

**A Resolution to Support the Implementation of an eBike Hub on The Ohio State University’s Columbus Campus**

Kinza Sami (for herself and Vikas Munjal) introduced the following legislation to the Steering Committee, where it passed.

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**Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

**Whereas** it is part of the University’s mission to “Implement specific, “world-leading” university-wide operational goals to reduce resource consumption, neutralize carbon emissions and minimize waste,”<sup>1</sup> and

**Whereas** it is also part of the University’s mission to “Develop university-wide standards for targeted environmentally preferred products and fully implement preferable products and services by 2025,”<sup>1</sup> and

**Whereas** the Facilities Operations and Development Department defines sustainability as “creating a campus that is timeless, maintainable and flexible; incorporating responsible use of fiscal, environmental and human resources; and having minimal environmental impact,”<sup>2</sup> and

**Whereas** the current parking system has caused and continues to pose many problems for students and is an inefficient use of space and land, with 5 million square feet and 13,000 spaces within 16 garages, and 7 million square feet and 23,591 spaces within 196 surface lots, for a total of 36,591 system spaces,<sup>3</sup> and

**Whereas** a single, typical 40-foot storage container has a width of 8 feet and therefore, an area of 320 square feet, which can accommodate up to 440 bikes,<sup>4</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.osu.edu/SustGoals%20FINAL%20updated%20030817.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://fod.osu.edu/sustainability>

<sup>3</sup> <http://osu.campusparc.com/home/about-us/about-us/our-values>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.re-cycle.org/about/how-we-work>

35 **Whereas** the cost of parking passes on The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus  
36 range from \$121.56 to \$905.76 annually, with most on central campus costing more than  
37 \$500 annually,<sup>5</sup> and

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39 **Whereas** riding a bicycle is a healthy, cheap, and sustainable alternative form of  
40 transportation that is accessible to students at The Ohio State University’s Columbus  
41 campus, and

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43 **Whereas** there are direct and positive health benefits associated with regularly riding a  
44 bicycle versus driving a car, including heart health, decreased stress, reduced anxiety and  
45 depression,<sup>6</sup> and

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47 **Whereas** minor repairs and bike theft are an impediment and hindrance to bike  
48 ownership amongst students at The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus, and

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50 **Whereas** The Ohio State University’s Office of Energy and Environment considers The  
51 Ohio State University “a leader among sustainable campuses,”<sup>7</sup> and

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54 Ohio State University “a leader among sustainable campuses,”<sup>8</sup> and

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56 **Whereas** the partnership of university administrators such as Beth Snoke and John  
57 Shrader, and grass-roots student organizations such as Smart Campus has led to a major  
58 push for an eBike hub,<sup>9</sup> and

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60 **Whereas** a number of universities across the globe including Portland State University,<sup>10</sup>  
61 University of Leeds<sup>11</sup> in the United Kingdom, The University of Newcastle<sup>12</sup> in Australia,  
62 and Big Ten school University of Minnesota<sup>13</sup> have already taken similar initiatives to  
63 facilitate and accommodate students that bike on campus, and

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<sup>5</sup> <http://osu.campusparc.com/home/permits/student-faculty-staff-permits/annual-permits>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/cycling-health-benefits>

<sup>7</sup> <http://oeo.osu.edu/welcome.html>

<sup>8</sup> <http://oeo.osu.edu/welcome.html>

<sup>9</sup> <https://mae.osu.edu/news/2017/10/new-student-organization-brings-smart-columbus-initiative-campus/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.pdx.edu/bikehub/about-us-0>

<sup>11</sup> <http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/sustainable-transport/bike-hub/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/campus-environment/transport-and-parking/cycling-to-campus/bike-hubs>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.pts.umn.edu/bike/bike-center>

65 **Whereas** an eBike Hub on The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus will be a  
66 center of bike repairs, secure storage, and a one-stop shop for all bicycle needs for  
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69 **Whereas** an eBike Hub on The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus can promote  
70 healthy lifestyles, introduce sustainable transportation alternatives, and provide  
71 maintenance of bicycles already on campus;  
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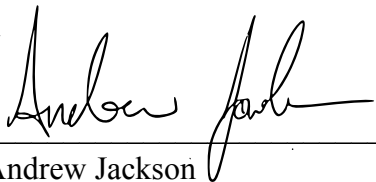
73 **Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages  
74 The Ohio State University to support the implementation of an eBike Hub on its  
75 Columbus campus, and  
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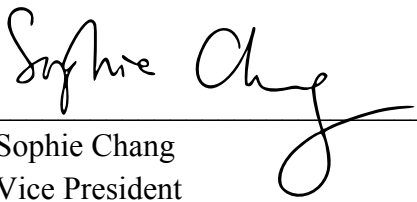
77 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government believes that  
78 The Ohio State University has not only the potential, but also a responsibility to be a  
79 leader in sustainable practices and that implementing this facility on campus is an  
80 important step in this process.  
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Floor Vote: Passed

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Andrew Jackson  
President

  
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Sophie Chang  
Vice President

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94 Date Adopted: November 29, 2017  
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Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_