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Resolution 5-15-F Resolution to Support a More Bikeable Campus

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the continued repairs of bike lanes on university owned property, as well as create an initiative to create a bike lane map of Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS: The university in recent years has supported and invested in many different biking projects around campus that include, but are not limited to, Big Red Bikes, the placement of bike racks in different areas around campus, and the location of a bike repair center outside of the Preston Center as well as inside of ORAC, and

WHEREAS: In 2013, WKU was given Bronze-level accreditation by the League of American Bicyclists for its efforts to make the university more bike friendly and to connect more easily with the “Greenways” of Bowling Green, and

WHEREAS: With regards to these improvements, biking around campus can be inherently dangerous as three different modes of transportation—walking, biking, and driving—are on the road and sidewalk at any time throughout the day, and

WHEREAS: The existing bike lanes on Normal St. have several pot holes that warrant repair and have caused numerous accidents and falls for bikers going downhill, and

WHEREAS: The Bike Lanes on Normal St. disappear abruptly at the library intersection and there is no designated path for bikers until the GreenWay on Creason St, and

WHEREAS: There are currently no available bike trail maps for WKU, and bikes consistently cut through campus in no organized way, which poses a danger to unaware students and faculty.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the continued repairs of bike lanes on university owned property, as well as create an initiative to make Western Kentucky University more “bikeable” through the creation of a bike lanes map.

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