

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1180

TITLE: Resolution to Expand Bike Repair Services at the Reitz Union at the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida is committed to promoting sustainable and accessible transportation options for all students, faculty, and staff on campus; and

WHEREAS, electric skateboard and scooter transport is a sustainable, healthy, and cost-effective mode of transportation that contributes to the reduction of traffic congestion on campus, as mentioned by the University of Florida College of Design, Construction & Planning- “micro mobility programs can efficiently complement existing transit service by offering “last-mile” connectivity and presented huge potentials in helping reduce traffic congestion and pollution by replacing automobile trips” [1] ; and

WHEREAS, the availability of reliable repair services is essential for maintaining the safety and usability of transportation to campus for all students- “the main goal of different microtransit services is to expand a network’s geographic and demographic reach, usually serving populations that are low density, low income, and/or lacking some other reliable transportation options” [1] ; and

WHEREAS, the uses of mopeds on campus has risen exponentially expanding bike repair services at the Reitz Union would provide convenient access to maintenance and repair services to a large portion of the student bod; and

WHEREAS, the Reitz Union at the University of Florida currently provides limited bike repair services that are unable to meet the high demand from the campus community in both micro-transit and moped usage, as stated in the *The Gainesville Sun*, according to a research conducted in 2016 consisting of professors and urban planning student Brooke Peters, “as many as 25% of UF students used scooters in 2017.” [2]; and

WHEREAS, enhancing bike repair services aligns with the University of Florida's Sustainability Office’s promise to “several sustainable transportation options available to students, faculty & staff for getting around UF campus and Gainesville.” [3]; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need to expand bike repair services at the Reitz Union to better serve the needs of the campus community;

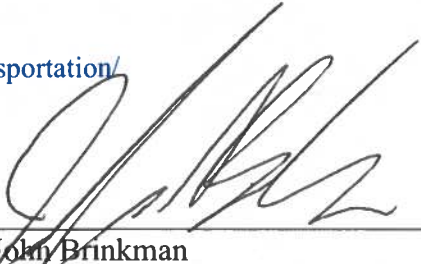
THEREFORE LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate calls upon the University of Florida senate to allocate the necessary fund and the University of Florida administration to allocate the necessary resources for the expansion of bike repair services at the Reitz Union to include electric scooters, electric skateboards, and mopeds;

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Vice President for Student Life Heather White, and Director of the Reitz Union Dwayne Isaacs.

[1] <https://dcp.ufl.edu/iadapt/microtransit-and-micromobility-inventory-in-the-state-of-florida/>

[2] <https://www.gainesville.com/story/news/local/2019/10/17/scooter-study-at-uf-to-look-at-danger-pollution/2498412007/>

[3] <https://sustainable.ufl.edu/campus-initiatives/transportation/>



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