbia, Also, please understand the duress that we suffer at night with noise pollution of modified mufflers, stunt driving, drag racing and traffic impediments. This survey is just a few highlights, we stress the need for this legislation based on what the residents and business owners of the Third District have observed. We would appreciate if you utilize this data to emphasize the unique challenges mopeds, ATVs, and other motor-driven cycles pose to public and traffic safety and the need for greater regulation in the direction that the citizens of Washington, DC is pleading for every day.

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We look forward to hearing from you and the Committee and continuing the conversation as the bill and issues progress towards the best outcomes for the Citizens of Washington, DC and the DC City Council. Thank you for your time and considerations of these critical recommendations.

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3D CAC Moped/ATV Public Survey Results from some members the Third District Citizens Advisory Council

The Following Survey was Generated on May 30, 2024, by Chairwoman Karen Gaal

3D CAC Is Addressing Reckless Driving of Mopeds and ATVs in Washington, DC

Dear Residents, Business Owners, and City Workers,

We recognize that the reckless and unlawful actions of some moped and ATV drivers pose significant risks to public safety. It is unacceptable for anyone to feel unsafe while walking or driving in our city, and the behavior of these drivers must be addressed. This is an ongoing citywide crisis.

In response to these concerns that were further amplified and shared at our most recent 3D CAC Public Safety Leaders Meeting in May, 3D CAC is actively working on several measures to improve safety and assisting MPD in enforcing traffic laws more effectively.

We would like to educate and inform both drivers and pedestrians about traffic laws and safety practices. We want to see lawful and responsible riding behavior and increased compliance with traffic regulations. We want stiffer penalties to make our streets safer for everyone. We want to have an opportunity to sleep peacefully at night and to navigate the city without having to experience reckless driving in the streets and alleyways.

We fully support MPD with ramping up public safety patrols and enforcement efforts, particularly in areas with high pedestrian traffic, in front of businesses, on residential streets and at night

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especially around 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. We have asked MPD to monitor and address violations by moped and ATV drivers to ensure the safety of our community.

In working with the DC City Council and the Mayor’s Office and Community Members, We are asking for stronger consequences, mandated education, the implementation of stronger regulations, and felony penalties for reckless violations all to promote safer streets.

We encourage residents to report in progress incidents of reckless driving by calling 911. We’re also collecting reports of these incidents. Community reports help us to identify problem areas and take appropriate action. We ask that you please continue to provide us with detailed information on any incidents you witness.

Your safety and well-being are of utmost importance, and we are committed to creating a safer environment for all residents.

Thank you for your time and valuable input. Together, we can ensure a Safer, more Secure environment for everyone in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

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For further information or to report incidents that have occurred please contact us at 3DCACDC@gmail.com visit www.3DCAC.org to stay up to date on our latest public safety efforts.

How Do You Enjoy Your Time in Washington, DC?
1,000 Responses

97.9% Residents

7.2% Business Owners

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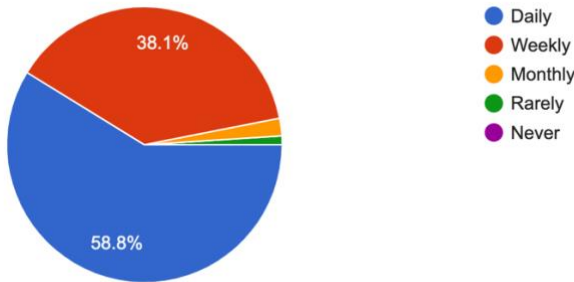
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7.2% Work and Frequent Visitors

1% Work

How frequently do you witness reckless driving by mopeds or ATVs in your neighborhood?

1,000 responses



**What specific locations or streets do you believe are hotspots for reckless driving?
Response Snapshot of Washington, DC Locations (written by respondents)**

- U Street NW
- 14th St NW, Columbia Heights and K St NW, Mount Vernon
- Downtown, Dupont, Logan
- 14th street NW between Irving St and Park Rd
- 14th street, 7th Street
- up and down 14th Street
- Box within 9th to 14th, P to U St NW. With 10th and U St being insane danger
- 14th street NW running from as far up as Spring Rd and down to past U street
- 14th & Kenyan and 11th & Lamont
- 14th Street corridor, especially near DC USA
- U st between 14th and 13th St NW
- Logan circle, 1400 block of P street, Dupont Circle, 17th Street between P and S.



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14th St NW, 9th St NW, Conn. Ave- near the Zoo, Columbia Hights Mall area
14th St, Q St, 13th, Logan Circle
14th Street and Kenyon; 14th and Irving; along 13th and 11th in Columbia Height a lot of running
let lights
9th and U St NW, 7th and Q St NW
9th St NW (near S and T at) and 9th and U St NW
most intersections - ignoring traffic signals and signs
U st, Columbia heights metro
9th Street NW, U Street NW
14th st nw & kenyon st nw (columbia heights metro)
7th ST NW (main way they travel north in afternoon and evening), 14th ST NW
U St., 14th St.
U Street most commonly but also 14th and 7th
14th and Irving/Kenyon (in front of Target/WSC)
14 Street, P Street, and Q Street
14th Street NW and Logan Circle and U Street
9th and U Streets
13th and U Streets, NW
14th St NW, north of Rhode Island. but they are almost everywhere I go when I'm outside
14th st nw
14th St corridor, U St corridor
U street NW; 1900 blk 9th St NW
Columbia Heights/Shaw/U Street
U St NW, 9th ST NW, T St NW
1800 block Vermont Ave NW; Intersection of R ST and Vermont and 13th St NW
U St/14th St
U Street. K Street. Dupot
U street
14th St and Irving St NW; 14th St. and Park Road NW.
9th & florida Ave nw, 14&u st nw
U Street, Vermont Avenue, 9th Street, T Street, 11th Street Northwest
U and 9th St, then up/down 9th St off of U
U Street. 14th Street. Any protected bike lane. Sidewalks.
9th St NW, 14th St NW, U St NW, RI Ave NW
9th & U St NW
14th St and Kenyon St NW
U Street/florida Ave/New Jersey Ave
14thSt and Kenyon



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9th NW between U and Rhode Island

U st & 9th St & Vermont Ave

U Street between 14th and 7th

K street and m st nw

14th street, Columbia heights, 18th street, H street NE

Irwing & 14th street / Spring St & 16th Street /Mount Pleasant / Adamas Morgan /

1435 4th Street NW and Irving Street NW

14th Street NW

U St, 14th St, 9th St NW

Rhode Island Ave and North Capitol Street NE, Rhode Island Ave and 3rd Street NE

14th and Q Streets

Everywhere including driving in the bike lanes.

busy streets like 9th or 14th but honestly it is everywhere

10th and T Street NW

Gallery Place and busy food areas for Mopeds and Shooters

14th Street NW between Irving and Kenyon

14th st in front of the target.

New Hampshire Avenue, Georgia Avenue

Logan circle area

14th and Florida

14th St NW is where I see mopeds mostly but I have not witnessed reckless driving, and I have a window that faces the street. I see/hear ATVs throughout the city, so there's not really a hot spot.

U and T Streets, 9, 10, 11

9th street nw

14th and 15th Streets NW from P to U

U Street between 17th and Fifth and 9th between U and S

9th Street, U street

14th street between park ave and irving street, irving street

9th and U Street NW

Rhode Island Ave near Logan Circle. At times on Logan Circle itself, where there is also little noise respect for the residential circle.

15th street close to constitution

14th street NW and U street NW

14th St and U St

streets in Shaw, co heights, Logan circle

14th st, 18th st, mt pleasant st

U St between 9th and 14th St, 8th and 9th NW

Connecticut Ave NW



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14th St NW, 17th St NW

S Street NW between 7th and 13th Streets NW and 11th Street between U Street and P Streets NW

S St., U St. 7th, P St Dupont Circle all in NW

All along 9th St. NW, between U and S streets NW

9th and T Streets NW

Any street, you name it

The question is where not.

Near high schools and rec centers.

14th between R and U, U St between 8th and 14th

Columbia Road NW, 18TH Street NW in Adams Morgan

14th street , Kenyon, irving, park rd , Columbia heights

Have you personally experienced or witnessed any of the following due to reckless driving by mopeds or ATVs? Check boxes with snapshot of other responses added

Near-miss accidents (92.6%)

Property damage (92.6%)

Impeded traffic flow (31.9%)

Delays of emergency vehicles... (31.9%)

Physical harm or injury (88.3%)

Running stop signs and red lights... (88.3%)

Snapshot of responses

Near-miss accidents, Delays of emergency vehicles, Running stop signs and stop lights

Near-miss accidents, Delays of emergency vehicles

Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Limited parking, traffic obstruction, and limited sidewalk space because of parked mopeds on the sidewalk

Impeded traffic flow

Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow

Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury

Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Noise pollution

Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles

Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury, Giving strangers on the street rides with no helmets, vehicles sitting outside my apartment until 3am blasting music as loud as the clubs do, but outside

Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Blocks bike lanes



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Impeded traffic flow, Going through red lights.
Near-miss accidents, Running red lights. Driving reckless.
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, injured a mother with her baby in a stroller / injured a dog owner and a dog
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Mopeds/scooters running red lights
Impeded traffic flow, Extreme noise; public fear
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Driving on the sidewalk. Parking on the sidewalk.
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Riding on the sidewalk making pedestrians scatter. Riding the wrong way down Q Street.
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Drag racing, pop wheelies in middle of 14th street
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, snatch and go crime
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury, Sleepless nights for me and my children
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, ignoring traffic signs and signals; speeding; reckless driving; racing; riding on sidewalks
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow
Impeded traffic flow, Loud and noise pollution
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Intimidation to pedestrians or other drivers
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Interrupts sleep and general quality of life
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Physical harm or injury, They LOVE to go in circles in the middle of an intersection
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Physical harm or injury, Noise
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Outright violation of traffic laws (frequently running red lights)
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury, Excessive noise
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury, Actual threatening behavior towards cars but also WALKERS (with kid in a stroller!)
Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Running red lights
Near-miss accidents, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Physical harm or injury
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles, Riding on sidewalks. Mental health harm.



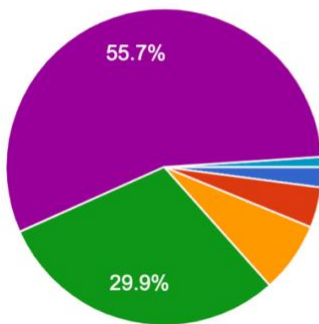
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Near-miss accidents, Impeded traffic flow, Delays of emergency vehicles
Near-miss accidents, Property damage, Impeded traffic flow
Near-miss accidents, Making unsafe U turns

How safe do you feel walking or driving in areas where moped and ATV stunt shows are common?

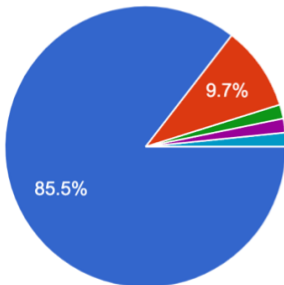
1,000 responses



- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Neutral
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe
- I usually run in the other direction because I'm INCREDIBLY unsafe!!!

Have You Been Affected By The Noise of Mopeds/ATV's?

1,000 responses



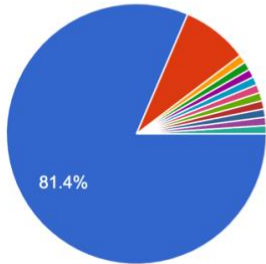
- Very Loud
- Somewhat Loud
- Neutral
- Does not bother me
- Keep us awake on weekends
- It is extremely loud and frightening. In addition, they play loud music.

Are you deeply impacted by this moped/ATV issue?



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1,000 responses



- Yes
- No
- Yes, my main concern is the lack of fol...
- Im impacted when they don't fallow th...
- Concerned
- Moderately impacted
- I don't mind them as long as Mopeds...
- It is mostly an annoyance and concer...

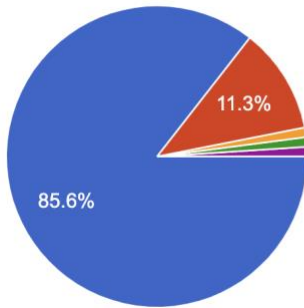
▲ 1/2 ▼

- It affects mental health. We cant sleep at night and avoid going outside after it gets dark.
- I'm concerned that the lack of enforcement of laws encourages other...
- I was much more impacted before street closures on 9th
- Deeply impacted? No. But bothered with them.

▲ 2/2 ▼

Does it negatively affect Your home or Your business?

1,000 responses



- Yes
- No
- The noise at times effect my business
- I am fortunate to not live on a larger street but my neighbors are not so it effects us as a community
- I don't feel safe. It changed in a negative way lifestyle. We can't even have guests in the evening as it is not safe for them to drive when there is an unsafe situat...

If yes, please describe what the negative impact is. Snapshot of responses

As there is no enforcement, they travel on sidewalks, bike lanes, between cars in traffic, and into oncoming traffic, with no regard for pedestrians or cyclist.

I fear walking because I can be maimed or killed not only by mopeds but electric bikes/bikers on sidewalks

Safety hazards caused by dozens of mopeds engaging in reckless driving and creating very loud noise during the day and into late hours of the evening; risk of physical harm & property damage when I and other residents are walking and driving on 14th St NW and throughout multi sections of dc; peace and quiet and quality of life has been negatively affected because moped drivers are drag racing on 14th Street NW.

People may get hit and hurt. Everyone must follow the rules of the road.

Reduces enjoyment of living in Logan Circle, causes enormous noise, big public safety issues.



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It generally disgusts consumers and feels VERY unsafe and loud. The ATV stunt activity is feels threatening - the combination of noise, disruption, unruliness, and the aggressive nature of the riders brings a cloud of "threatening" and "unlawful - you don't want to be around this activity." My friends and family are more concerned about visiting and it has devalued the investment in my home since the neighborhood has been deemed more dangerous than when I purchased several years ago.

I and friends fear being run over on the sidewalk due to mopeds/motorcycles driving on them. When driving, I fear accidently hitting one of these vehicles as they speed through red stop lights. My apartment faces U Street and while we knew moving here would come with loud street noises, we had no idea how miserable living in this area would be because of the ATVs and loud vehicles. Everything else is great about NW, but the noise Wednesday - Tuesday is so loud we can't sleep, we can't enjoy our home. And we feel very unsafe walking around at all hours, especially during the summer months.

creating an unsafe, lawless environment deters patrons to our business, and I believe lowers property value because of the unsafe feeling of the environment. have NEVER seen police interacting at all, even when these vehicles pass police cars or officers on bikes.

Dangerous sidewalks for children and adults and near misses when walking and driving
Near miss accident for my dog and me. Almost run over on the sidewalk.

Left lane frequently completely blocked to turn from Irving to 14th; noise pollution; driving on sidewalk

I CANNOT SLEEP!!!

Concern for safety, sleep disruption

noise distrubs sleep; reckless operation of vehicle endanges others; encourages other dangerous / illegal behaviors

It is generally scary, it disrupts sleep, and it makes feel visitors think this is a lawless city
There is a constant group of mopeds in Columbia Heights blocking the street. This results in traffic jams and large amounts of honking/yelling, often turning into road rage and fights in the street. I feel unsafe in my own home and it largely stems from unenforced traffic laws.

They drive on sidewalks near building doors. They have impeded traffic and hurt people.

Being awoken at night and unable to go back to sleep

The driving is loud, annoying, and unsafe. Beyond that, though, as a parent I see that my kid and his friends witness lawless behavior occurring without consequence and learn from that. On the one hand, it makes them frightened to see that rules are not enforced and makes them worry about their own safety. On the other hand, it implies to them that maybe *they* don't need to follow the rules either since apparently nobody cares if they openly broken. I think that waiting until something disastrous happens would be a big mistake, and that we want to send a message to everyone in the community that there are standards for behavior in shared public spaces and that violations of the rules will have consequences.

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The riders are unsafe. They do know follow traffic safety laws (obeying traffic lights, obeying one way streets, stopping for pedestrians). The vehicles are a nuisance and in large numbers are scary to be near.

I've repeatedly seen ATV drivers commit random violence against vehicles and pedestrians. I've seen ATV drivers chase down cars with guns drawn. I've seen an ATV driver deliberately circle back and run over the dog of a woman who yelled at them. They are a constant reminder that public safety in DC is NOT under control, and that it's probably time after nearly 30 years to give up on DC and move to the suburbs somewhere where things like that don't happen at all, much less every day. I know the problem is the AUSA not prosecuting these people, not DC Police. I know DC Police (eventually) catch them all the time. But our soft-on-crime city council and AUSA keep them from ever experiencing REAL consequences for this type of behavior, and DC Police aren't allowed to chase and catch them, so it continues. I'd like to see a mandatory minimum of at LEAST six months for riding one on a street or sidewalk, and a MINIMUM fine of \$10,000. They are hugely dangerous, polluting and loud.

In addition to witnessing the near-accidents caused by the mopeds and scooters in my neighborhood as a pedestrian, I've also been a driver in my car when mopeds and scooters are weaving in and out of traffic and causing drivers and pedestrians to swerve out of the way. Additionally, the noise from the ATVs and motorcycles at all hours of the night is very disruptive to the neighborhood. Living in our neighborhood we expect a reasonable amount of street noise but the motors at 4 am is ridiculous.

My home is on Rhode Island Ave NW. These vehicles are very loud.

Safety concerns

While the ATVs are an incredibly loud nuisance, I'm more so concerned about public safety, particularly while walking the neighborhood with my young child in a stroller. Last summer I was rounding the corner from P St onto 14th St NW, when an ATV rider intentionally drove *ON THE SIDEWALK* right in front of me and my daughter, swerving with only moments to spare before we'd get hit. It was horrifying. I wrote to CM Pinto's office (copying citywide officials) and received no response, much like their continued inaction in the interest of public safety. It's deeply embarrassing.

It has destroyed the quality of life in our residential neighborhood. We are planning to move out of DC after 10+ years because the city is not doing nearly enough to curb lawlessness. The ongoing prevalence of ATVs is a prime example of this.

Inconvenient and dangerous for the roads. Affects me as a pedestrian and a driver

Negatively affects rental values and resale values; makes sleeping on weekends nearly impossible.

Was almost hit twice walking my dog; loud ATV noises on Vermont AVE NW many weekend nights between midnight and 3 am.

Loud drag racing sounds late night on weekends

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Noise at all hours. Reckless driving in my neighborhood.

Noise affecting quality of life

Extreme noise, unsafe driving, public scare.

Noise, public safety

Extremely loud noise, threat to safety, mental and physical health, lack of sleep and negative work performance, culture of lawlessness that currently permeates DC

LOUD and chaotic in the middle of the night, disrupts sleep and makes people feel unsafe to stay in my home, or to come/go when this is happening. I own home on 1800 block of 9th

Fear - the illegal ATV drivers have no regard for anyone's safety. Noise - especially the 3 am drag racing/ATVs

The block of 1900 9th St was very crazy before the city started blocking off the street on the weekends. I see it still happen on U St from time to time.

My mother is 81 years old and this issue plus others that have made Columbia heights very unsafe and hard to navigate, such as drunks and improvised vendors all over, keeps her from enjoying the neighborhood. Recently on a walk, a kid on a bicycle knock her down to the ground.

It was a very unpleasant moment for us. My whole family feels the same way about the deterioration of the public spaces in CoHi regardless of age or physical condition.

peace and quiet

Loud and aggressive behavior outside my window

Usually late evening to impede my sleep. I no longer try walking in the area in weekend nights, even to go to dinner or for a drink.

Creates a bad dynamic in the community

The lawlessness makes me feel unsafe; I do not invite friends to come to this neighborhood to visit me. This lawlessness emboldens others to break laws and do whatever they want without regard for the people who live here and want to enjoy the neighborhood.

Quality of life

Makes me feel unsafe

no safety when crossing the street, they don't follow the transit laws, they crossed over red lights, they speed when they shouldn't, unpredictable U-turns, drive over sidewalks, between cars

Noise, traffic, pedestrian safety, neighborhood aesthetics, and property value

Blocked roadway and delays movement of traffic and emergency vehicles

Near miss accidents, excessive noise at all hours, nearly running over pedestrians

Quality of life noise, emissions from unregulated motors that are strong enough to smell, loud noises, unsafe practices.

The audible throttle revving reverberates through the neighborhood.

Loss of sleep. Property values have declined.

The ATVs are a nuisance late at night and on the weekends. It disrupts the quiet enjoyment of our own home. It also is so extremely dangerous for both the ATV drivers and passengers who are



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often not wearing helmets and not respecting traffic laws - as well as other drivers and pedestrians. Also as a responsible vespa owner, it is extremely frustrating to see the proliferation of mopeds that have no license plates, drivers and passengers are not wearing helmets, and the moped drivers do not respect any traffic rules - including for example stopping at red lights.

No one can sleep 2-6 nights a week.

I don't mind them as long as mopeds are registered with licenses and following the traffic rules as other vehicles do. I often see mopeds running red lights, interfering with traffic at intersection and accidentally running over pedestrians. In other countries with regular use of mopeds, mopeds operate under the laws and rules like a car.

The mopeds and ATVs are sometimes very loud outside my window late at night. I'm concerned the ATV stunt riders will cause an accident or will get hurt themselves.

I believe that wreckless drivers -- both on mopeds and ATVs -- risk injury to themselves and to other members of the community. In particular, mopeds swerving in and out of traffic, running red lights, and going the wrong way down one-way streets. I see at least one ATV driver a day without a helmet performing dangerous stunts. Groups of ATV drivers also frequently block traffic and behave in a threatening and uncivil manner to other drivers.

Constant noise makes it hard to enjoy my home, sleep, etc. Dangerous traffic conditions when I walk outside.

Disruptive and dangerous to daily life in DC

I avoid going outside after it gets dark and it used to be a safe area for me to walk after midnight. These drivers are aggressive, do not care for people and are dangerous. Not sleeping at night because of noise they make reduces productivity and affects mental health. It is a significant decline in safety the city is experiencing because of these drivers.

Losing sleep due to noise

Moped and ATV theatrics endanger residents and cause unnecessary anxiety for shoppers.

Safety and well being of property guests and residents of my home

Noise is unhealthy - degrades sleep, causes anxiety. Wrecklessness endangers other vehicles & pedestrians.

The ATV noise in the middle of the night is insane. I often get woken up - last week at 1am on Monday morning ATVs were circling the 1800 and 1900 block of 9th street for over an hour. No one ever came and got rid of them. There were multiple horns honking - it was very noisy and dangerous.

I am a physician who works from home. The noise level I caused by ATVs revving, moped drivers congregating and chatting under my Juliet balcony/windows impacts my daily multitude of virtual meetings, sleep and overall rest after long work days

Loud noises disturbing sleep

I live on Logan Circle. Mopeds and other vehicles at times have zero regard for noise pollution (including sirens). I have witnessed mopeds and bicycles traveling in the wrong direction

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(clockwise) around the circle several times. I have seen both on sidewalks, though mopeds rarely on sidewalks. I have seen mopeds run red lights a number of times, and I have seen them run red lights along Rhode Island Ave. as well. Many times in many places I have seen mopeds in the bicycle lane, very frustrating for cyclists. As a general rule, they seem to do whatever they want. I would like to also start a conversation about traffic calming on Logan Circle (where I live), by doing things like timing the lights for a certain speed and posting signs stating lights are timed for X speed, removing a lane, etc. I would also request emergency vehicles lower the volume of sirens when going around the circle, because the nature of circular travel means the sound waves are always pointed at the buildings, besides that it also disrupts pleasant enjoyment of the park. Damage the roads, stopped traffic and potentially damage the housing value. More importantly could injure the pedestrians.

Promoting the view that laws will not be enforced, leading to the commission of other offenses including property damage and violent crime

Before closure on 9th, noise made it difficult to sleep

High noise levels and reckless driving make it unsafe for my family

Loss of sleep, physical safety

People feeling unsafe in the city not just with this issue are opting out of coming downtown for services and staying in the burbs.

makes crossing the street hazardous

Children trying to sleep have a hard time falling asleep or are woken up.

The noise keeps me up. The running of red lights makes me feel unsafe as a pedestrian

Illegal moped and ATV riders drive at all hours of the night, impacting our ability to sleep and harming our overall household health.

Losing hours of sleep on a loud night

The rental ones are left in front of my gate and in the middle of sidewalks. Sometimes up, sometimes just dropped there, impeding pedestrian traffic.

Dirt bikes, scooters and ATV's make it harder for me to enjoy my neighborhood with my family.

They are loud and drive dangerously which makes it harder for children to feel safe crossing streets or playing in parks. Riders frequently drive offroad or the wrong way down one way streets, making it more likely they will be involved in a crash.

Loss of sleep from noise of ATVs

Hard to walk my dog because they are on sidewalks or running lights as well as blowing pass the stop signs.

Loud noise of moped alarms

How about some enforcement of traffic lights and stop signs for bicycle riders, please. Many riders create dangerous conditions for pedestrians and drivers with behavior that mimics the moped drivers. Apparently, DC's government views everything about bicycles as benign.



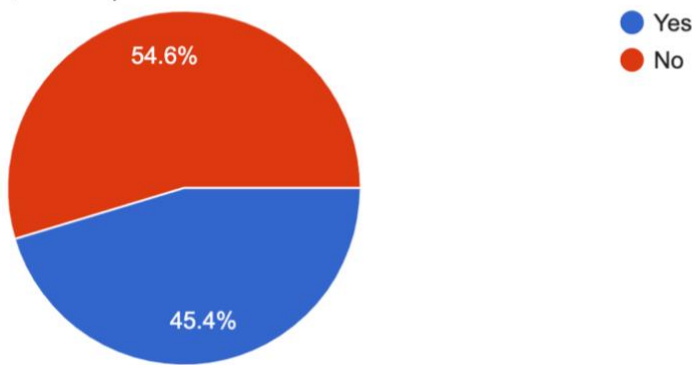
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Scooters and bicycles present a major safety problem in our sidewalks and streets; particularly in the downtown area. Are there any regulations? I haven't seen any signage anywhere alerting scooters not to zip by pedestrians the way they do.

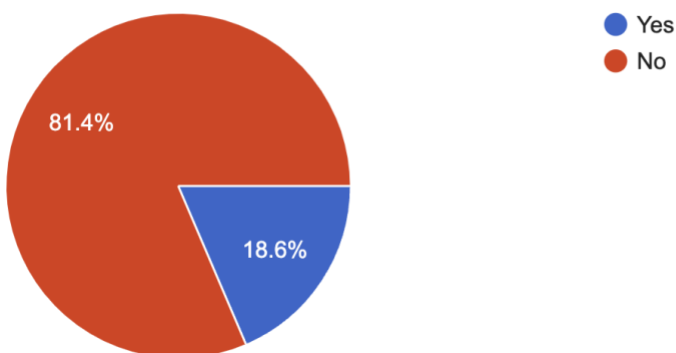
Are you aware of what the requirements are for registration of mopeds/scooters?

1,000 responses



Have you seen police action/intervention taken in response to the driving behaviors of mopeds/scooters?

1,000 responses



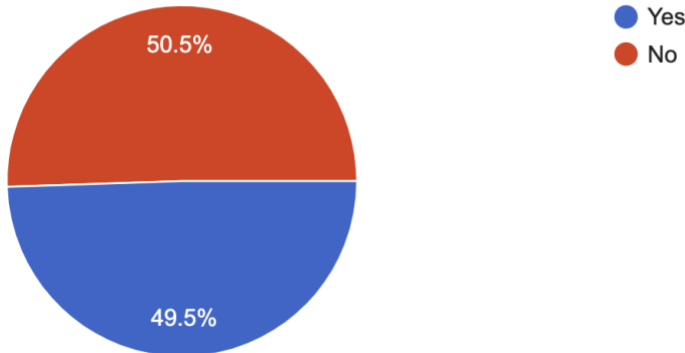


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Do you think there needs to be a centralized location for drivers of moped/scooters/ATVs to congregate as an alternative to congregating in large groups on busy roadways?

1,000 responses



If yes, do you have two suggestions of where that alternate location could be? Snapshot of responses

RFK Stadium

Not sure

Parking lot in Rock Creek Park possibly or another park.

I think bike lanes are okay. If there isn't a bike lane, they need to be in a driver's lane and not zig zagging through traffic. They need to be required to stop and stop signs and lights in addition to using hand signs for turn signals.

(1) A big open, safe area that is not near businesses, homes or people/children/pedestrians. (2) Maybe the RFK site? (It is the largest piece of land I can think of in the city.) (3) Arbortum? (4) Rock Creek Park? But getting to these locations would necessarily be problematic if they drive their ATVs wildly to the location. I also feel the "rush" they get is from doing it in public...so not sure they would "go to a designated place"

I am not sure what the answer to this is. I believe ATVs are illegal on city streets! If so, I don't understand why they are allowed. These vehicles do not belong in any city as they are for off-road recreational. The problem is that their owners are probably city residents who prefer to cause trouble and chaos on busy city streets. Mopeds and Scooters are not the primary issue here as they can coexist with city residents.

Maryland and Virginia, where many of them are from

Somewhere where there are not homes or apartments where people sleep and live.

they should not be permitted to gather in large groups anywhere, unless they do so lawfully and do not obstruct the roadways, access, parking, sidewalks or parks.



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Perhaps a couple of medium to large parking open air parking lots or used land - the problem though is what are they doing when they are there? Is it creating another problem ie drugs, fighting etc.

ATVs ought to be banned

No, but needs to not take up a lane on the road; potential to use a parking lot

PERHAPS force them to follow the law???? Impound their illegal vehicles

I'm not actually sure there should be an alternative location but there was no option for other or unsure. I don't know enough about the potential for that action to help address the problem.

an off-street parking lot, in various neighborhoods (eg:CoHi, DuPont Circle, Capitol Hill, etc)

Don't encourage it

Why should there be a location to congregate? I am part of an automobile club, and we gather peacefully at some restaurant/inn parking lot without bothering anybody.

I am not opposed to creating such a centralized location, but I think we should be clear that there does not "need" to be such a location. What needs to happen is that the rules about using the roads need to be enforced. I would happily support the construction of some kind of dedicated stunt show area just as we have skate parks and other recreational facilities. But the thing that needs to happen is that if police officers witness a person violating the rules, that person should face consequences.

We should not be encouraging the congregation of riders in the city.

NOT in the District. Put it out in PG County and let their taxpayers pay for it.

Want these vehicles banned from cities

RFK

n/a

They should not congregate

Don't know. Don't care.

a closed course outside of the city.

Parking lot

Unknown

I don't think that's the city's responsibility to solve

RFK.

Outside the city limits

We should be focusing on wreckless driving atvs and not delivery drivers

Outside of the city in non-residential areas; not in residential areas

no idea

One - jail. Two - they have no business being on public streets. Do I think they should have a centralized location - no. that will lead to fights, shootings, drugs, etc

The riders don't want a centralized location to ride. They ride on the street for the attention.



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Some roads could be designated as preferred for them, letting know cars and pedestrians that they have to be extra careful. Maybe creating corridors for them and banning them or controlling their speed through residential streets.

I have no idea. Space is rare everywhere..

Rock Creek Park. Old RFK stadium area

Unsure

Providing an alternate location is a stupid idea that is not a proven solution. It would be a waste of money

Arlington

11th and Irving st

Golden Triangle area, by a park in downtown

Large parking lot or open area that does not block busy roadway

ATVs are not street legal and should not be granted a place to congregate on public streets.

They should not be congregating any more than cars. If they want to park on the streets then they should be treated as cars.

I don't think that is the right approach to limit where mopeds can be located. Mopeds are very efficient and cost-effective, they just need to be treated like a regular car operating in a city. In other countries with regular moped usage, at every intersection, there is a dedicated box/section for mopeds to park so cars can easily identify them and not run them over. Look up Taiwan and European countries

No. Most of the scooter drivers near me are delivery drivers, and it seems they may already be in designated areas set up for them on 14th Street NW between Irving and Kenyon, though I never heard anything about it before they seemed to show up out of the blue.

Honestly, I can't think of any current location where it would be safe for them to congregate.

Perhaps non-residential roads with limited traffic.

This was tried in other cities and did not work. It's partially about public disobedience.

I don't believe they will follow those rules

The alternative to busy roadways seems to be the more narrow residential streets, so I often see them congregate in the bike lanes instead of blocking traffic. While as a biker this is frustrating and creates a safety issue, given the way the roads are set up this seems like a safer alternative to being in the street. This is made more difficult because there are cars that often park on 14th or Irving and just block the roadway, which is the bigger safety issue because it truly impedes traffic for all vehicles, including public transportation and emergency vehicles. Having a centralized location makes sense, but it should not take away from any bike lanes. Perhaps instead, certain parking spots on 14th could be dedicated for mopeds on that intersection because I've noticed cars just block the roadway even when there is an available parking spot. First, Designated area could be provided outside of DC and any residential area so that residents can not hear them. Second, it should not be a road but enclosed type of road with no other



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transportation, like a simple stadium so they can go in circles - in that case people who want to see them can go there and enjoy the show. In the meantime prohibit them being on roads with other transportation. The situation is out of control at this point.

West Virginia!

RFK STADIUM PARKING LOT

Doubt that these drivers are interested in isolated location; they want attention & mobility.

RFK area? where there is wide open space

Create a hub for congregating near the local school far from residential homes.

I do not understand why moped drivers would need to 'congregate' - what does this mean? Where in the city would it be reasonable to have a congregation of vehicles, particularly loud ones? We need to have more conversation in DC about it being a city at human scale, not vehicle scale, where there are larger spaces reserved and protected for pedestrian traffic. There is no reason to have a congregation of vehicles, and any space presumed to be used for this purpose would be better used for pedestrians.

RFK stadium

I'm less concerned about mopeds, as many of those individuals are Uber eats drivers just trying to make a living.

Create space in a parking garage for them.

No. Tell them to congregate in the same places most other mature adults do and get off the street.

RFK stadium site

No ideas.

Anywhere that is not in downtown D.C. Lots of open spaces in Maryland, where most illegal ATV/dirt bike drivers are coming from.

I said no. Why this question?

Outside of the city far away from any population centers.

Why is the city proposing accommodations for illegal (ATVs on city streets) activity?

Do not have suggestions

Not sure



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What do you think are the solutions that should be explored to address any personal and public safety concerns you might have?

Police presence, enforcing lawful behavior.

DC Council has made it legit for bikers - mopeds/electric bikes/bikes/scooters - to ride on sidewalks and ignore traffic laws. As a pedestrian, I am left with NO/ZERO RIGHTS.

Public awareness campaign on how a driver can get the registration, license, insurance; and on what the rules of the road are; providing flyers and other communications to moped drivers in Spanish language about the community's outrage and demand that their reckless driving and dangerous behavior must cease;; offering drivers the opportunity to learn more about the DMV requirements; and improved registration outreach.

Enforcing driving laws on moped drivers.

Much more active policing and community responses.

Personal and Public Safety: Needs to be enforced and vehicles impounded if not properly registered and/or operated. Hugely needs to be done. I am happy to give ideas on how police can do this in a safe manner.

Enforce laws against ATVs or establish laws to keep them off city streets. Mopeds and Scooters should also be monitored by police and owners need to be educated of their responsibilities and rules/laws for use on city streets.

Unsure

Greater visible police presence in heavily trafficked and congested areas

Strictly enforce no illegal vehicles on streets, especially in NW, we need to either block the streets on the weekends (including Sunday) or have cops out there doing something to stop these vehicles. And IMPORTANTLY the vehicles that are insanely loud and disruptive to residents need to be banned.

the police need to stop, verify insurance, registration and helmet laws are compiled, if not confiscate.

More clear signs saying no mopeds/atvs graphic and clear - like a picture of them with a line through it. In high problem areas

Ban ATVs. Mopeds need their vehicles to be silenced.

Moped drivers could take a written driving test for mopeds; initially instead of traffic tickets talk to drivers/education; designated parking zones; tickets for sidewalk driving immediately;

Enforce the law

I'm not sure of other ideas besides those mentioned.

mandatory education and mopeds / bike licensing (both operators and vehicles); speed and traffic intersection cameras (similar to autos); enforcement by police supported by neighbors (including families and friends)



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more regulations that support moped/atv for delivery and other essential work and reduces moped/atv for fun

Chase and arrest. Impound and destroy

Mopeds should require registration. Those that are found breaking the law should be ticketed and fined. A large balance of unpaid fines or excess number of moving violations should result in an impounded vehicle.

Police need to arrest and/or pull over ATV drivers, especially when they are driving on the sidewalks

Enforcement of the law. Give them tickets, confiscate the vehicles if they misbehave. I get a ticket when I don't obey the law.

We should use surveillance cameras – both publicly owned and also the cameras everyone carries around in their pockets – to identify vehicles that are being used unlawfully and then impound the vehicles when they are stationary. Stationary vehicles without proper tags should be impounded on site. The owners and operators of illegally used vehicles should get a warning, and then faced with repeated violations they should go to prison.

Increased ticketing and ensuring moped/ATVs are registered with the city

ATV should be banned in the city. There are no areas in the city where they should be ridden.

I'd like to see MUCH stronger mandatory minimum sentencing. And immediate impoundment of the vehicles. Reauthorize police chases, and hold police harmless if the idiots crash while fleeing the police. And I'd like to see the Youth Rehabilitation Act fully repealed. Children run wild here because they *can* - we made it that way.

Allowing police to give chase

Blocking U Street to all vehicular traffic except for city buses.

Increased active enforcement; and increased incentives for e-bikes to people that currently rely on mopeds for their income.

Licensure and registration

Get rid of the no-chase policy, which only emboldens these obnoxious criminals. They must face a very real fear that they will be pursued, arrested, and their ATVs seized and destroyed. Look to NYC as a model of how it should be done.

1. more police; 2. lower concentrations of alcohol establishments (eg the 1900 blk of 9th street NW is completely out of control); 3. Better enforcement of existing laws and regulations (by ABCA, MPD, DCRA, DDOT, etc). Our community has become a haven for criminals because city agencies are not enforcing the law, and council has removed all meaningful deterrents (we are aware of recent crime bill).

Traffic laws need to be more strictly enforced by police. I have witnessed police be more lenient with mopeds violating traffic laws than they are with cars

IDK

Ticket and significant find for unlicensed and unregistered vehicles



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Change to allow more aggressive police chasing/engagement

Pedestrian only streets on weekends. Checkpoints. Cameras

Your job

Ban such driving within the city limits; mandate far lower speeds for ATVs; mandate engine dampers to reduce noise; penalize law enforcement for not enforcing action against reckless driving using ATVs; Increase the price of gasoline for ATVs; ban group driving of ATVs.

Police enforcement

Impound the ATVs and arrest the drivers

Confiscation of unregistered/stolen ATVs/mopeds; FINES - not that fines would get paid or confinement

Impound vehicals that are not allowed on the street.

The key to pleasant living is respect for the rule of law, regulations for city planning and order and cleanliness in public spaces. We cannot have drunks, illegal parking and improvised/unlicensed vendors taking over our neighborhoods. Our taxes should be used to provide us pleasant spaces.

The police and city employees need to help us rescue our communities.

Resident education and more agressive enforcement.

Seizing illegal mopeds, ticketing unlicensed drivers, ticketing the company they are delivering for More enforcement of noise and driving on the sidewalk.

Police need to actually do their jobs

Confiscate the vehicles and immobilize them. Round them up at the gas station on 15th street where they refuel. Stop being afraid to enforce the law. Arrest the perpetrators.

Impound the f---g things

The mopeds should be if a certain standard and otherwise should be banned.

require the drivers to take a transit class, register their mopeds, give them tickets just like cars.

Strict License requirements, registration fees, mandatory helmet usage, parking and idling restrictions

Warnings and then start issuing tickets fir blocking roadways

Enforce the law around them not being on the street

Enforcement and impoundment for people who do not have licenses or are paying registration.

Offer them to purchase and use electric bikes as a sustainable alternative.

Impound more vehicles and write tickets for illegal operation.

More arrests. Require delivery services vet their driver to ensure that they are kegal.

Not sure for the ATVs but the rules regarding moped use need to be enforced. Drivers must have licenses, wear helmets, have them registered (depending on size), respect the rules of the road like any other motorized vehicle, etc. and if they do not they should be pulled over and ticketed.

Honestly, I know you can't just chase them. But putting more energy into confiscating them at every gas station in town feels effective. Just a few weeks of no safe spaces to refuel and so many would be gone...



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Require mopeds to be registered and operate on the streets like any other vehicle. Wear a helmet. I don't know because I don't know what, if anything, is already being done.

Increased ticketing enforcement, ensuring all bikes are registered appropriately.

Moped and ATV drivers behaving in an unlawful manner should receive citations. Drivers driving unregistered vehicles should have their vehicles impounded.

Closing certain areas to all traffic on weekends. Pedestrian only.

Since cameras give us tickets - can they be used to ticket or arrest reckless moped-atv drivers

Continue of activity of police removing them.

In addition to a dedicated space for them and dealing with car traffic, I think it's important when thinking about solutions to not loop mopeds and ATVs together because they seem to be two different issues. When I see ATVs or see mopeds, I often see police as well, so I don't think that increase police presence will fix the issues alluded to in this survey. I think there at least needs to be some sort of serious and potentially periodic training that happens when you purchase or rent a moped or ATV and a requirement for the owner of that vehicle pass that knowledge on to individuals that may borrow the vehicle from them.

Have them out of residential areas completely. Help police do their job to provide safety to residents.

confiscation

Aggressive enforcement

Criminalize reckless driving behavior confiscate property ticket and tow

Blockades of favorite routes; this was effective in 2023 to curb illegal driving here.

more intervention and harsher penalties

Enforce licenses to operate mopeds, ticketing penalty for violating road rules and towing illegally park mopeds or ATVs

Arrests and prosecutions

More cameras, harsher penalties (particularly for driving on sidewalks), more stringent driving exam and licensing requirements for these vehicles, reconsideration of the dominance allotted to motor vehicles in the city in general (was VERY disappointing after the pandemic to see basically none of the positive changes in the city retained), specific areas/streets where mopeds are restricted from driving, better public transportation and bicycle infrastructure that obviates the need for these vehicles, more traffic calming measures in general that slows down all vehicles, and police officers that actually patrol and stop and punish people breaking the rules.

Law enforcement

More enforcement of existing laws

Enforce existing law.

I have none. Let people live.

Require registration and enforce parking and traffic laws, request ownership papers from the drivers as many of the problem drivers are operating are stolen property



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Enforcement of vehicle registration, banning of dirt bikes within city limits, enforcement of speed and safety measure (eg helmets)

Issue tickets and seize vehicles for those that violate the law repeatedly. Force them to be licensed just as any other motor vehicle and operate as one.

enforce traffic laws FOR ALL VEHICLES

Riders should be ticketed for traffic violations just like drivers of automobiles.

They should be ticketed if operating an off road vehicle on roads or operating unsafely like a car is ticketed. Or vehicle seized if operating vehicle is very dangerous to self or others.

Allow police to chase and arrest illegal dirt bike/ATV/moped drivers; blocking access to "hotspot" roads, such as 9th St NW; impound and destroy illegal ATVs and dirt bikes; TAKE INSPIRATION FROM NYC's CRACKDOWN

The solutions exist -- increased police presence and stricter penalties. I know MPD 3D already does an excellent job. We need to empower them to be able to do more.

Moped owners/drivers need to have regulations with penalties if they break them. Just like traffic tickets.

As much as I hate to say it - requiring 499cc engined vehicles to be registered/licensed as well as their drivers.

We need to change our infrastructure to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. We should have traffic calming infrastructure to make it harder to speed. We should prioritize walking and biking over driving.

More effort to arrest ATV drivers

I dont want to take up police time and resources. There needs to be a way to conduct stops to ask for license and insurance. Why not have a company be able to conduct these stops and give tickets and confiscate the scooters?

What measures do you think would be most effective in reducing reckless driving by mopeds and ATVs?

Increased police patrols

Stricter penalties for violations

Public awareness campaigns

Collaboration with scooter/moped companies

Community reporting and engagement

DC Council needs to remove all BIKES from sidewalks

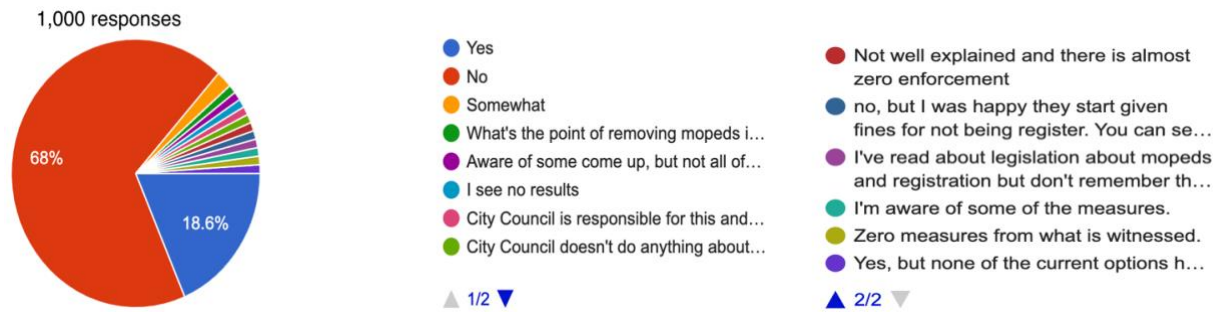


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Are you aware of the moped public safety legislation or City Council measures currently addressing these issues?



Are you aware of the public safety campaigns and increased enforcement measures currently being implemented?

