# Member Webinar: MDS and Emerging Dockless Data Standardization

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## Mobility Data Specification

Marcel Porras, Chief Sustainability Officer

How and why we got here and where we're going.

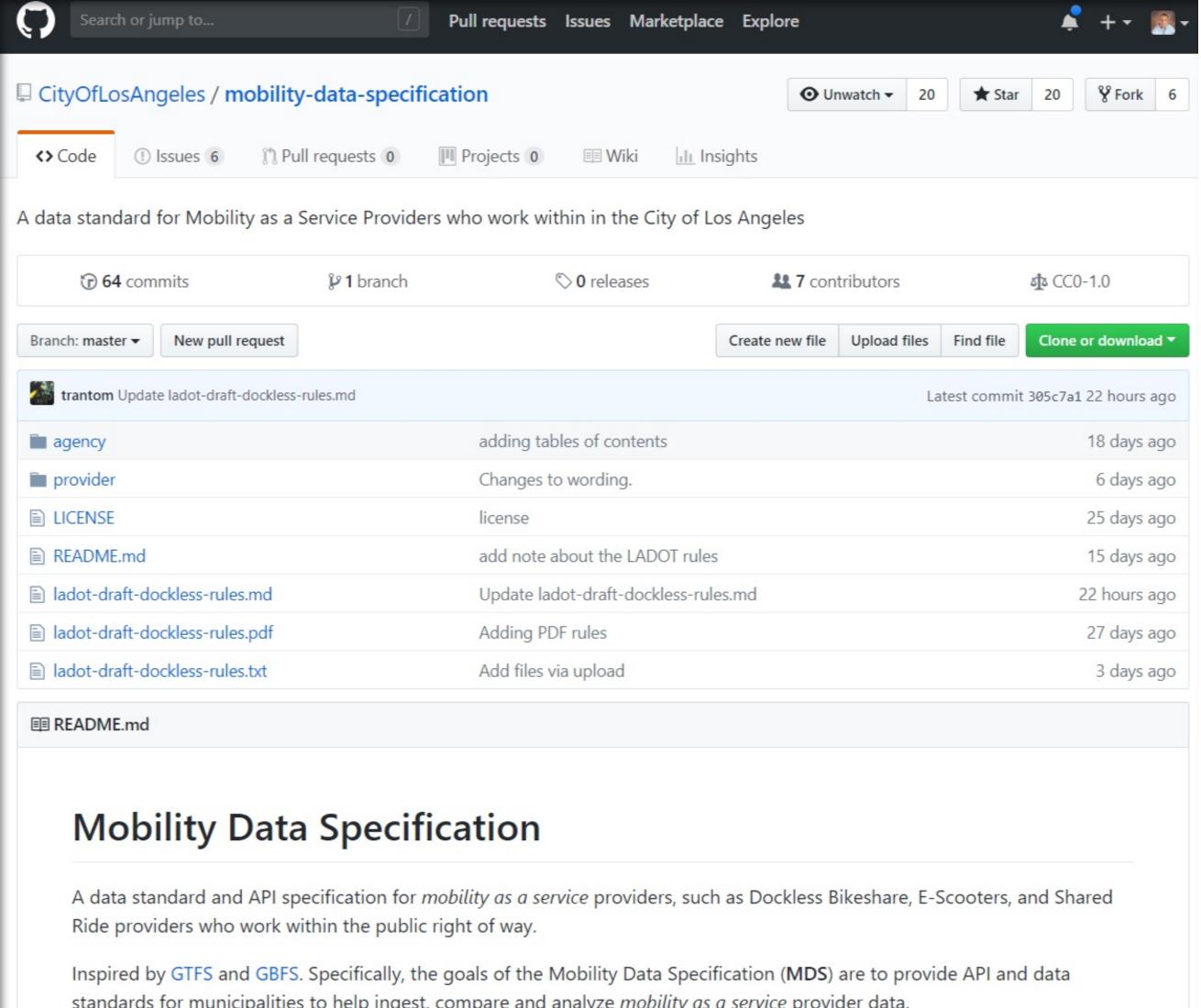




#### MOBILITY DATA SPECIFICATIONS

 https://github.com/CityOfLosAngeles/mo bility-data-specification



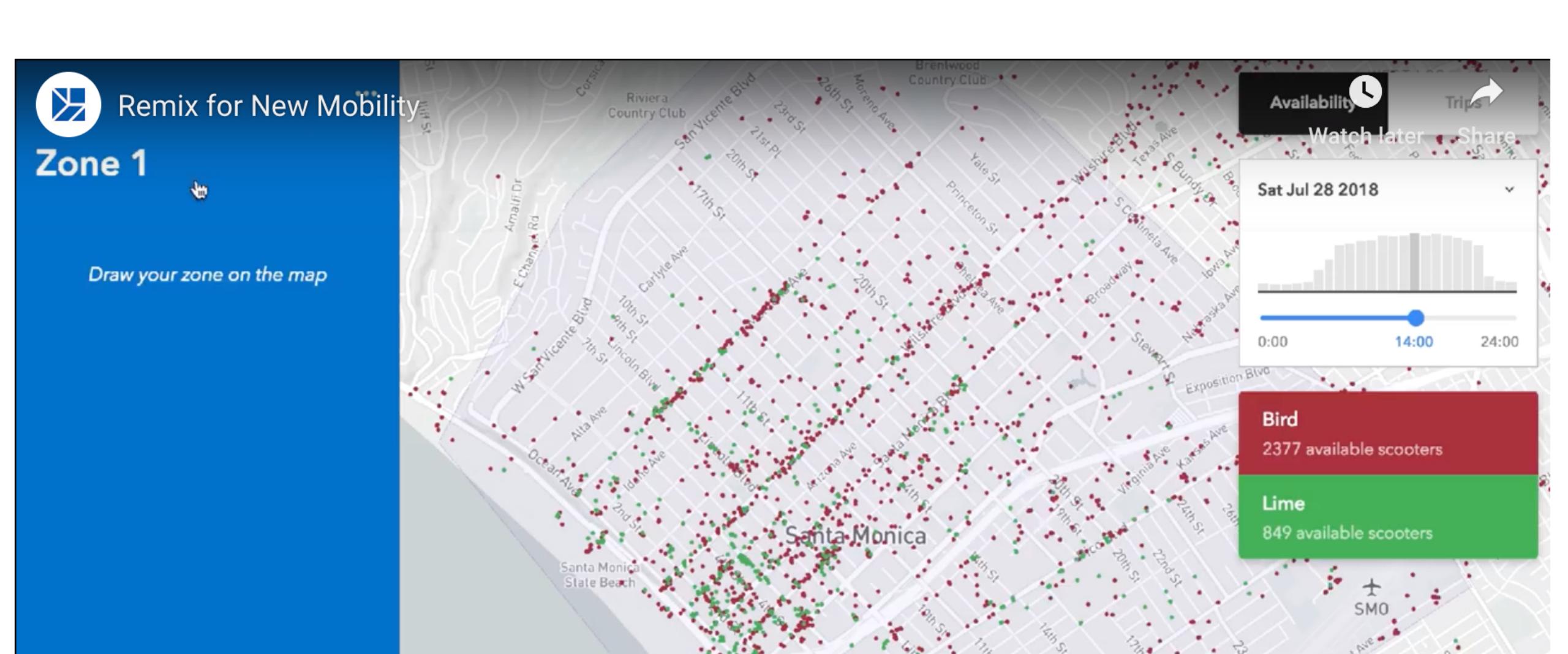


standards for municipalities to help ingest, compare and analyze mobility as a service provider data.

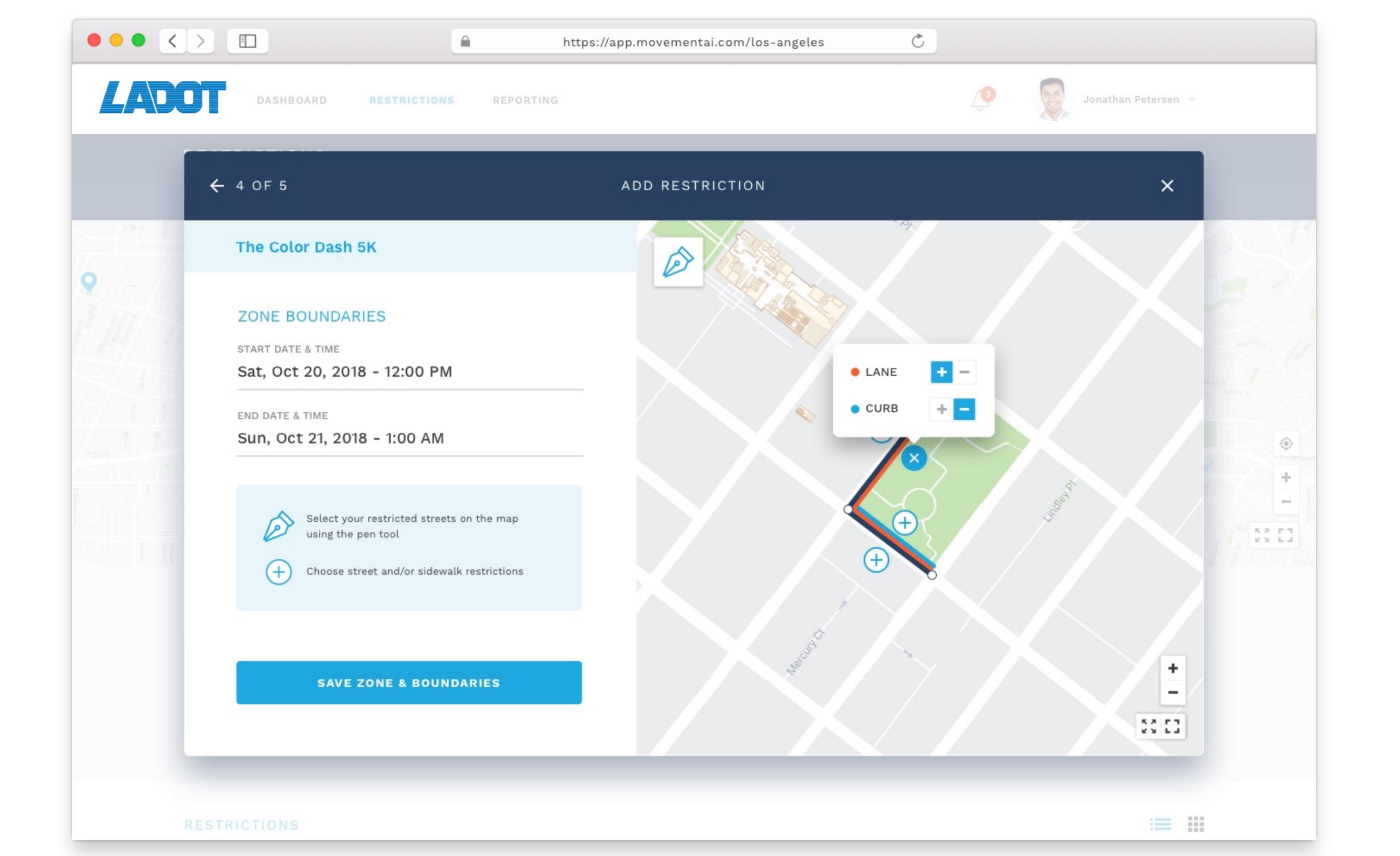
The specification is a way to implement realtime data sharing, measurement and regulation for municipalities and mobility as a service providers. It is meant to ensure that governments have the ability to enforce, evaluate and manage providers.

MDS is currently comprised of two distinct components:

• The provider API is to be implemented by mobility as a service providers, for data exchange and operational information that a municipality will query.

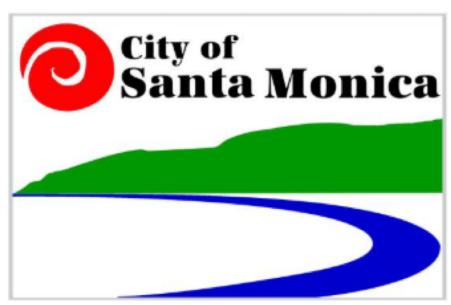


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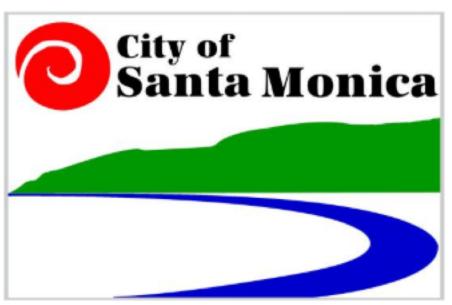




### Governance



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Kegan Maher

#### **Governance Desired Outcomes**

**Competition:** Foster a competitive market for solicited technology procured from a ecosystem **Harmony**: Avoid a patchwork of regulation by enabling homogenous services that span municipality borders.

**Sustainability**: Build product that opens up new business models to monetize transportation infrastructure.

**Data and Privacy:** Cities should earn their own data through the digital services they provide while also adhering to best practices for privacy standards

Open: Allow cities to guide a market for policy and technology using open-source values

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For more information on LADOT:

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# GBFS is the Open Data standard for bikeshare micro-mobility.

GBFS makes real-time data feeds in a uniform format publicly available online, with an emphasis on findability.

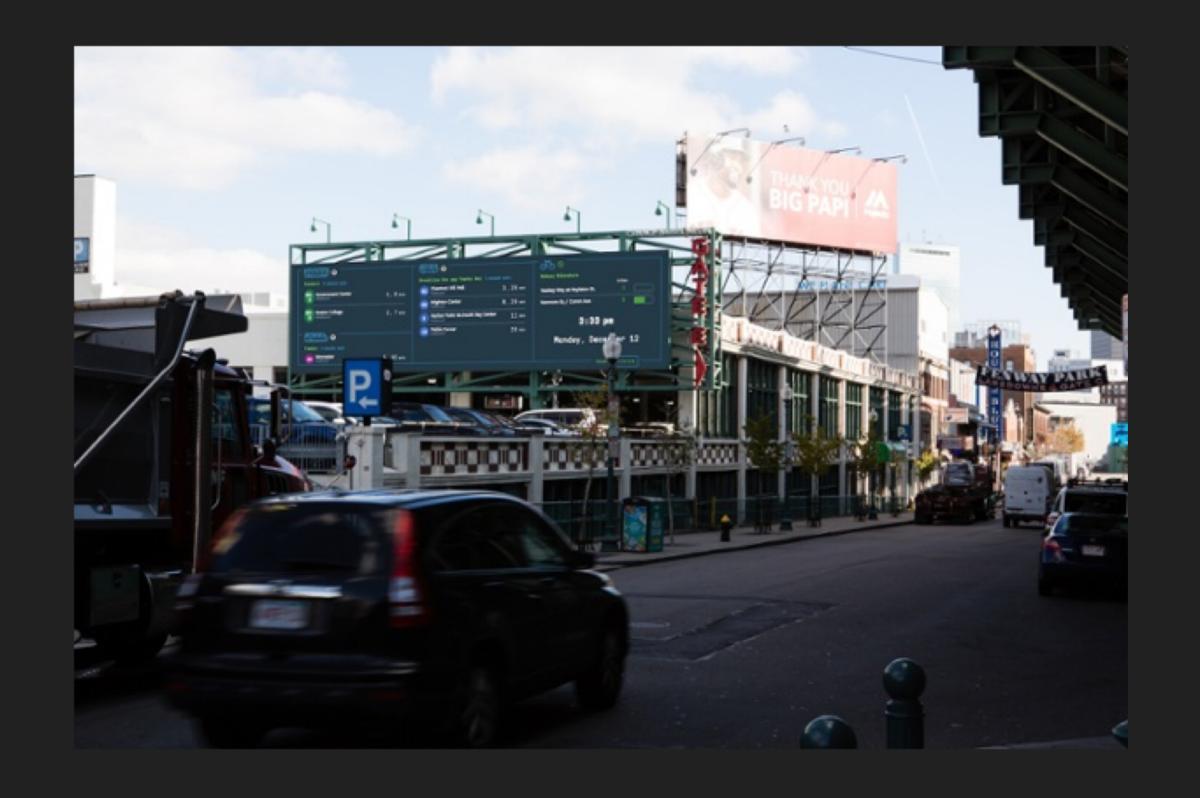
GBFS deals with operational data. It does not address historical usage data or other personally identifiable information.

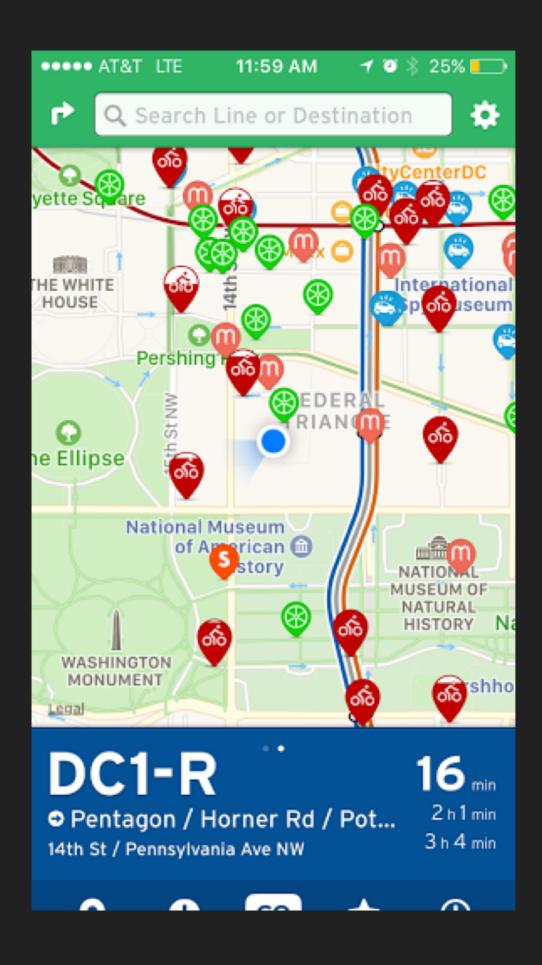
https://github.com/NABSA/gbfs

**Open data** is the idea that some data should be freely available to everyone to use and re-publish as they wish, without restrictions from copyright, patents or other mechanisms of control.<sup>[1]</sup>









All MDS compatible provider APIs must expose a public GBFS feed...<sup>[2]</sup>

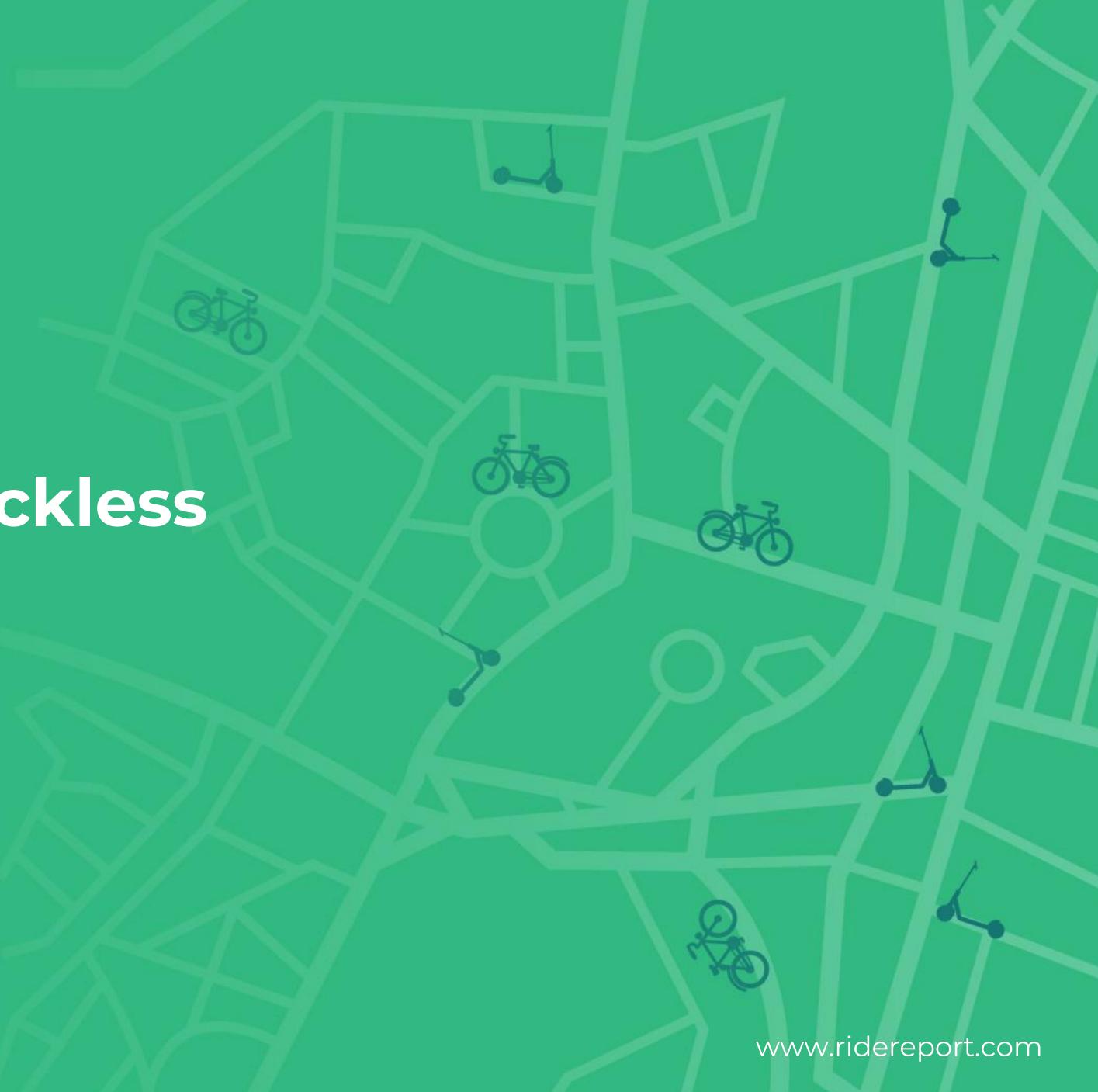
2. <a href="https://github.com/CityOfLosAngeles/mobility-data-specification/tree/dev/provider#realtime-data">https://github.com/CityOfLosAngeles/mobility-data-specification/tree/dev/provider#realtime-data</a>



# MDS and Emerging Dockless Data Standardization

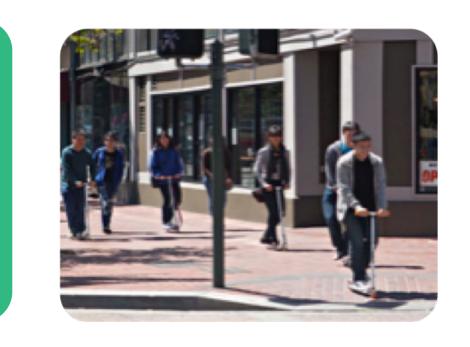
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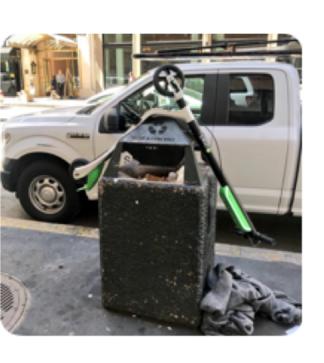


# MDS brings order to dockless data (and other) chaos

- Leadership and intent from cities
- Data sharing is happening: staff can do their jobs
- Standardizes method for data transmission









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#### Harnessing the Power of MDS is Challenging

Lack of agreement on how to calculate even most basic metrics



How many vehicles were there today?



How many trips were made on my streets?



Where were vehicles deployed?



## Next Step: Interoperable Metrics

Open source

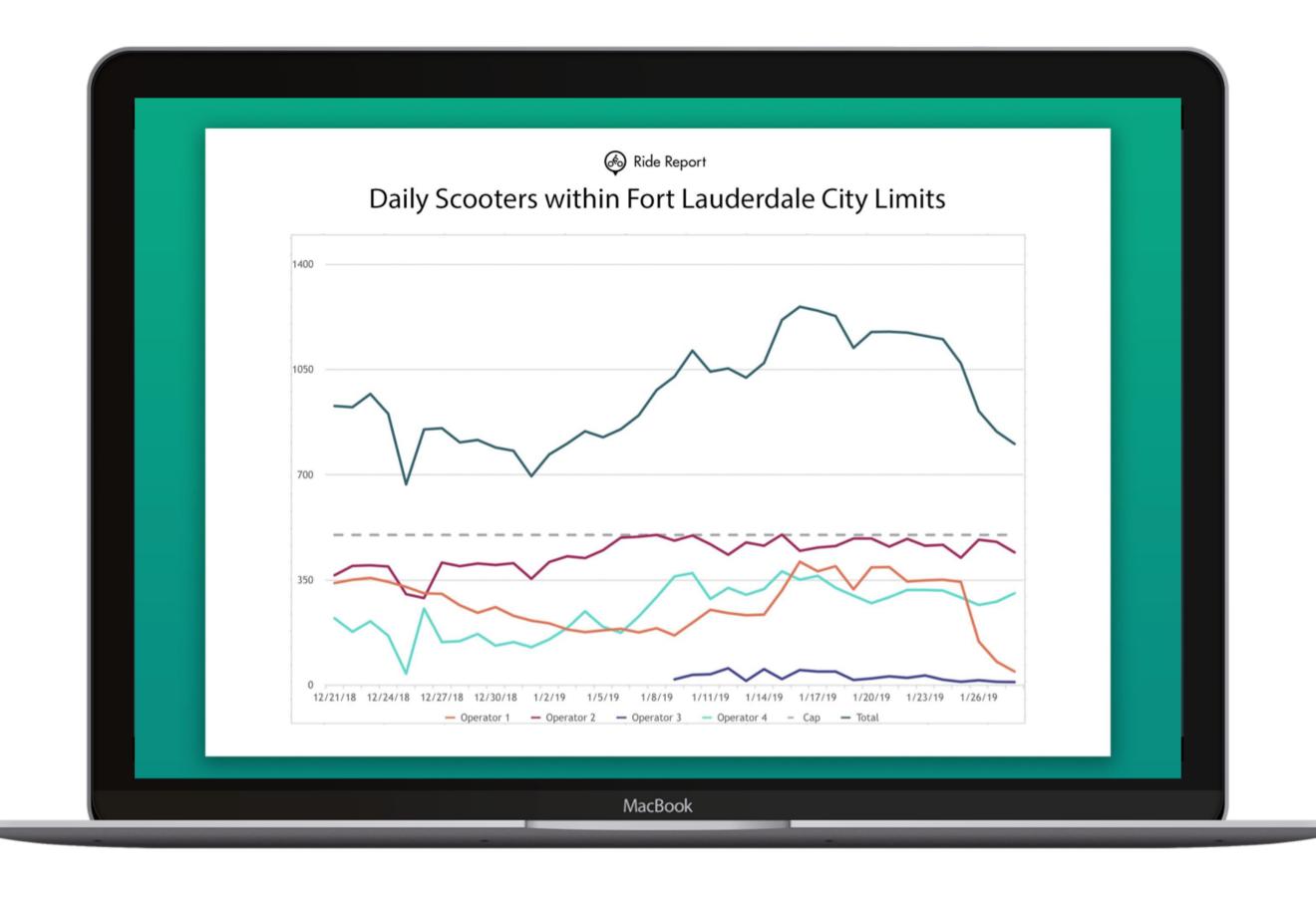
Best practices

Transparent

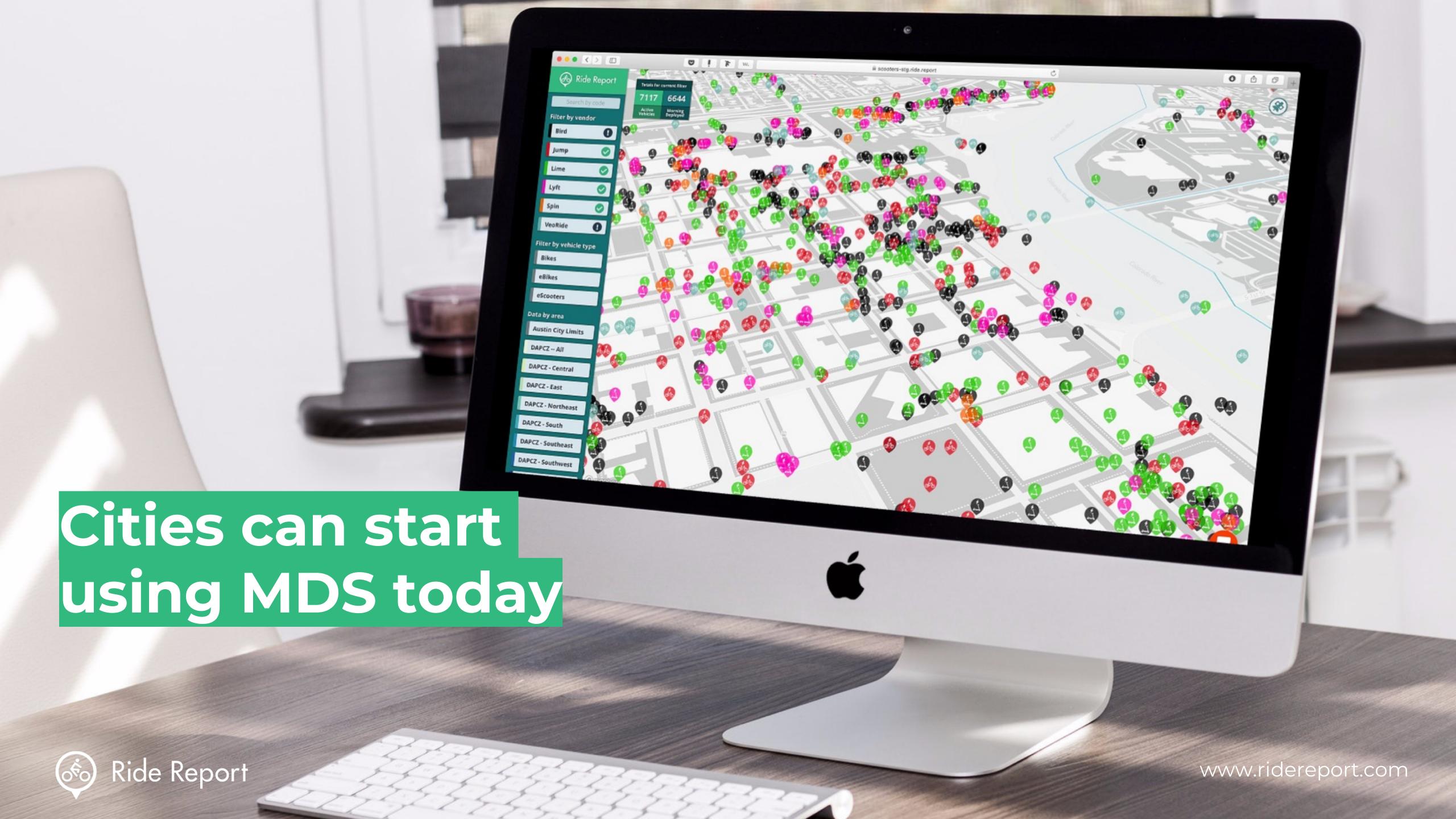
Fairness

Modular

→ No lock-in







# Thanks!

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# Making sense of Micromobility Micromobility with SharedStreets

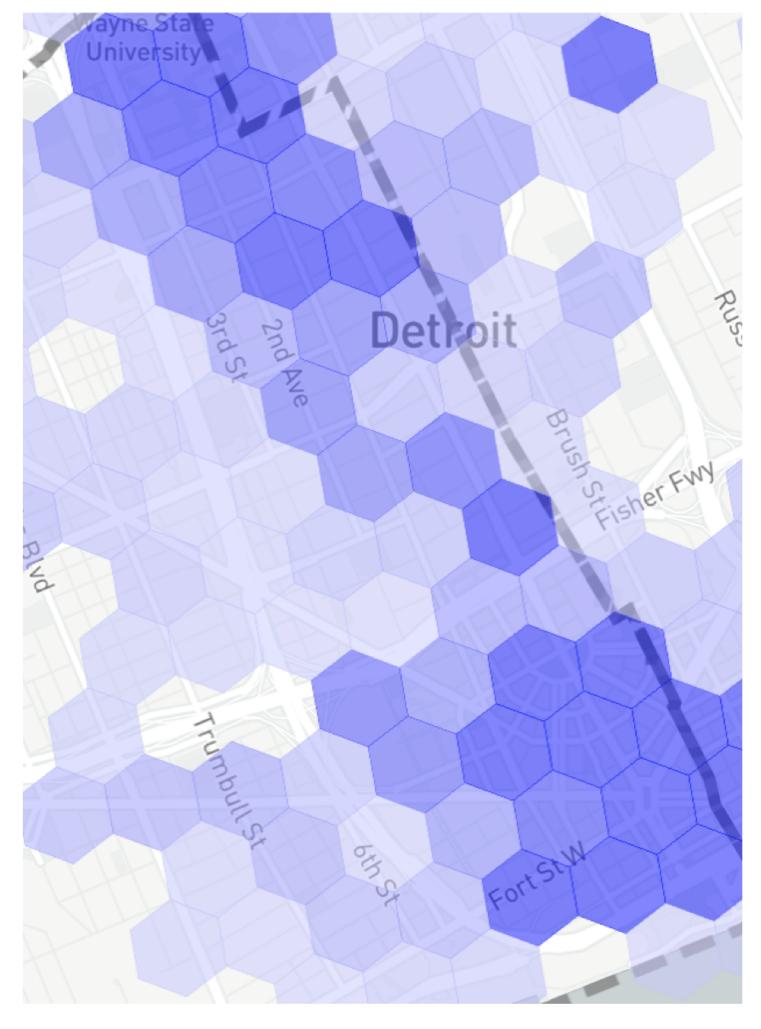
SharedStreets is creating city-led tools for transport data that **protect citizen privacy** and ensure transparent, reusable, **non-proprietary methods for analysis.** 

For micromobility this includes:

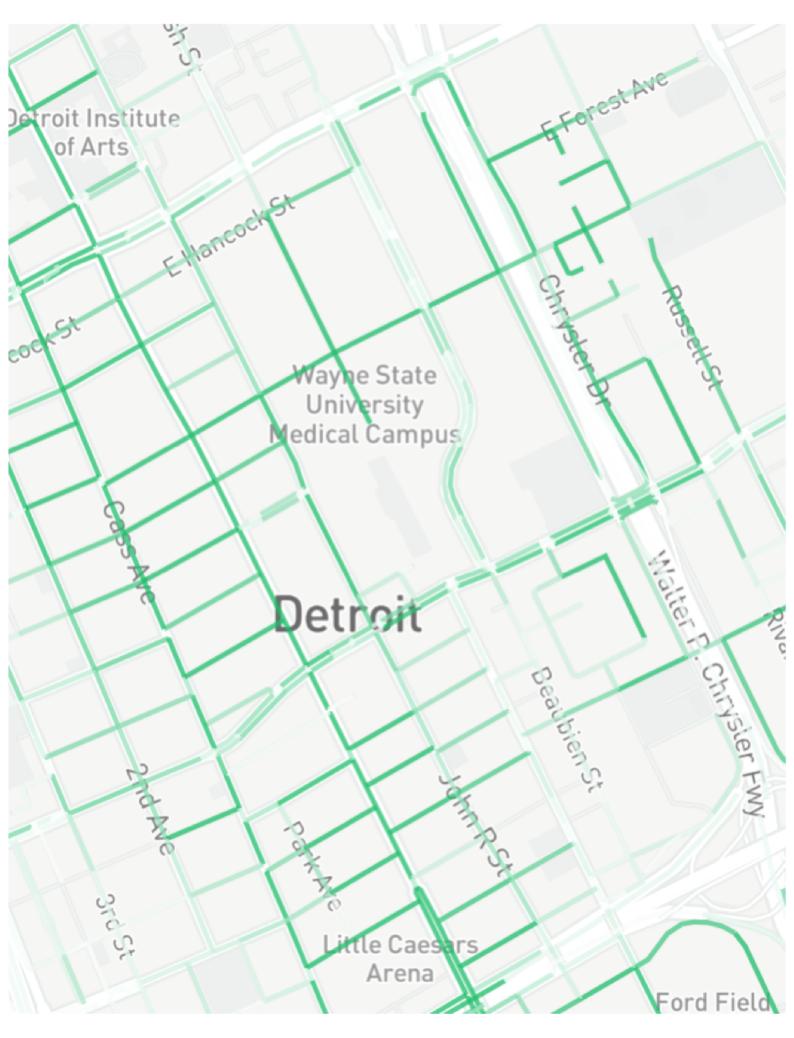
- Building on MDS /provider data standards.
- Working with cities, service operators, and analytics firms to collaborate on open source micromobility metrics
- Developing auditable transportation data streams while avoiding privacy-risks and surveillance in MDS /agency



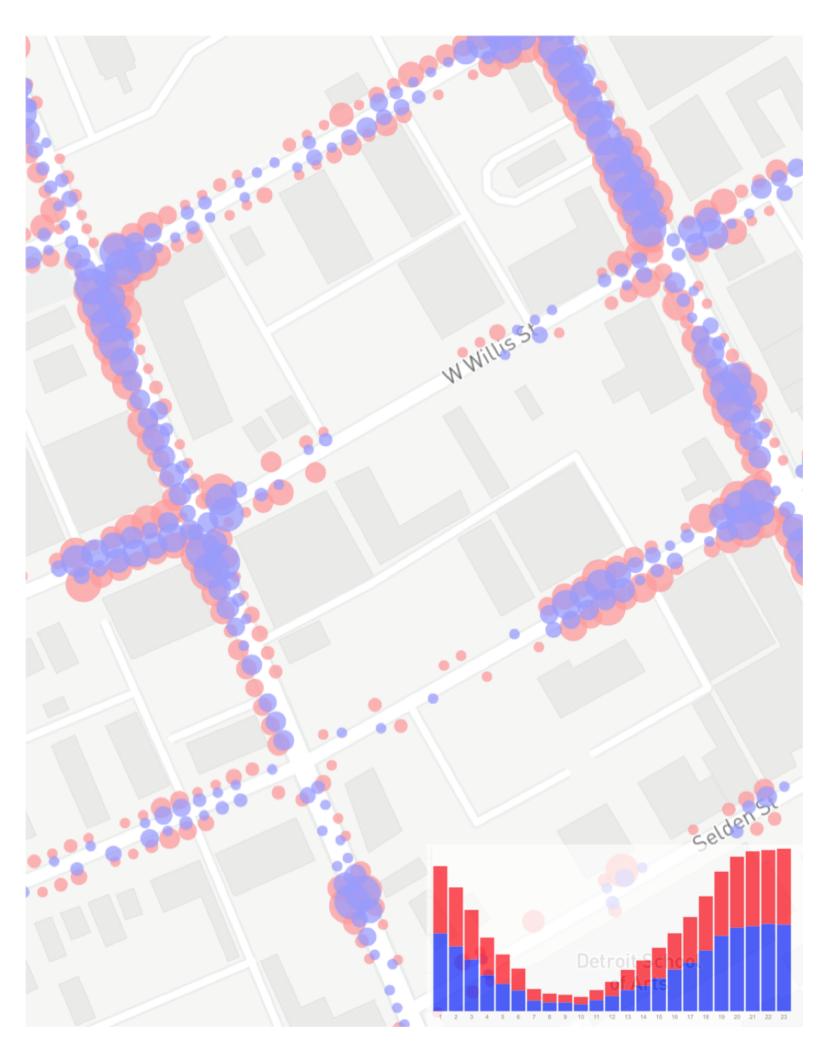
## Same data, different analysis



Availability



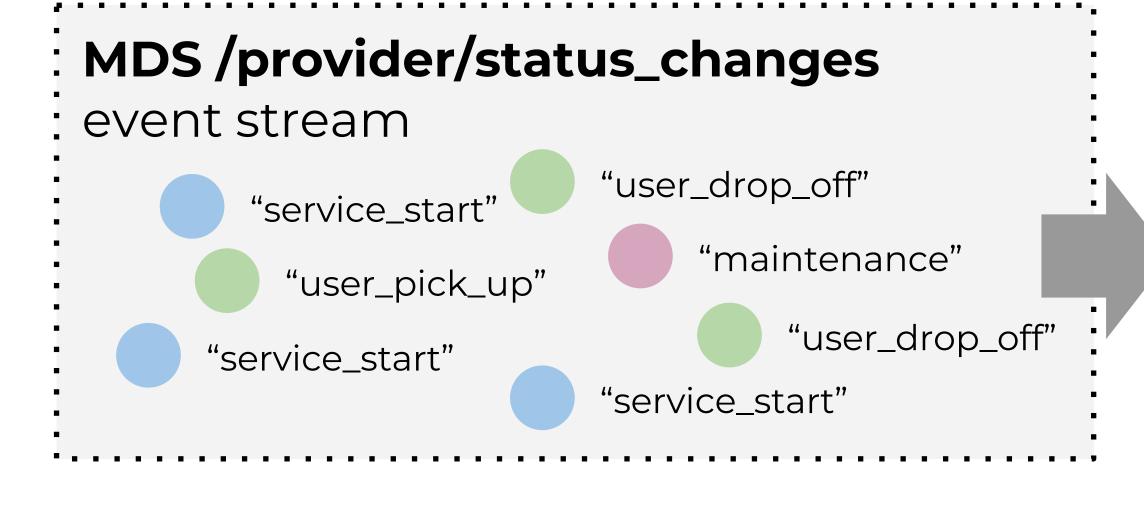
**Segment Volume/Flows** 

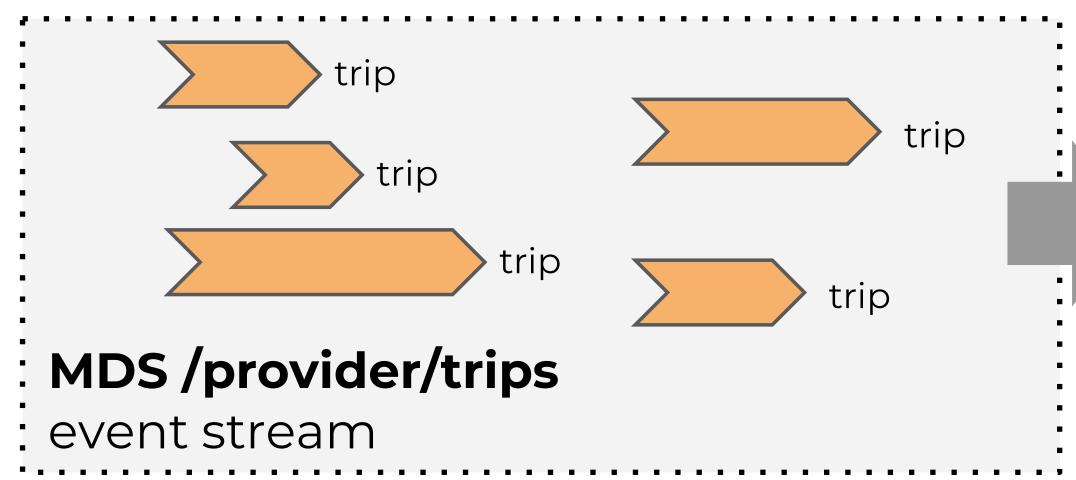


Trip
Origins/Destinations



#### SharedStreets + MDS Workflow





# SharedStreets Processing Tools

- open source **analysis** + **aggregation** methods
- encrypted storage for temporarily held raw data
- plug-in architecture for metrics generation

#### Metrics

Reusable tools for creating and querying city-defined, privacy-protecting metrics, and templates for common themes:

- Availability
- Utilization
- Route volumes
- Route deviation
- O/D flows





# MDS & Emerging Dockless Data Standardization

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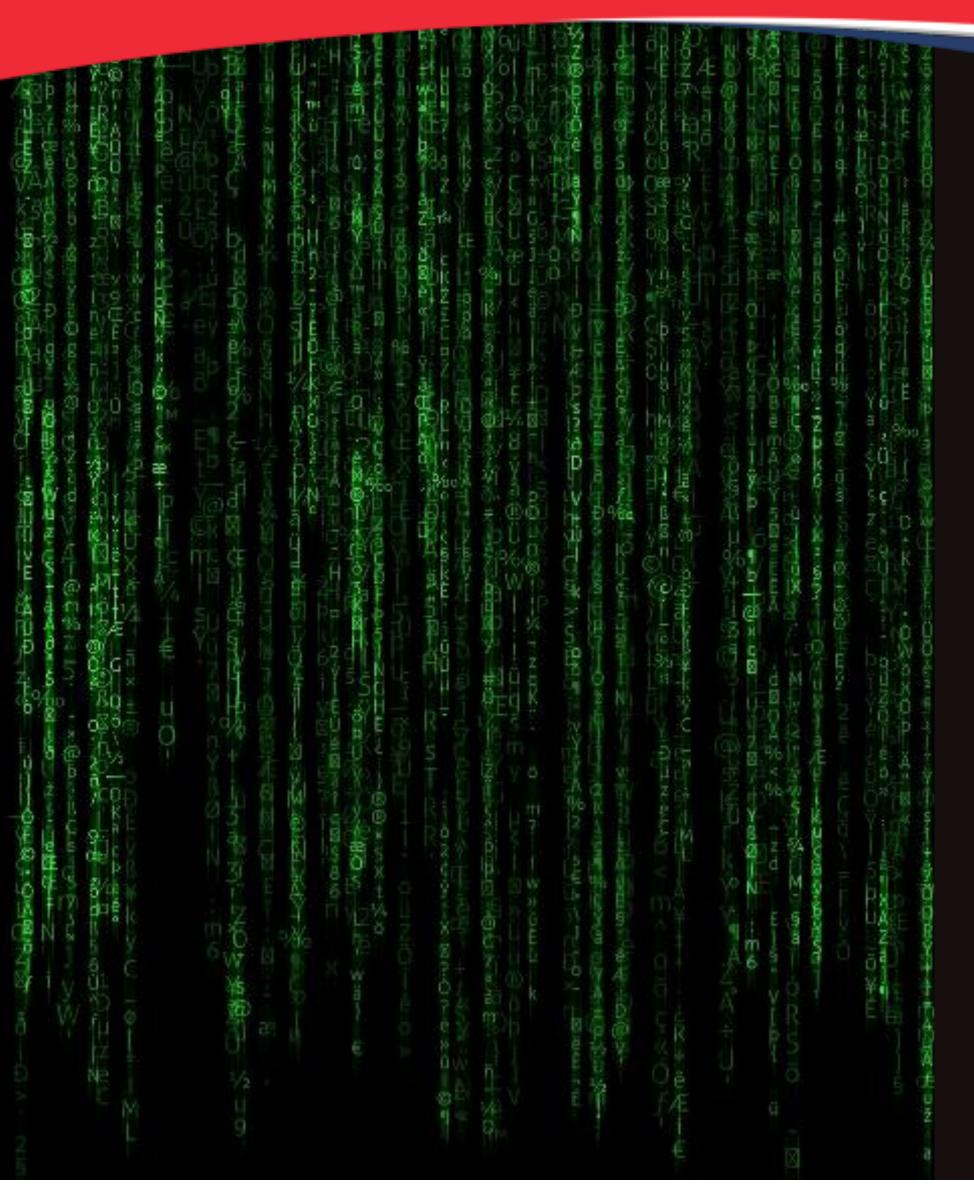
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# Why are we asking for data? Evaluation Planning Enforcement Active management



# What data are we asking for?



- Public API in GBFS
- Private API
- Anonymized trip data
- Parking incidents
- Safety incidents
- Maintenance and repairs

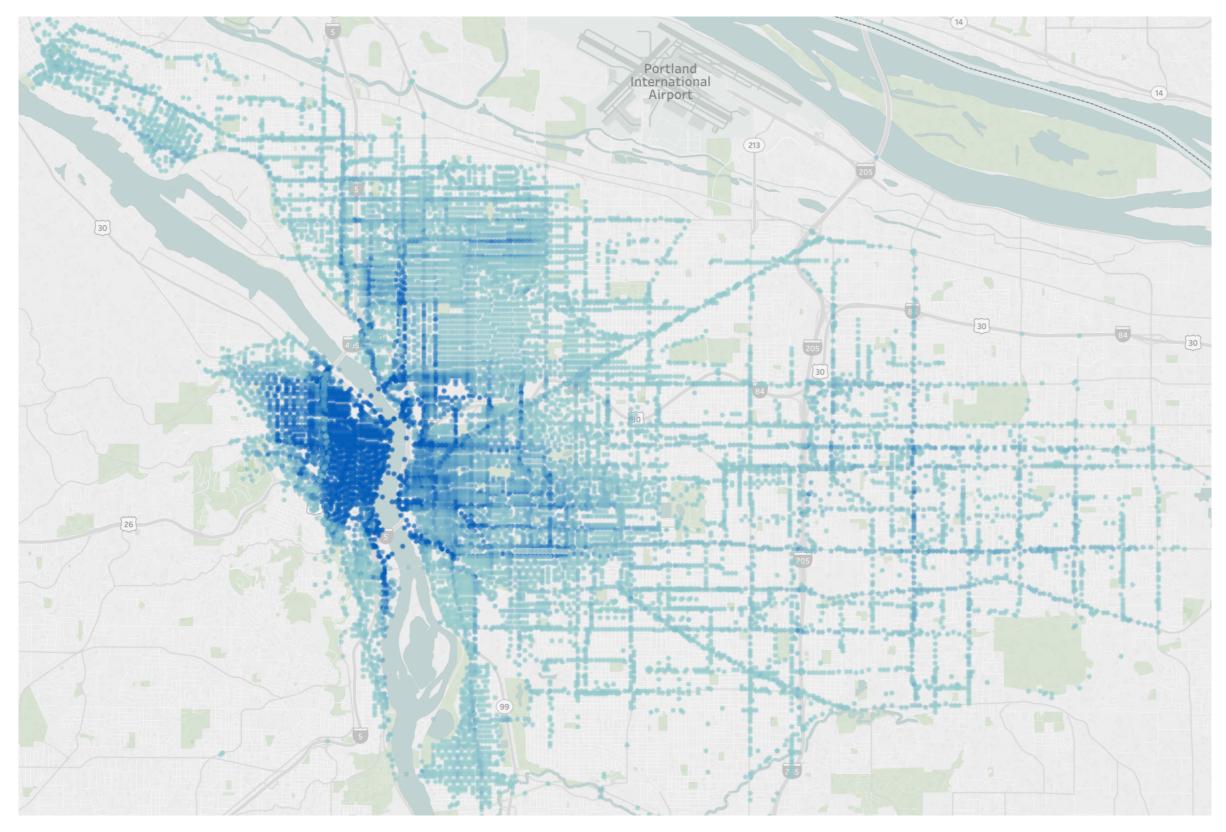
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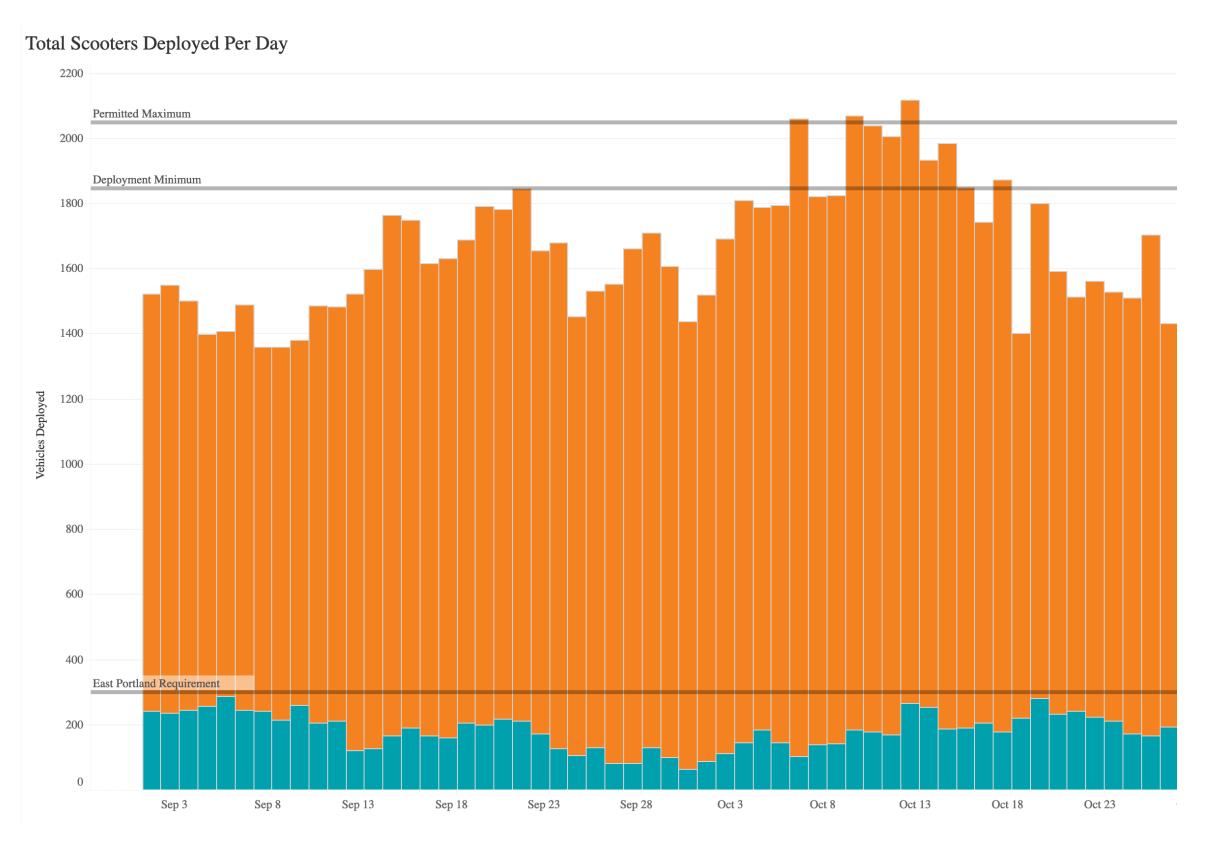
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## What we've done

# Used old version of MDS to gather information from three operators over a period from July to November



700,000+ trips helped us document how we use our streets



Easy access to data helped us routinely enforce compliance based on metrics

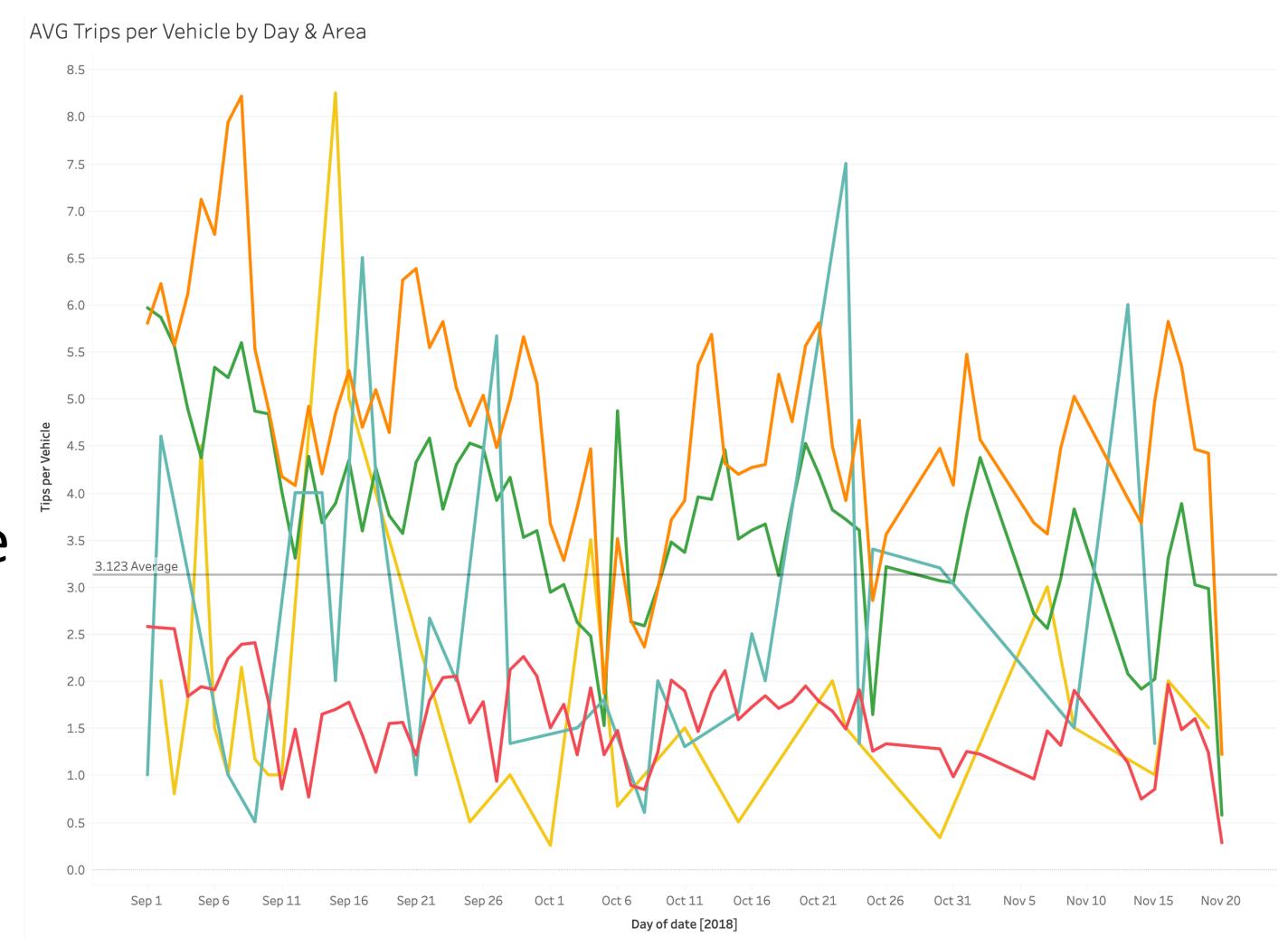
### What we've learned

- Moving to historical data reporting presented challenges to everyone
  - Operators presented GBFS feeds as MDS APIs, and that caused problems
    - Most of my time was spent managing the repercussions of this disconnect
- Processing, storing, and analyzing historical datasets comes at a price
  - Need data visualization tools and capable staff with time to produce
  - Defining metrics is hard work
    - Most of my colleague Aubrey's time was spent iterating in this area
- How very capable we already are



# Where we're going

- Becoming more dynamic and data-driven
  - We can require compliance with requirements that are dynamic
  - We can accurately use metrics to create dynamic permits
- Upgrading our capacity for managing, exploring, and analyzing datasets at a large scale
  - From on-premise to the cloud
  - Creating toolsets for sharing knowledge throughout our city
- Contributing to the MDS ecosystem







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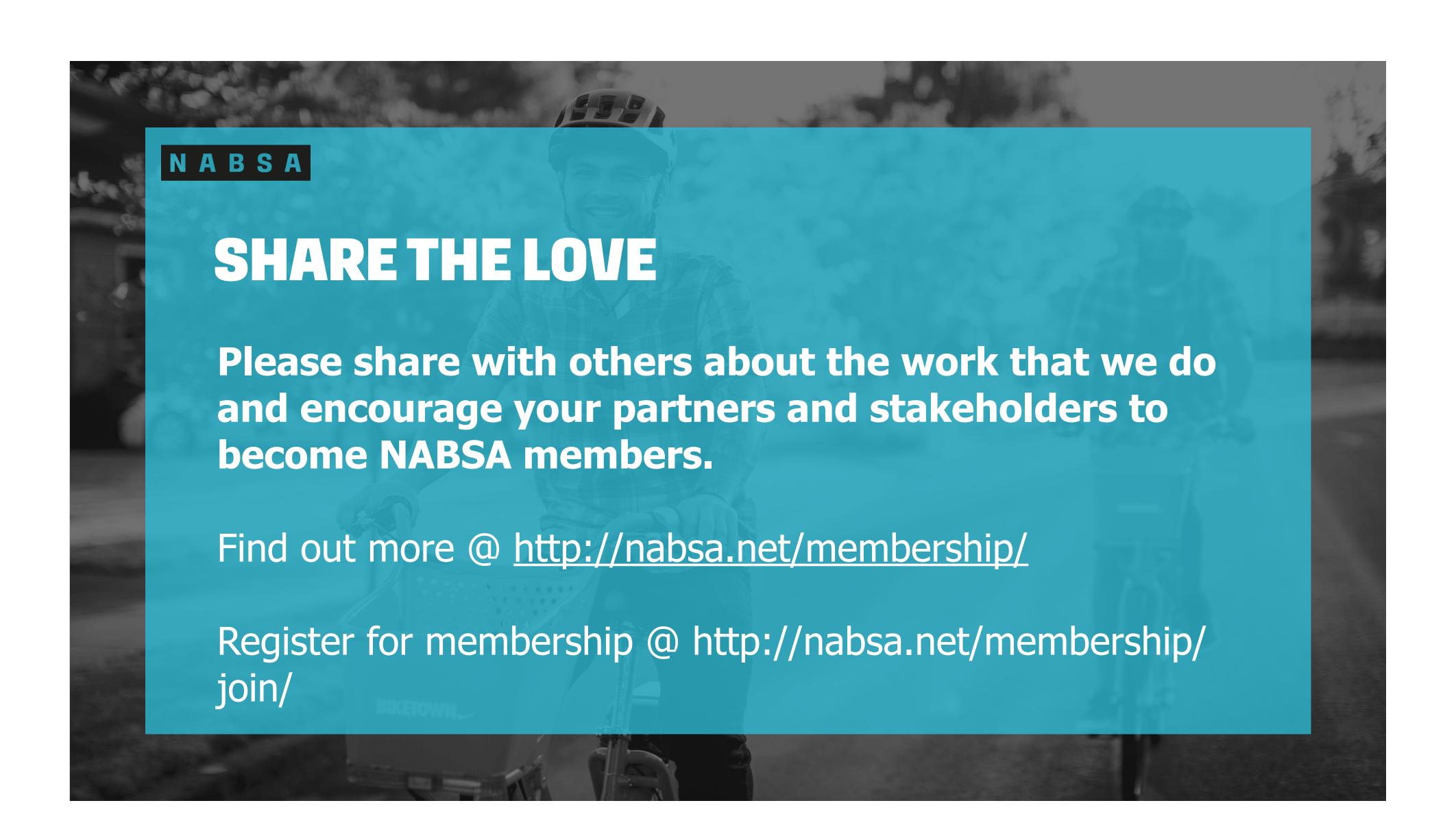
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- 3) Participate in the NABSA members-only email listserv. If you are not yet on the list, email <a href="mailto:executivedirector@nabsa.net">executivedirector@nabsa.net</a> to be added.

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- 2) Consider running for a seat on the NABSA board in an upcoming election. More information about the NABSA board positions and elections is disseminated through the members-only listserv.

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