75th Senate

Winter Session

S.R. C-01

Resolution Type: Positional

A Resolution Supporting the ASUCSB Bike Committee's Efforts to Secure ILP-Library Bike Path Construction Funding

A resolution, brought by **Senator Enri Lala** and **Senator Eemaan Wahidullah** to support the ASUCSB Bike Committee's efforts to secure the funding necessary to construct the ILP-Library Bike Path.

Endorsed by the following student sponsors:
Anthony Woo, ASUCSB Bike Committee Co-Chair
Lainey Djajakusuma, ASUCSB Bike Committee Co-Chair

WHEREAS: The unresolved and disorderly status of the pathway between the Interactive Learning Pavillion (ILP) and the Library has been a constant concern for students, both cyclists and pedestrians, as well as others on campus over the last several years[1]; and,

WHEREAS: These concerns center primarily around frequent congestion, accidents, and safety risks for both cyclists and pedestrians in the undesignated pathway, adding onto long-standing struggles with bike safety given its prevalent use on campus[2]; and,

WHEREAS: The ASUCSB Bike Committee, in collaboration with elected student leaders, has been working to address this highest-priority issue since the ILP's opening in the Spring Quarter of 2023; and,

[1] A.S. Bike Committee responds to community concerns over bike path accessibility near ILP
[2] Bike Accidents on Campus: The Unaddressed Epidemic

WHEREAS: The construction of a designated path, in addition to enhancing bike safety, will also promote sustainable transportation by encouraging students to bike, supporting the campus' commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, and,

WHEREAS: The Bike Committee and elected student leaders are encouraged by the positive and increasing receptiveness regarding the bike path and its affiliated roundabouts construction on the part of Administration officials; and,

WHEREAS: Even with the broad support for the bike path's construction among students, faculty, and Administration alike, securing the funding necessary remains the preeminent concern, and,

WHEREAS: UCSB students pay exceptionally high Associated Students fees, recently amounting to nearly $700 per academic year[3], in response to which the Administration ought to take all necessary measures to facilitate the construction of the bike path without imposing unreasonable additional lock-in fees; and,

WHEREAS: The ASUCSB Bike Committee is considering several pathways to securing the funding, prominent among which is the UCSB Office of Budget and Planning providing sufficient funds to cover the necessary infrastructure, and,

WHEREAS: The prospective bike path is of the utmost importance to both the Bike Committee, which has designated it Bike Hotspot #1 on campus, as well as the sustainability of the campus and the safety of its students; and,

WHEREAS: The ASUCSB Senate recognizes the importance of this project and stands in solidarity with the ASUCSB Bike Committee's efforts to improve campus infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled hereby:

1. Request that the UCSB Administration come to a prompt agreement with the ASUCSB Bike Committee about the funding and timeline of the ILP-Library bike path.
2. Present a report to the 75th Senate upon having finalized a plan with the ASUCSB Bike Committee.
3. Ensure that the Bike Committee is equipped with the funding and resources necessary to meet all bike infrastructure demands around campus while alleviating the need for additional lock-in fees wherever possible.

[3] UC Santa Barbara, Office of the Registrar "Undergraduate - 2022 Cohort Fees"