

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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**A Bill Formally Requesting the Enhancement of Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility**

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY**

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Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to the President of the Undergraduate Student Government

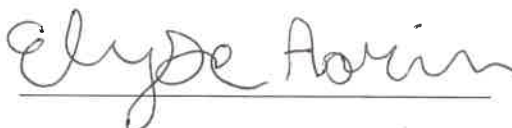
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Approved by the President of the Undergraduate Student Government and so order into effect

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Gyllien Anderson

Speaker of the Senate

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Elyse Adrian

President

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## A Bill Formally Requesting the Enhancement of Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility

*In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,*

1   **Whereas**, The Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student  
2   voice at Bowling Green State University; and

3   **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government  
4   aims to ensure all student voices are represented within our Senate; and

5   **Whereas**, Pedestrian safety and accessibility are integral to fostering a safe, welcoming,  
6   and inclusive campus for all; and

7   **Whereas**, Pedestrian safety is a growing concern on campus with more foot traffic,  
8   specifically in high-traffic areas; and

9   **Whereas**, Crosswalks, speedbumps, curb cuts, and adequate crosswalk lighting are  
10   essential for reducing accidents and ensuring the safety of all pedestrians, students,  
11   faculty, staff, and visitors, while crossing the roads on campus; and

12   **Whereas**, The current infrastructure of our campus does not adequately address the  
13   needs of pedestrians, including those with mobility challenges or visual impairments,  
14   particularly in areas with heavy pedestrian activity and non-pedestrian friendly crossings;  
15   and

16   **Whereas**, Sidewalks with inconsistent surfaces or are made from different materials pose  
17   barriers for individuals with mobility challenges, walking canes, strollers, bicycles,  
18   scooters, and others, making travel across campus more difficult and even unsafe; and

19   **Whereas**, Curb cuts at intersections are an essential part of ensuring that our campus is  
20   fully accessible to individuals using walkers, canes, wheelchairs, other mobility aids, and  
21   strollers; and

22   **Whereas**, Increased visibility of sidewalks, the implementation of traffic calming  
23   measures, such as speed bumps, consistent curb cuts at all pedestrian crossings, and the  
24   addition of blinking lights at crosswalks have shown to significantly reduce the likelihood of  
25   accidents and close-calls\*\*; and

26 **Whereas,** The addition of more crosswalks on East Merry Avenue, Willard Drive, Mercer  
27 Road, and Ridge Street would lessen the amount of jaywalking on campus, making our  
28 campus safer; and

29 **Whereas,** the area of Mercer Road, particularly between the Slater Family Ice Arena and  
30 the Steller Baseball Field; experiences significant traffic congestion, with constant  
31 vehicular traffic; and

32 **Whereas,** data collected on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, showed the daily vehicle count on Mercer  
33 Road to be 4,750, with peak traffic periods between the hours of 8 AM to 9 AM and 5 PM to  
34 6 PM, with vehicle speeds ranging from below the speed limit to as high as 65 miles per  
35 hour\*\*\*; and

36 **Whereas,** data collected on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, showed the daily vehicle count on Mercer  
37 Road to be 4,124, with peak traffic periods between the hours of 11 AM to 12 PM and 5:30  
38 PM to 6:30 PM, with vehicle speeds ranging from below the speed limit to as high as 85  
39 miles per hour\*\*\*; and

40 **Whereas,** this data collection presents no time of day without cars present on Mercer  
41 Road, reinstating the need for traffic safety measures to ensure student safety; and

42 **Whereas,** locations like the Student Recreational Center and Perry Fieldhouse, as well as  
43 our campus' arenas, host events late in the evening, it is necessary to provide safety  
44 measures protecting those students; and

45 **Therefore, let it be resolved that,** The Undergraduate Student Government formally asks  
46 the University to increase the amount of crosswalks present on campus, especially on East  
47 Merry, Willard Drive, Mercer Road, and Ridge Street; and

48 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government formally asks the  
49 University to install more Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at places of high foot  
50 traffic\*\*\*\*; and

51 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government formally asks the  
52 University to ensure that all crosswalks have curb cuts for accessibility; and

53 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government formally asks the  
54 University to ensure all sidewalks are level and even as well as are consistent in material  
55 across campus; and

56 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government formally asks the  
57 University to include speed bumps on East Merry Avenue and Ridge Street to ensure  
58 pedestrian safety; and

59 **Let it finally be resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government formally asks the  
60 University to continue to ensure pedestrian safety for students, staff, faculty, and visitors  
61 through consistency and additional safety measures.

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\*\*[https://www.pedbikeinfo.org/cms/downloads/TrafficCalmingMeasures\\_Effects\\_PedMot  
orist.pdf](https://www.pedbikeinfo.org/cms/downloads/TrafficCalmingMeasures_Effects_PedMot<br/>orist.pdf)

\*\*\*Taken from personal data collection by Sandra Wiechman, Safe Communities  
Coordinator

\*\*\*\*[https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/rectangular-rapid-  
flashing-beacons-rrfb](https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/rectangular-rapid-<br/>flashing-beacons-rrfb)

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*Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.*

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Gyllien Anderson

Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.*

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Elyse Adrian

President of the Undergraduate Student Government

*I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.*

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Elyse Adrian

President of the Undergraduate Student Government

