

# E-Scooters Popular Survey Says

The results of a survey conducted to evaluate the riding habits, perceptions and safety of Portland's e-scooters pilot program show that they're a popular new transit option for residents and visitors alike and may be helping to reduce the number of cars on the road.

Portland Bureau of Transportation got over 4,500 respondents to a survey of 75,000 customers of Bird, Lime, and Skip, the three companies granted permission to operate e-scooters in the city. The motorized electronic scooters are reserved for rental use via smart phones.

The key survey findings were that the e-scooters are being used for both needed transportation and



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Portlanders ride scooters down Northeast Halsey Street.

recreation, are popular among locals, and have replaced car trips, especially for visitors.

In addition, more residents and visitors preferred using e-scooters in the bike lane where they are allowed rather than on the side walk where they are prohibited. Many of them recorded their e-scooter experience as their first use of the city's bike lanes.

The majority of users said they were familiar with most of the e-scooter regulations, including the requirement to wear a helmet. The e-scooter pilot is still ongoing and will conclude on Nov. 20. E-scooters won't be available after that until the city evaluates whether or not to adopt them long-term, officials said.

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## Jackpots Exceed \$2 Billion

More than \$2 billion are up for grabs this week after nobody won Saturday's Powerball top prize. \$620 million is now the prize for Wednesday's Powerball Jackpot and Tuesday's Mega Millions was worth \$1.6 billion, making a combined total of \$2.22 billion.

## Rally Prompts College Closure

A far-right rally Monday sparked the closure of Clark College in Vancouver though the roughly two dozen Patriot Prayer supporters still showed up with leader Joey Gibson in opposition to a Washington ballot measure that puts restrictions on semi-automatic rifle purchases and use. Gibson said the rally was a warm-up for Wednesday when they'll return to the campus.

## Sues for Discrimination

Roosevelt High School Vice Principal Keylah Boyer sued the district for \$1 million last week claiming she was discriminated against

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on the basis of race and gender. Boyer, who is African-American, claims she was prevented from conducting an investigation of a school coach and counselor because of unfounded and prejudicial opinions from higher ups that she couldn't be trusted to perform an unbiased investigation against a member of her own race.



## Trail Blazers Honor Paul Allen

The Portland Trail Blazers honored the late Blazers owner Paul Allen Thursday with a hat and rose in his traditional courtside seat in the first game of the new season following Allen's death of cancer the week prior. With Los Angeles and LeBron James making his Lakers debut, the Blazers scored a 128-119 victory, and tweeted, "This one's for you, Paul."

## Blanchard Center May Sell

Portland Public Schools has hired consultants to help them assess whether to lease or sell the school district's main administration building, Blanchard Education Service Center, which is sought after to be the possible site of a baseball stadium. In a month, the joint contract of a real estate broker and consulting group won't evaluate the Rose Quarter location, which investors have offered \$80 million for a possible Major League Baseball franchise.

## Buehler Wants Wapato Used

Rep. Knute Buehler, the Bend Republican running for Oregon governor, announced last week that he would open the unused Wapato jail in north Portland as an addiction treatment shelter for homeless people. Buehler used the mothballed jail as an example of inaction and lack of leadership from elected officials on the homelessness issue.

## 7,000 Migrants Head to US

Central American migrants who are advancing from southern Mexico toward the U.S. border have swelled to 7,000 people in a caravan that defies the efforts of four governments trying to dissolve the group. Mostly Honduran migrants rose Sunday at dawn from the shores of a river between Guatemala and Mexico, thwarting Mexican government attempts to stop them at the border.

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