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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1154

TITLE: Urging the Need for Speed Regulation Infrastructure on Hull Road

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WHEREAS, Hull Road is a vibrant center of our campus as it is home to Condron Family Ballpark, Katie Seashole Softball Stadium, Southwest Recreation Center, Dr. Philips Center, Harn Museum of Art, and the Florida Museum of Natural History [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the popular stretch of Hull Road, from Southwest 34th Street to Condron Ballpark, spans nearly a mile [2]; and,

WHEREAS, there is a lack of sufficient infrastructure keeping our students safe on Hull Road, with no speed bumps in the vicinity of Southwest Recreation Center [2]; and,

WHEREAS, traffic-related accidents on campus directly disrupt student life and endanger the University of Florida community; and,

WHEREAS, according to the City of Gainesville's open data portal, Hull Road and the adjacent intersections have been a hotspot for vehicle accidents in the past 14 years, there have been about 400 traffic crashes [3]; and,

WHEREAS, studies have found that speed bumps reduce the risk of injury or death by 53-60% in car-pedestrian collisions [4]; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the implementation of a speed bump significantly reduces speeds on college campuses, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) found a 50% reduction in vehicle speeds [5]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of road safety infrastructure in protecting the lives of all on our campus.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the urgent need for speed-reduction infrastructure in the form of a speed bump on Hull Road to ensure campus safety.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges University of Florida Planning, Design, and Construction to include the addition of a speed bump on Hull Road in the Campus Master Plan.

Proviso: This resolution shall be sent to University of Florida Police Department Captain Trever D. Henderson and Linda B. Dixon, AICP.

- [1]https://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/
- [2]https://earth.google.com/earth/d/1vKAmx701tOQBf5mHVyeE9MUvg0JdXXpA?usp=sharing
- [3]https://data.cityofgainesville.org/Public-Safety/Traffic-Crashes/iecn-3sxx/data_preview
- [4]https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC1448312/#:~:text=We%20found%20that%20speed%20humps,an%20automobile%20in%20their%20neighborhood.
- [5]https://www.axios.com/local/richmond/2023/10/03/vcu-traffic-deaths-calming?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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