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SFMTA Grants Permit to Revel to Operate Shared Electric Mopeds in San Francisco

Revel will launch a fleet of 432 mopeds in August, giving residents a new, socially-distant transportation option

San Francisco, CA – The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) announced today that it has granted a permit to shared electric vehicle company Revel to launch a fleet of its mopeds in San Francisco in August.

The initial fleet will consist of 432 mopeds and operate in neighborhoods including Haight-Ashbury, Tenderloin, The Castro, the Mission District, Outer Mission, Cow Hollow, the Financial District, Dogpatch, the Richmond District, Golden Gate Heights, and Pacific Heights, with plans to expand in the near future. Revel first came to the Bay Area in January, when the company launched a fleet of electric mopeds in Oakland.

Revel's San Francisco mopeds will be a new, lighter blue design that the company first introduced in June in New York City, and will be equipped with a new engine designed to help riders navigate San Francisco's famous hills.

"We're excited to bring over 400 first-of-their kind Revels to San Francisco, with a motor tailored for the city and a brighter blue design," said **Frank Reig, CEO and co-founder of Revel**. "The SFMTA's commitment to electric mobility and responsible growth makes this partnership a great fit for Revel, and we thank them for helping us give San Franciscans a new, socially-distant way to get around."

"Revel's electric mopeds align with the SFMTA's vision for our city: more clean-energy modes made accessible to more communities," said **Jeffrey Tumlin, SFMTA Director of Transportation**. "With this addition to our Shared Electric Moped Parking Permit Program, especially in the midst of our COVID-19 response and recovery, San Franciscans will gain a new option that helps offset traffic congestion, reduces air pollution, and allows riders to travel alone and maintain physical distancing."

The service will be available to licensed drivers who sign up through the Revel app, which they can then use to find, reserve, and unlock the moped of their choice parked within the service area. Each Revel can carry up to two riders, is limited to local streets, and is capped at a speed of 30 miles per hour. Revel rides will cost \$1 per person to start, followed by \$0.39 per minute to ride.

Each Revel moped is equipped with two U.S. DOT-certified helmets that must be worn at all times. Every San Francisco rider is covered by third-party liability insurance, and all riders are required to abide by all local traffic and parking laws.

Revel's San Francisco fleet will be maintained by a full-time staff of local workers, and the

company will be hiring again after its August launch. As part of this effort, Revel is voluntarily participating in the First Source Hiring Program and will work with the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development to find talented local employees.

Revel will also offer its Access program in San Francisco, allowing riders who are eligible for or actively participating in any local, state, or federal assistance programs to receive a 40 percent discount on rides. Active military and veterans will be eligible to receive a 20 percent discount on rides.

Riders are encouraged to follow CDC recommendations and state or local guidance for preventing illness, such as frequent hand-washing before and after using Revel. Read more about Revel's response to COVID-19 [here](#).

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