



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #55 Improving Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety at Cornell

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ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to prioritize bicycle infrastructure and lower the speed limit to 20mph.

Whereas, cyclists and pedestrians feel unsafe on Cornell's campus as a result of poor road infrastructure, aggressive drivers and high speed limits;

Whereas, many cities around the nation are now enacting Vision Zero Programs to combat unsafe road conditions and traffic-related fatalities, with the understanding that these collisions are a direct result of poor infrastructure and policy;

Whereas, Cornell has the impetus to emphasize bicycle and pedestrian transportation as we continue to move forward on the Carbon Neutrality Plan;

Whereas, Cornell continues to mourn for the lives of Angela Stedwell Oluchukwu Onuora '15 and Rosalyn Degraw, which were lost earlier this semester in traffic-related fatalities;

Whereas, the proposed policy recommendations require funding and construction prioritization, lowering the speed limit is inexpensive and immediate;

Be it therefore resolved, that the SA supports the recommendations to prioritize bicycle infrastructure, including bike lanes and bike islands;

Be it further resolved, that the SA supports the recommendations to prioritize pedestrian infrastructure, including making more crosswalks in vital locations and make them more visible to cars and cyclists;

Be it finally resolved, that Cornell should lower its speed limit to 20 mph, in an effort to make collisions less lethal, to increase stopping potential, and to prioritize alternative transportation over that of cars.

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