

1 **Associated Student Government**  
2 *University of Arkansas*



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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 1*

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12 **A Resolution in Support of the Maple Street Expansion Efforts**

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14 Whereas, Maple Street currently lacks sufficient sidewalks, placing  
15 pedestrians directly in contact with a 25 mile per hour speed  
16 zone, increasing the likelihood of vehicular pedestrian  
17 accidents;

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19 Whereas, Maple Street currently has a curb-to-curb width of  
20 approximately 34 ft for only two lanes of traffic, requiring  
21 students to spend a greater amount of time in direct line of  
22 traffic in order to cross the street;

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24 Whereas, Maple Street stands as the crossing point and front yard for  
25 many Greek houses, classrooms, and buildings on campus;

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27 Whereas, Cars contribute to the noise pollution, air pollution, and  
28 overall congestion of campus roadways;

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30 Whereas, More alternative transportation infrastructure is needed to  
31 create safe options for students who choose healthy, low-  
32 impact, affordable transportation options;

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34 Whereas, Maple Street does not currently provide safe pedestrian or  
35 adequate bicycle accessibility to the Razorback Greenway,  
36 limiting the ability of students to access hundreds of miles of  
37 interconnected trails;

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39 Whereas, The 2015 UA Campus Transportation Plan and Northwest  
40 Arkansas Regional Walk Bike plan identified Maple Street as  
41 a key project for the community's walking and biking  
42 network;

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44 Whereas, If the project creates an adequate connection to the  
45 Greenway, the Walton Family Foundation has committed  
46 50% of the funding, the City of Fayetteville has pledged 25%

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of the funding, and the University of Arkansas will contribute the remaining 25%;

Whereas,

This project, by adding a bike path, street trees, reducing the speed limit, enhancing street lighting and campus crosswalks will add an extra layer of safety between vehicle commuters and pedestrians as well as promote beautification of a street that can be utilized and enjoyed for years to come.

Be it therefore resolved:

The Associated Student Government Senate supports the Maple Street Expansion project and any future endeavors on account of student safety and wellness.

Be it further and finally resolved:

A copy of this resolution will be sent to the Director of the University of Arkansas Office for Sustainability Eric Boles, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs Coordinator of the University of Arkansas Office for Sustainability Dane Eiffling, Associate Vice Chancellor Mike Johnson, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Charles Robinson, Director of Transit and Parking Gary Smith, Chief of Staff Laura Jacobs, and Chancellor Steinmetz.

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Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Count: Aye 49 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

Legislation Status: Passed  Failed \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

 11/12/2019  
Kianna Sarvestani, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Jared Pinkerton, ASG President Date

**PASSED**