



POLICY TITLE

Electronic Scooter and Micromobility Policy

POLICY NUMBER

SUS-12-001

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. What is the purpose/rationale for this policy? (policy description)

This policy establishes clear expectations and safety guidelines for the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) and other micromobility vehicles/devices on Southern University and A&M College – Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus. E-scooters and other micromobility devices offer convenient and sustainable transportation; however, they pose safety, liability, and operational risks when misused. This policy promotes responsible ridership, aligns with Louisiana state laws, and prohibits high-risk transportation devices such as hoverboards.

2. What is the fiscal impact of this policy?

The fiscal impact is minimal. Enforcement may require minor staffing and signage costs. The policy can reduce potential liability, property damage, and injury-related expenses by promoting safe use practices.

3. Was this policy developed based on best practices and in alignment with similar universities/colleges, policy organizations such as Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Louisiana Board of Regents, etc. Briefly discuss and provide an example.

Yes. This policy was developed based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Transportation Micromobility Fact Sheets, Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV), the Consumer Product Safety Commission, University of Georgia, and peer institution safety protocols (e.g., LSU and University of Louisiana System). These institutions prohibit hoverboards and regulate scooter operations to ensure student and pedestrian safety. SUBR's policy aligns with these standards and promotes risk mitigation.

4. If this is a policy revision or update, please provide a summary of the proposed revisions and reason(s) for the revisions.

This is a new policy implementation aimed at formalizing campus-wide expectations regarding electric scooter and other micromobility vehicle/device use and explicitly banning hoverboards.



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I. POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

This policy governs the operation, use, parking, storage, and charging of micromobility vehicles such as electric scooters (e-scooters), motorized skateboards and one wheels, etc. on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus to ensure the safety of students, employees, visitors, and University property. It also prohibits the use and possession of hoverboards due to significant fire and injury risks. Micromobility users are considered "vulnerable road users".

II. POLICY SCOPE AND AUDIENCE

This policy applies to all individuals (students, faculty, staff, visitors, contractors) while using or parking micromobility vehicles on university-owned, leased, or controlled property (including streets, paths, sidewalks, parking lots, buildings). Hoverboard restrictions apply to all university-operated buildings and grounds. This policy does not apply to electric wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or other electric mobility devices specifically designed for and used by an individual with a mobility-related disability or handled under ADA/accommodation policies.

III. POLICY COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the following consequences:

- Temporary confiscation of the vehicle/device by University Police or Housing Staff
- Fines (to be determined and published in future revisions)

- Student or employee disciplinary action
 - Civil liability for damages or injuries to persons or University property
- Any costs associated with injury or damage caused by the micromobility vehicle/device (e-scooters, one wheels, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the operator.

IV. POLICY DEFINITIONS

Micromobility device/vehicle: Any small, low-speed, human or electric-powered transportation device, including bicycles, scooters, electric-assist bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), electric skateboards, one wheel, and other small, lightweight, wheeled conveyances.

Electric Scooter (E-scooter): A two-wheeled device powered by an electric motor, capable of speeds up to 25 mph.

Hoverboard: A battery-powered, self-balancing board banned from all campus property.

E-bike: A bicycle equipped with an electric motor that aids pedaling or, in some models, can propel the bicycle without pedaling. May be pedal assist or throttle

Operator: The individual controlling or riding a micromobility device.

Operating/moving rules: Rules governing how devices may be ridden (e.g. speed limits, yielding, prohibited areas).

Confiscation: Temporary removal of a micromobility vehicle/device due to unsafe or policy-violating use.

V. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

SUBR implementation of this policy shall be carried out in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes §32:1.39-41, Louisiana Revised Statutes §32:192, Louisiana Revised Statutes §32:198, and Louisiana Revised Statutes §32:300.1.1.

VI. SUBR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

A. Legal Operation

1. Use and Operation

- Obey all applicable laws, traffic signs, and campus rules (stop signs, signals, right of way).
- E-scooters or other micromobility vehicles/devices may only be operated on streets with a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less.
- Riders must follow the same rules as bicycles, yielding to pedestrians and obeying traffic signals.
- Only one rider is allowed per scooter or micromobility vehicle/device.
- Helmets are required for all riders under 17.

2. Campus-Specific Restrictions

- Micromobility vehicles/devices shall not be used inside university buildings, including residence halls, classrooms, or the Student Union unless expressly allowed.

- Riding on grassy areas, sidewalks where prohibited, or pedestrian-only zones is forbidden.
- Reckless operation, unsanctioned racing, or using devices under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances, or impairing medication is strictly prohibited.
- No use of headphones or devices that impair hearing/vision while riding.
- Riding micromobility devices after dark without proper headlights is not permitted.

3. Right of Way:

- Pedestrians always have the right of way. Riders must dismount in congested areas and be alert when crossing intersections or sidewalks.

B. Parking and Storage

- Micromobility devices must be parked in designated bicycle racks or areas approved by the University.
- Parking in vehicle spaces, pedestrian walkways, entrances/exits, ADA ramps, stairwells, lawns, or building interiors is strictly prohibited.
- Illegally parked micromobility devices may be confiscated and subject to fines or disciplinary action.
- Unattended or abandoned devices may be subject to impoundment after a given notice period. The university may require proof of ownership upon reclaiming impounded devices.

C. Charging and Fire Safety

- Only the manufacturer-supplied charger may be used.
- Scooters must never be left charging unattended.
- Charging in residence halls or academic buildings is strictly prohibited unless explicitly authorized.
- Failure to follow safe charging practices may result in confiscation, loss of privilege, or housing disciplinary action.

D. Enforcement & Disciplinary Measures

- Violations of operating rules may result in warnings, fines, or suspension of riding privileges.
- For students, infractions may be referred to the Dean of Students in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.
- For employees or contractors, violations may be subject to disciplinary actions per HR or personnel policies.
- In cases where violations also constitute legal infractions, they may be referred to enforcement by campus police.

E. Hoverboards: Prohibited Devices

- The use, storage, and charging of hoverboards is banned across all Southern University property, including all buildings, housing, and walkways. This policy is in response to Consumer Product Safety Commission warnings about:
 - Fire risks due to lithium-ion battery failures.
 - Injuries caused by device malfunctions and user falls.
 - Lack of certified safety standards.

Hoverboards discovered on campus must be removed immediately. Owners will be held liable for any associated damages or violations.

F. Responsibilities and governance

- Campus Police-enforcement of traffic or safety-related rules
- Parking & Traffic-oversight of policy, enforcement coordination
- Facilities-maintaining of bike racks, paths, signage
- Student Affairs/Housing-managing devices around residential housing

VII. POLICY RELATED INFORMATION

U.S. Department of Transportation Micromobility Fact Sheet- [Micromobility Fact Sheet | US Department of Transportation](#)

University of Georgia E-Vehicle Policy

Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles Low Speed Scooters Guidelines- [Louisiana Laws - Louisiana State Legislature](#)

Consumer Product Safety Commission Reports on Hoverboards- [Micromobility: E-Bikes, E-Scooters and Hoverboards | CPSC.gov](#)

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VIII. POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE

This is a new policy. The effective date of this policy is determined by the approval dates of the campus Chancellor. Additionally, the policy last review and origination dates identified. This policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle.

IX. POLICY URL

This section identifies the location where approved campus policies reside. With respect to campus policies, the SU Policy and Planning Committee shall electronically post and archive approved and signed campus policies on the campus website on a designated campus policy page.

X. POLICY APPROVAL

John K. Pierre

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Chancellor John K. Pierre

Southern University Baton Rouge

02/09/2026

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