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# OAKLAND

A Newsletter for Older  
Oakland Residents

Here's how we  
improve the way  
Oakland moves



Making it easier, safer, and more enjoyable to get around is major goal of the Oakland Plan.

We spoke with Mavis Rainey, Executive Director of Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA), about two mobility initiatives that could affect how you get around.

## **Scooter Legislation (SB 692)**

Oakland has been a hotspot for Spin scooters since the state government approved a pilot program in July 2021—students accounted for 33% of users in 2022. As part of a multi-modal lifestyle, scooters replace car trips, see peak usage during hours when public transit is limited, and provide last mile connectivity.

At the same time, the program has been dogged by resident concerns over operational speeds, haphazard parking, and accessibility for those with disabilities.

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“We have to be careful when we introduce a program that it’s not at the sacrifice of another population,” says Rainey.

Now, amid budgetary and legislative wrangling in Harrisburg, the Spin pilot has expired and is on indefinite pause. The city seeks to reauthorize the program, calling scooters a “critical mode of transportation.”

## **Integrated Mobility Study**

Scooters play a role in the larger transportation system, which is the focus of an upcoming OTMA study. “We know from the Oakland Plan Existing Conditions Report that we have gaps,” says Rainey.

The state-funded study will look at everything from walking, biking, personal car, on demand services, public transit, institutional shuttles, ADA accessibility, etc. to understand how and why people use them. OTMA is planning a website where residents can access the study and provide feedback, and public engagement meetings to collect feedback in person.

*Join Let's Talk: Oakland Mobility Projects on July 19 (see reverse side for details). Contact OTMA with your feedback.*

# OpenStreetsPGH is coming to Oakland!



Get ready to take back the streets—for the first time ever, BikePGH’s Open Streets event is coming to Oakland! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 30, the route along Forbes, Craig, Centre, S Millvale, and Liberty Ave will be car-free and open for you to walk, run, bike, skate, roll, dance, and enjoy the road at your own pace.

Visit hub locations at Schenley Plaza, Cathedral of Learning’s lawn, and the end of the route in Bloomfield for activities, info, and more.



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## Events

### Let’s Talk: Oakland Mobility Projects

*Wed, July 19. 6—7 p.m. 294 Semple and Zoom.*

Join a community conversation with Mavis Rainey, OTMA Executive Director, to get mobility updates on scooter legislation and an Integrated Mobility Study for our area.

Phone: 646 558 8656  
Meeting ID: 829 4683 8403  
Passcode: 483514

### Zone 4 Meeting: Crimes of Fraud

*Thu, July 20. 6:30 p.m. Jewish Community Center (via rear entrance at 5738 Darlington Rd).*

Financial scams and abuses that target older people are becoming increasingly common.

Join July’s Zone 4 Public Safety Council meeting to learn about how to protect yourself with Felicia Trovato, Community Outreach Specialist for the Pittsburgh Division of the FBI.