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The past year has been marked by a race toward micromobility, where bikes and electric scooters provide a new way for residents to move throughout their communities. While there is a great deal of promise with these innovations, the emergence of micromobility comes with its own set of challenges and considerations for planners, residents and local decision-makers.

Micromobility systems are an increasingly important part of local transit and transportation options. In 2017, 35 million bike share trips were taken, an increase of 25 percent over the year before. While some communities have figured out the interplay between operators and regulators, others are still working through how to manage this new transportation landscape.

Other challenges for communities include ensuring safety, managing curb space, enabling users to take advantage of first and last mile benefits, and launching pilot programs.

The National League of Cities recently released a “Micromobility in Cities: A History and Policy Overview,” which is designed for local leaders learning how to best to integrate micromobility options into their communities. The guide also provides a history of micromobility, from the first bikeshare system launched in 1965 to the rise of e-scooters, which first appeared on city streets in 2017.

You can download the 32-page guide [here](#) [1].



Links

[1] https://www.nlc.org/sites/default/files/2019-04/CSAR_MicromobilityReport_FINAL.pdf