

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1046

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Comprehensive Bus Stop Coverage at the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida provides public transportation through campus bus routes, serving thousands of students, faculty, and staff daily [1]; and,

WHEREAS, many bus stops on campus lack adequate shelter, seating, and lighting, leaving students vulnerable to extreme weather conditions such as sun exposure and heavy rainfall; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of comprehensive bus stop coverage would improve student safety, comfort, and accessibility while using campus transportation [2]; and,

WHEREAS, improved bus stop amenities, including shelters and seating, significantly increase ridership and improve the overall commuter experience [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee (PATAC) and Student Government have identified a need for expanded and improved bus stop coverage across campus; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this initiative can be sourced from the Student Traffic Court, which allocates revenue from student parking citations to transportation related improvements [4]; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration between the Student Senate, Student Traffic Court, and Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) would ensure the implementation of improved bus stop infrastructure that meets student needs while adhering to UF building and safety standards [5]; and,

WHEREAS, new bus stop installations should incorporate weather resistant shelters, seating, and solar-powered lighting to enhance the student transportation experience [6]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the urgent need for comprehensive bus stop coverage and supports initiatives that improve shelter, accessibility, and overall transportation infrastructure for students, faculty, and staff.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the allocation of Student Traffic Court funds for this purpose and encourages

Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) and the Chief Justice of the Student Traffic Court to approve and implement an expansion plan for improved bus stop infrastructure, with input from the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee (PATAAC).

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of continued collaboration between Student Government, PATAAC, TAPS, and UF to address transportation-related concerns and enhance the student experience.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Transportation and Parking Services Senior Director William MacDonald, Student Body President John Brinkman and the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee (PATAAC).

[1]<https://taps.ufl.edu/alternative-transportation/rts/>

[2]<https://www.alexandriava.gov/transportation-planning/bus-stop-program>

[3]<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2590198221000300#section-cited-by>

[4]<https://taps.ufl.edu/about/student-traffic-court/>

[5]https://facilities.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SECTION-7_UnivFL_Landscape-Master-Plan-Report_EDIT_09012023.pdf

[6]<https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/54435>