

Student Senate

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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1087

TITLE: Resolution Addressing Gale Lemerand Drive Pedestrian Safety

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida must protect its students, faculty, and staff when they commute to or on university property; and,

WHEREAS, Gale Lemerand Drive is a busy road centered in the heart of campus that is traveled by many personal vehicles, including cars, scooters, and bicycles, as well as commuter busses; and,

WHEREAS, there are three established crosswalks crossing Gale Lemerand Drive south of the intersection with Stadium Road and north of the intersection with Museum Road. These crosswalks are used by hundreds of students each day to get to and from class; and,

WHEREAS, only one of these crosswalks has flashing pedestrian lights, warning drivers of crossing students, while the other two have no such lights; and,

WHEREAS, Gale Lemerand Drive is under the jurisdiction of the Gainesville City Commission; and

WHEREAS, “pedestrian crosswalk visibility enhancements have been proven to be effective at reducing the pedestrian crash risk, with ‘[h]igh-visibility crosswalk markings [being] shown to reduce pedestrian crashes by up to 48%’” [1] [2]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the obligation that it and the rest of the University must protect its students, faculty, and staff as they commute to and on campus.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and supports the need to install visible, flashing pedestrian lights on all crosswalks on Gale Lemerand Drive between the intersections of Stadium Road and Museum Road.

