



“Pedestrian Safety Initiative”

Bill # 08-05

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Vote: Yes X No

Whereas the purpose of the Student Government Association is to provide a responsive forum for student opinions and interests and to actively seek out, investigate and resolve student complaints and concerns; and

Whereas the Student Government Association is the official voice of the students; and

Whereas student safety is a particularly important issue on the Georgia State University campus; and

Whereas often, students find themselves in harms way because of malfunctioning street lights or driver negligence at the intersections of Piedmont Avenue and Decatur Street, as well as the Courtland Street crosswalk between the Library Plaza and the University Center during peak school hours; and

Whereas since January 5, 2005, there have been 20 occurrences reported to the Georgia State University Police Department where Georgia State University students were the victims of vehicular incidents, where students as well as non-students were nearly hit by a car, actually struck by a car, or fatally injured; and

Whereas the Georgia State University student body finds these statistics alarming and are overwhelmingly concerned with their safety; and

Whereas the Student Government Association is mandated by their constitution to serve as partners in the administrative processes of the University; and

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Student Government Association is in favor of lobbying the University Senate to develop an ad hoc committee that will review traffic incidents around campus, who will consider the importance of placing pedestrian safety devices such as rumble strips and/or speed bumps throughout the Marietta/Decatur and Courtland Street Corridors of the University that will slow vehicular traffic down for pedestrians during peak school hours. This committee will have four main objectives:

1. Review all traffic incidents that have occurred in the Georgia State University vicinity in which students have been involved.

2. Question the feasibility of obtaining rumble strips, speed bumps, or any other pedestrian safety device that would slow cars down during peak traffic hours.
3. Ensure that the planned streetscape improvements to these and other corridors listed in the University's Master Plan have similar traffic calming devices incorporated into them.
4. Present their findings to the University Senate and, if it is agreed that these pedestrian safety devices are necessary and obtainable, then have the University Senate take a vote on implementing the measure of the ad hoc committee's findings.

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