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Bob Walsh Maria Laposata Scoot Rides, Inc. 1255 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94103

# VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Re: Puma Courier LLC

Dear Mr. Walsh and Ms. Laposata:

SFMTA is in receipt of the request by Scoot Rides, Inc. (Scoot) to subcontract or delegate portions of its obligations under 2021-2022 Powered Scooter Share Program Permit No. "1." (Permit) to Puma Courier LLC (Subcontractor). Subcontractor is authorized to manage up to 500 permitted scooters in Scoot's fleet in the following scopes: provide safety check protocols, provide maintenance and repair of devices (including in-field inspection and maintenance, as well as inspection and maintenance at a service center), device cleaning and redistribution services as referenced in Scoot's request, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Permit, this letter serves as written approval for Scoot to subcontract or delegate portions of its obligations to the Subcontractor as referenced above and in the attached.

This approval, unless earlier revoked or rescinded by SFMTA, is valid through the expiration of Scoot's Permit. Should Scoot's Permit be revoked or suspended prior to the expiration date, this authorization will also end.

As a condition of this approval, Scoot must ensure that the above referenced entity is compliant with Section 5 as well as any other applicable terms of the Permit.

Should any changes occur with regard to the information provided regarding the Subcontractors, including but not limited to the number of employees, the addresses where charging occurs, number of scooters assigned or changes in insurance information, Scoot shall inform SFMTA through the requisite reporting method, including



monthly or quarterly reports. If there is no monthly or quarterly report relating to the change, Scoot shall immediately inform SFMTA (Sarah Hellman <u>Sarah.Hellman2@sfmta.com</u>) of the changed information in writing.

Should Scoot terminate its relationship with the above referenced entity, it shall inform SFMTA in writing immediately. It is Scoot's duty to ensure that current insurance documentation is on file with SFMTA.

Sarah Hellman

Sarah Hellman Mobility Services Permit Manager Taxis, Access & Mobility Services Division

Encl: Puma Courier LLC Support Center Document; GGPAC Additional Questions



## Puma Couriers LLC's Support Documentation

The following pages describe Puma Courier LLC's operational responsibilities under Scoot's 'Fleet Manager' agreement, under which they will manage up to 500 vehicles. These responsibilities and procedures are identical to those currently performed by Scoot's in-house operations team. Scoot is solely responsible for Puma Courier LLC's operational performance. In addition, Scoot will continue to operate our in-house service team concurrently with Puma Courier LLC and will be working with Puma Courier LLC on a daily basis.

## Safety Check Protocols / Customer Notifications:

Puma Courier LLC will generally learn that a scooter may require maintenance through one of the following safety check protocols or customer notification channels, which collectively enable multiple touch points per vehicle per day. If any vehicle is flagged as requiring maintenance, we remove it from the Scoot app thus making the scooter unavailable for rental. Puma Courier LLC's on-the-ground team will retrieve any scooter that is non-functional due to a depleted battery or other damage within 2 hours of knowledge of the location of such scooter.

- In-field Diagnosis: During field operations, a team member notices a maintenance or cosmetic issue.
- Service Center Inspection: Upon arrival at a service center, a scooter is found to have a maintenance need during our regular multi-point inspection. This occurs at least once a week when each scooter enters a service center for charging.
- **Rider Feedback:** A Scoot rider flags an issue in their in-app post-ride feedback. This occurs every time a user interacts with our scooters.
- Community Mode and Other Community Feedback Channels: Community Mode enables riders and non-riders to report issues directly from the Scoot app. Scoot also collects feedback via email, phone, social media and our website. This occurs at all times.

#### Maintenance and Repair of Devices:

**In-Field Maintenance:** Puma Courier LLC conducts an in-field diagnosis of the vehicle. If a Scooter is in need of repair, they perform basic maintenance on the spot to reduce operational VMT or flag the Scooter for further attention and pickup for repair.



**In-field Diagnosis:** Local team scans scooter and puts it in "test ride" mode, allowing them to validate key vehicle functions, including:

- "Brain" communication
- QR code / Bird ID legibility
- Throttle function
- Brake function
- Head and tail light function
- Neck tightness and turning range
- Motor function
- Overall vehicle hygiene and markings

#### **In-field Maintenance Actions:**

- If in good working order: Local teams sanitize the vehicle and lock the scooter out of the public right-of-way, onto a legal street infrastructure.
- If the scooter has a minor repair issue: Local teams perform basic maintenance, including part tightening and brake adjustment. Before reparking the vehicle, they sanitize the vehicle thoroughly.
- If the scooter requires more substantial repairs: Local teams mark the vehicle as damaged. They then remotely shut down the scooter, removing it from the rider app, and transport it for service.

## Puma Courier LLC Service Center Maintenance:

Every scooter that arrives at a Puma Courier LLC service center undergoes a full inspection, even if it is just visiting for charging. On average, vehicles visit a service center at least once a week, and all vehicles undergo this same rigorous process before being deployed to the field.

**Puma Courier LLC Service Center Inspection:** Mechanic scans scooter and puts it through a multi-point inspection covering all parts of the vehicle, organized by:

- Handlebar
- Chassis External components
- Chassis Internal components
- Functional Inspection
- Other Individual Parts

#### Puma Courier LLC Service Center Maintenance Actions:

**If in good working order:** The scooter proceeds through the service center charging flow. Our local team then cleans and sanitizes the vehicle before it is redeployed.

If the scooter has a repair need: The mechanic marks the specific issue and places the



scooter in the repair queue. Scooters are repaired by trained mechanics. After service, the mechanic tests the scooter again using our multi-point checklist. The service center's supervising mechanic then inspects a final time before deployment. Staff give all vehicles a "Scoot Bath" at the exit station to ensure they are clean and sanitized before returning to the field.

#### **Cleaning of Devices**

**Field Cleaning and Sanitization:** Local field staff disinfect all vehicle surfaces, including the handlebars (throttle, brake lever and bell), neck and chassis with CDC-approved cleaning agents. If more substantial cleaning is necessary, they mark the Scooter for pickup by the local service center.

**Puma Courier LLC Service Center Sanitization and Cleaning ('Scoot Bath'):** Thorough cleaning, including removal of dirt or debris from chassis; disinfectant of handlebars (including throttle, brake lever and bell); removal of any tape or substances obstructing vehicle ID, QR code, 'brain', or speaker; and minor paint touch-ups or graffiti removal as necessary. This occurs every time a Scoot visits a local service center for either charging or maintenance - approximately once a week.

**Vehicle Sanitization by Puma Courier LLC:** Disinfect all vehicle surfaces, including the handlebars (throttle, brake lever and bell), neck and chassis before re-deploying vehicles. This occurs after every charge.

#### Additional Sanitary Measures During the Covid-19 Pandemic:

During this time of increased public health concern, Scoot continues to maintain the highest-standards of vehicle cleanliness. Traditionally, we have utilized two classes of device cleaning: daily field cleanings and more in-depth 'Scoot Baths' at our Puma Courier LLC service centers. In response to COVID-19, Scoot has updated both of these processes to ensure our vehicles are not just cleaned but are also thoroughly sanitized. Our new multi-point sanitization protocol ensures the entire e-scooter is disinfected using only Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved cleaning agents. The new process is based on CDC guidelines and features a number of best practices designed to protect the safety of both our team and our riders, including disinfecting all workstation surfaces before and after sanitizing each vehicle, and the use of safety glasses and nitrile gloves.

#### **Redistributing Devices:**

Scoot's Puma Courier LLC operations team will actively monitor and redistribute our e-scooters across the entire service area during operational hours. They will also deploy team members to patrol throughout the city, focusing on areas where ride and pedestrian density is greatest. They will also respond to requests from the public for rebalancing. Using Zendesk, a customer service software, our customer service representatives flag all such requests in our system before alerting Puma Courier LLC via the "Operator" mode of the Scoot app, allowing them to view the location of the issue and address it quickly and efficiently. Our standard



operating procedure for San Francisco will ensure that any non-functional scooter or device parked outside of the service area will be relocated within two hours of notification by the City or a resident.

# Puma Courier LLC Subcontractor Support Document Appendix

# 1. Can you reference staffing plan, in particular how does it comply with Scoot's Labor Harmony plan?

Puma Courier LLC is staffed by their owners. Puma Courier LLC currently has three owners, who do all of the scooter-related work for the LLC and divide the profits they make. Puma Courier LLC is a locally owned small business and has committed to hiring W-2 workers if they need to hire additional employees, which is likely if they scale to their full allotted fleet of 500 vehicles.

## 2. Where are they charging scooters?

3150 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

# 3. How is the sub's maintenance and repair plan, in particular how does it comply with Scoot's plan in your application?

Puma Courier LLC's maintenance and repair place is virtually identical to Scoot's plan described in our application. Scoot employs two local Managers whose primary duties include monitoring all aspects of our Fleet Managers' operations.

# 4. Are the sub in compliance with Scoot's other commitments for operations, you need to note this?

Scoot's subcontractor Fleet Managers, including Puma Courier LLC, are required to be in compliance with all commitments made by Scoot in our powered shared electric scooter permit application.

## 5. What color device does this sub manage?

Puma Courier LLC will manage Scoot's B2 and B3 scooters. Both are silver with silver reflectors and red Scoot branding on the stem.