A Resolution Addressing Pedestrian Safety

Whereas, The abundance of student housing near the campus of the University of Arkansas makes walking both necessary and convenient, and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas includes several significant roadways through campus, including Dickson Street, Cleveland Street, Stadium Drive, etc., and

Whereas, According to the Federal Highway Administration, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, hereafter referred to as pedestrian crossing lights, reduce pedestrian collisions by up to 47%, as well as increasing motorist yielding rates up to 98%, and

Whereas, While the majority of campus crosswalks and pedestrian walkways are adequate, there are some areas that need the addition of a crosswalk or additional safety measures within existing crosswalks, and

Whereas, The crosswalk on Dickson Street between the Kappa Sigma house and Duncan Avenue is neither well-lit nor has pedestrian crossing lights, making it dangerous for pedestrians when the sun goes down, and

Whereas, The crosswalk on Maple Street in front of the Pi Beta Phi gates lacks sufficient lighting or pedestrian crossing lights and is dangerous at night, and

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Whereas, Students, faculty, and staff who park in the Garland Garage or on Lindell Avenue in the yellow lots do not have crosswalks to safely cross Douglas Street or Lindell Avenue, and

Whereas, The portion of Garland Avenue in front of the Faulkner Performing Arts Center is often crossed by students, though it lacks a clearly marked pedestrian walkway, causing confusion for students trying to cross the road with the prevalence of bus traffic in the area, and

Whereas, Students crossing Dickson Street to reach 1021 Food Hall also lack a clearly marked pedestrian walkway, leading to confusion with oncoming traffic near the dining hall, and

Whereas, Crosswalks on Stadium Drive are dangerously near roundabouts, which could lead to collisions with pedestrians at the crosswalks or with other cars at the roundabouts.

Whereas, Lot40A is a parking lot designated for overflow parking for students living in Reid Hall, Hotz Hall, the Maples, and the Quads, and

Whereas, Only one crosswalk and entrance into this lot, located across from Hotz hall, exists leading into Lot 40A, and

Whereas, This leaves no convenient entrance for students living in Reid Hall or Maple West, causing students to enter the lot by jaywalking and via a dirt hill that becomes dangerously slick in the rain or snow.

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the addition of pedestrian crossing lights to the crosswalk near Kappa Sigma on Dickson Street.

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the addition of pedestrian crossing lights at the crosswalk on Maple Street in front of the Pi Beta Phi Gates.
Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the addition of crosswalks crossing Lindell Avenue and Douglas Street.

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the addition of pedestrian crossing signs or painted walkways in front of the Faulkner performing arts center and across Dickson Street near 1021 Food Hall.

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government supports the modernization of infrastructure at the University of Arkansas by the addition of infrastructure near Reid Hall and Lot40A.

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government recommends the construction of a crosswalk with pedestrian traffic lights on Cleveland St. between Reid Hall and the beginning of Lot40A.

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government recommends the construction of a staircase with a railing leading into Lot40A on the side closest to Reid Hall.

Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports long-term study about preventing collisions at the Stadium Drive roundabouts and the potential relocation of the crosswalks near them if deemed appropriate.

Be it further resolved: The Student Safety Bill should be amended to include “A Resolution to Address Pedestrian Safety” lines 77-16 after line 72 of the present version of the Student Safety Bill.

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to Chancellor Charles Robinson, Gary Smith, University of Arkansas Director of Transit and Parking, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jeremy Battjes, Vice Chancellor for the Division of Finance and Administration Ann Borderlon, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Randy Massanelli, Director of Campus Planning and Design Jay Huneycutt, UAPD Corporal Alan
Porter, the University of Arkansas Campus
Crosswalk Committee, The Town and Gown
Committee, and the University of Arkansas
Transit, Parking, and Traffic Committee.

Amendments: ________________________________

Vote Count: Aye 37 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

Legislation Status: **Passed** Failed _ Other

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Gabrielle Gies, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Lauren Loften, ASG President Date