

What are “Personal Delivery Devices” and why are we talking about them?

- Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs) are ground delivery robots that are remotely operated, self-driving, or both. PDDs primarily operate in pedestrian areas, but at times operate on the street.
- Under Pennsylvania law PDDs:
 - are defined as **pedestrians**,
 - can weigh up to **550 pounds** empty, and
 - can operate at speeds up to **12 miles per hour** on sidewalks.
- Pennsylvania law also **prohibits local authorities** from regulating the operation of PDDs. This means PennDOT has the sole authority to authorize a company to operate PDDs and regulate the time, place, and manner in which the PDDs operate.



Learn more here: penndot.gov/pdd

The City of Pittsburgh wants to learn more about this new technology and prepare **before** large companies begin deploying PDDs in our neighborhoods, which DOMI expects will happen within the next 2 years. In order to do this, the City is using grant funds to launch a community-driven viability pilot.

About the PDD Pilot

- 6-month pilot period from June 2021 through November 2021 (tentative)
- An opportunity for all of us to **learn** more about PDDs and what this technology will mean for our communities
- An opportunity to use PDDs in a way that actually **meets local needs and supports local businesses**
- An opportunity to **provide feedback to PennDOT** about how these devices can operate safely and what state regulations we need to **ensure safe operation**

To learn more, please attend the virtual community meeting on April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Email sam@bloomfieldpgh.org to receive the meeting link.