

ASG Senate Resolution No. 13

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A Resolution Supporting Safer Traffic Measures

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has experienced the tragic loss of community members due to motor vehicle collision in recent memory.

Whereas, Speed is *the* critical factor in the frequency and severity of crashes: according to a report titled “Impact Speed and a Pedestrian’s Risk of Sever Injury or Death” by AAA Foundation of Traffic Safety, the risk of death in a pedestrian collision increases exponentially with speed. After the 20-mph mark, the risk of death steeply increases. At 20-mph, the risk of death in collision is about 7%. At speeds of 30-mph, the risk increases to approximately 20%, or a one-in-five chance.

Whereas, The City of Fayetteville’s Transportation Committee and Active Transportation Advisory Committee have unanimously approved motions to reduce speeds in residential streets citing excessive traffic speeds and pedestrian safety.

Whereas, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a lowering of speeds from 30mph to 25mph resulted in a 29.3 % dec line in the odds of speeding for vehicles traveling faster than 35 mph, the biggest drop. An 8.5% decline in the odds of speeding for vehicles going faster than 30 mph and a 2.9 % decline for vehicles exceeding 25 mph. This study shows that speed limits do in fact slow traffic.

Be it further resolved:

The Associate Student Government Senate supports reducing speed limits to 20-mph or lower for roads on or near campus. Map of roads attached for reference:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/o/edit?mid=12xqtnvNhhMUGm8_dGeuvlttEZctWnB82&ll=36.06824882672315%2C-94.17757911769003&z=16

Be it finally resolved:

A copy of this legislation sent to Stephen Gahagans and Gary Crain of UAPD, Chris Brown from City of Fayetteville, Mike Johnson of Facilities Management, Gary Smith and Adam Waddell of Parking and Transits, and several other interested parties.

Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstentions _____

Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _____

Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

Date

Julia Nall, ASG President

Date