

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #23-06

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE THE EXPANSION OF ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE CAL POLY UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Campus Master Plan, published June 2019, lists the Cal Poly University campus shifting to an active transportation system as one of their guiding principles¹, and
- WHEREAS: According to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Partnership for Active Transportation, active transportation is defined as “a means of getting around that is powered by human energy, primarily walking and bicycling”², and
- WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Transportation, active transportation plans “help people lead more active lifestyles by giving them options for getting to places they need to go without driving”³, and
- WHEREAS: Comprehensive active transportation planning has been shown to effectively reduce injuries and casualties that result from transportation as well as increasing the quality of life for those using such infrastructure⁴, and
- WHEREAS: Efforts to improve active transportation on campus are ongoing, including efforts to determine the scope of a planning document detailing future active transportation planning on campus, along with the installation of bike racks and lockers across campus⁵, and
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors calls on Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS), Facilities Management and Development (FMD), along with any other applicable campus departments to communicate and coordinate with one another to better integrate active transportation planning and construction across campus;
and

1 Cal Poly Master Plan 2035, page 2 – 25 GP 13: <https://masterplan.calpoly.edu/docs/cal-poly-campus-master-plan-2019-06-27.pdf>

2 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Partnership for Active Transportation, What is Active Transportation: <https://www.railstotrails.org/partnership-for-active-transportation/why/#what>

3 U.S. Department of Transportation Literature and Resources: <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/health/literature-and-resources>

4 Benefits of Active Transportation: <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/benefits-of-active-transportation.pdf>

5 According to Anthony Palazzo, Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, March 1, 2023

FURTHERMORE
BE IT

RESOLVED: The Cal Poly administration amend Campus Administrative Policy (CAP) 359.4⁶ and Section 21 of the Motor Vehicle, Parking, Scooter & Bicycle Regulations university policy to provide students with expanded transportation options that have a viable braking system⁷; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly administration selects policy that does not restrict the use of any safe transportation method, particularly those with the inclusion of a braking system, as to allow for a higher number of students to find flexible active transportation methods that best meet individual needs; and

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RESOLVED: Cal Poly's plans for active transportation improvements shall have a unified direction through the implementation of a Circulation Plan that prioritizes the safety of alternative transportation and integrated leadership structure to ensure improved transportation safety on campus and achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals as listed in the Cal Poly Climate Action Plan⁸; and

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RESOLVED: Student involvement and outreach shall be a priority throughout all active transportation planning and construction efforts. Feedback and opinions on active transportation planning and construction efforts shall be actively solicited throughout all sectors of the campus community to encourage comprehensive, representative, and equitable participation and engagement; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly administration take concrete and decisive steps to rapidly improve active transportation safety and take an active step to eliminate serious traffic injuries and fatalities in accordance with "Vision Zero" principles⁹; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly administration shall utilize all resources at its disposal to reduce serious traffic fatalities beginning with expert consultation from traffic engineers and associated trades to potentially begin implementing the following low-cost tools:

- Quick-build bollards to increase cyclist and pedestrian safety through traffic calming strategies.

6 Chapter 300: Administration and Finance: <https://policy.calpoly.edu/cap/300/cap-350>

7 Cal Poly Motor Vehicle, Parking, Scooter & Biking Regulation policy: https://afd.calpoly.edu/parking/parkingoncampus/docs/2019_rules_and_regs_for_web_rev12-19-19.pdf

8 Cal Poly Climate Action Plan, pages 27 – 35: <https://afd.calpoly.edu/sustainability/docs/poly%20cap/polycap4.26.17.pdf>

9 Guidelines for Creating an Effective Vision Zero Action Plan: <https://visionzeronetwork.org/roadmapforaction/>

- Putting funding towards clearer lane striping and the installation of chicanes to better protect bicyclists.
- Traffic calming measures and curb extensions near pedestrian crossings to reduce vehicle speeds.
- Further efforts to increase the visibility of pedestrian crossings throughout campus via line striping, etc.
- A more widespread adoption of bollards throughout campus to better separate bicyclists from motorists and pedestrians¹⁰; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly administration better publicize active transportation planning efforts throughout campus, as outreach efforts have often been obscured or unclear for members of the Cal Poly campus community; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly Administration work with the County of San Luis Obispo to best develop the proposed Chorro Valley Trail, a Class I (separated) bike trail that is envisioned to connect the City of SLO with Morro Bay, to better connect Cal Poly students with the living environment; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly Administration work with members of the Cal Poly community and students with disabilities to create a campus that is accessible and comforting to them, making the built environment more equitable for all; and

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RESOLVED: Cal Poly Facilities Management & Development strengthen its collaboration with the City and County of San Luis Obispo, especially their staff, to better protect students using active transportation methods throughout the Cal Poly community; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly Administration implements new strategies to acquire more public funding and find a stable source of monies for active transportation projects on the Cal Poly University campus; and

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to the University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, State Senator John Laird, Assistant Vice President for Strategic Business Services Dru Zachmeyer, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Development Mike McCormick, Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Capital

¹⁰ Chicanes definition: <https://www.sfbetterstreets.org/find-project-types/pedestrian-safety-and-traffic-calming/traffic-calming-overview/chicanes/#:~:text=A%20chicane%20is%20a%20series,%2Dshaped%20path%2C%20discouraging%20speeding.>

Projects Anthony Palazzo, Director of Transportation and Parking Services Marlene Cramer, City of San Luis Obispo Active Transportation Manager Adam Fukushima, City of San Luis Obispo Councilmember Emily Francis, and San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Bruce Gibson.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:

ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:

ASI President

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