

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1182

TITLE: Resolution Addressing the Need for a Crosswalk at Southwest 2nd Avenue by the Intersection of Southwest 24th Street and/or Southwest 23rd Drive

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

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate has already approved multiple resolutions that indicate the need for the installation of crosswalks around campus and other areas of large student populations, including but not limited to SSB 2023-1154, 1171, 1180, and 1206; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently no crosswalks connecting the University of Florida Levin College of Law to the UF Law School Westbound Bus Stop, located on Southwest 2nd Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, there are 705 students enrolled at the University of Florida Levin College of Law [1], and 476 students that live in the Springs Residential Complex [2], many of whom commute to off campus locations or back to campus via Bus Routes 5 and 34 at the University Law School Westbound Bus Stop [3] [4]; and,

WHEREAS, the intersections of Southwest 24th Street and Southwest 23rd Drive with Southwest 2nd Avenue are roads 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%’” [5] [6]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the continued need the University has to protect its students, faculty, and staff when they commute to or on university property.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of

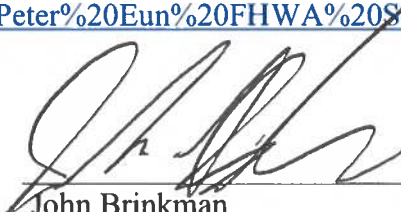
Florida Student Senate supports and encourages the installment of a visible crosswalk and flashing pedestrian signs at the intersection of Southwest 24th Street and Southwest 2nd Avenue and/or the installment of a visible crosswalk and flashing pedestrian signs at the intersection of Southwest 23rd Drive and Southwest 2nd Avenue.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate will continue to uphold its obligation to support the safety and security of pedestrians by advocating for increased preventative measures to reduce the potential of pedestrian incidents.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Ben Sasse, Vice President of Student Life Heather White, Student Body President Olivia Green, Nightlife Navigators Agency Head Conor Lynch, Department Head for City of Gainesville Public Works Philip Mann, City Manager Cynthia Curry, Mayor Harvey Ward, Gainesville City Commissioner Casey Willits, University of Florida Facilities Services Director of Grounds & Natural Resources Thomas Schlick, and Transportation and Parking Services Director Scott Fox

The authors and sponsors of this bill recognize Lucas Nadeau for helping to spearhead this issue and drafting this bill.

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