

Cornell University University Assembly

Resolution 4: Support of the development and implementation of a Cornell Campus Circulator System

Abstract: For the past eleven years, a Cornell Campus Circulator System of transportation has been under discussion as a way to improve access to many university functions and to address the continual challenges related to transportation and parking that Cornellians face every day. We propose that this project become a priority for Cornell and be realized within the period of the next five years.

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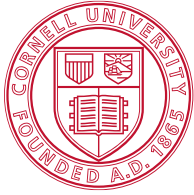
Reviewed by: Campus Infrastructure Committee, 11/20/2019

Whereas, the need for a Campus Circulator was identified in the 2008 Campus Master Plan as essential to the efficiency and productivity of Cornell campus which depends on how well Cornell students, faculty, employees, and alumni, as well as guests and visitors can move about the campus; and

Whereas, the 2013 Cornell Climate Action Plan calls for the reduction of fossil-fuel consumption of the Cornell Fleet through alternative-fueled vehicle purchasing and the increased use of mass transportation, leading to the fulfillment of the Carbon Neutrality 2035 goal approved by the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, the 2015 Game Farm Road Athletic Complex Facilities Master Plan requires the improvement and expansion of Cornell's current transportation system to make that complex more accessible to student athletes, coaches, and staff in a timely and safe fashion throughout the day; and

Whereas, the need for a Campus Circulator was identified in Cornell's 2018 Parking Optimization Study, as a way to reduce the reliance on TCAT large bus traffic through the center of campus; to provide more frequent transit to more locations across campus; to increase connectivity and reduce the confusion inherent in current transit options; to reduce the anxiety and challenges around current parking proximity to destination; to reduce the amount of car traffic on campus; and to increase the use of existing available perimeter parking options; and encourage the use of sustainable intra-campus mobility options when on campus; and



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40 **Whereas**, only students in their first year at Cornell have free access to TCAT and there is an
41 opportunity to provide and encourage the use of barrier free, sustainable, mass transportation for all
42 students; and

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44 **Whereas**, pedestrian and bike safety are a priority and this is another step towards Vision Zero by
45 reducing car traffic, parking hunting, and bus traffic on campus; and

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47 **Whereas**, it is important to continue to protect Cornell's natural landscapes, green spaces, and
48 maintain our campus aesthetics (which are among the most beautiful in the world) for all future
49 Cornellians; and

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51 **Whereas**, efficient mass-transit supports the One Cornell vision, including the ease of access and
52 utilization of the Martin Y. Tang Welcome Center, and allowing students, faculty, guests, and staff to
53 move across campus easily to cross collaborate more often between schools and disciplines and to
54 attend meetings and campus events more frequently; and

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56 **Whereas**, TCAT is committed to working with Cornell to improve their service and pilot new
57 sustainable initiatives to better meet Cornell's needs and goals; and

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59 **Whereas**, our 2019 Drafted Core Values statement outlines Changing Lives through Engagement
60 by applying knowledge that we and others create for the benefit of society and engagement with our
61 community, state, and the broader world; as well as our Respect for the Natural Environment and
62 the need to live and work for a sustainable environment.

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64 **Be it therefore resolved** that the Cornell Administration support, prioritize, and assign ownership
65 to the development of an innovative and sustainable Campus Circulator System;

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67 **Be it further resolved** that the Cornell Administration secure funding, develop a pilot system, and
68 implement and fully realize such A Campus Circulator System over the period of the next 5 years.

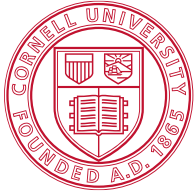
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70 **Be it finally resolved**, a copy of this resolution be presented to Martha Pollack, President; Mary
71 Opperman, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer; Joel Malina, Vice President for
72 University Relations

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74 **Adopted by Vote of the Assembly (x-x-x), MM/DD/YYYY.**

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76 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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101 **Page 10,12 of the Transportation Parking Optimization Presentation**

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103 **Core Values:** <https://president.cornell.edu/initiatives/university-core-values/>

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