

# TRIKKE™ ELECTRIC PATROL VEHICLE

## Do Trikke Patrol Vehicles fill the needs of the Santa Barbara Police Department and the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization?

Santa Barbara, CA



The City of Santa Barbara and the SB Downtown Organization were looking for the best way to generate greater visual impact with the officers patrolling downtown, along the waterfront, and on Milpas Street, areas where the demand for beat officers is greatest. Bicycle cops, explained Sgt. Ed Olson, tend to get lost in the shuffle.

The first test involved putting the officers on Segways. While the Segways were found to be helpful for the task at hand, the officers felt reluctant to ride them due to the fact that passing motorists would yell "Mall Cop!" at the officers. As well, there were some issues with stopping and dismounting. They then tried the Electric Patroller and found the public more curious and engaged by the vehicles' appearance. They also discovered that the portability was a real bonus, due to the lighter weight of the vehicles and the ability to quickly fold them down for transport.

After a couple of weeks of testing each, they concluded that the Electric Patroller are lighter, more affordable, and easier to stop and dismount than the Segways and approved purchase of the units.

In the subsequent months of using the vehicles, the SBPD and the Downtown Organization have remained very happy with their decision.

*"When you have a vehicle like this, you're able to get closer to criminals without them realizing you're watching."*

**Officer Jonathan Reyes**  
Beat Coordinator, SBPD

*"It gets us moving slower through the crowds and more accessible to the public. They come up and speak with us."*

**Officer Kasi Beutel**  
Beat Coordinator, SBPD

*"...Fantastic. A great tool to use to show the public that we're out here patrolling the streets making it safer for everybody to come down here and enjoy."*

**Dave Lombardy**  
President, SB Downtown Organization

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The Electric Patroller includes a quick swap, lithium-ion battery and charger and get an average of 20 miles per charge.

### THE CHALLENGE

Find the best way to increase officer presence throughout the Santa Barbara downtown business and pedestrian corridors.

### THE SOLUTION

Obtain 2 Trikke Electric Patrol Vehicles for use in pedestrian areas.

### THE BENEFITS

Officers are more accessible to the public. Great PR tool. Can better find crime as it's occurring in alcoves and passageways.

Gets officers through pedestrian corridors faster. Folds up quickly for easy transport. Smooth ride and very maneuverable.

"Very safe and stable."

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