



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 19-07

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK SAFETY

Authored By: Speaker Bob Greenbaum, Senator Ashley Casey, Senator Abigail Easton, Senator Jakarla Hill, Senator Jasmine Hill, Senator Setcha Little, Senator Scout McCambridge, Senator Anthony Oliveira, Senator Shy'dasha Speight, and Senator Alisa Wilson.

Sponsored By: Senator Sarah Bowman, Senator Cameron Chavarria, Senator Nhija Carter, Senator Christopher Kirkland, Senator Amiah Hartman, Senator Aminata Lewis, Senator Victoria Merritt, Senator Jamiya J Miles, Senator Amiya Miles, and Senator Khusbuben Patel.

Be it enacted by the Student Government Association (SGA) of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembles, that:

WHEREAS, there have been numerous incidents of pedestrians using midblock crosswalks on the perimeter of campus, and experiencing dangerous situations at the following areas: Brookwood Drive, Georgia Avenue, Oak Street, and Sustella Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the SGA understands a midblock crosswalk to be a crosswalk that is located between intersections where marked crosswalks have been provided, and

WHEREAS, Oak Street contains two midblock crosswalks: the first crosswalk, between the Palms bus stop and Carron Oaks Apartment Complex; the second crosswalk, between the College lot and Farbar Hall, which both poses a threat to pedestrian safety due to the lack of visibility and reckless driving during all hours of the week, and

WHEREAS, Brookwood Drive contains one midblock crosswalk, located between the Fine Arts building and the corner of Toombs Street, which poses a threat during the day and is extremely dangerous at night due to lack of visibility and reckless driving, and

WHEREAS, Brookwood Drive especially presents a unique threat to student safety as this street, being a narrow 4-lane road, has inadequate safety measures in place to provide a sufficient amount of time for students to completely cross the street at this midblock crosswalk, and

WHEREAS, drivers on Oak Street and Brookwood Drive disobey numerous traffic laws at all times of the day including, not stopping for pedestrians on crosswalks, exceeding the current speed limit of 35mph, using cellphones while driving, and reckless driving, and

WHEREAS, Sustella Avenue contains two midblock crosswalks. The crosswalk that connects to the Oak surface lot and the student recreation center, poses a threat to pedestrian safety as there is a lack of visibility in both the day and night time, and,

WHEREAS, the SGA Campus Safety Committee has identified both Oak Street and Brookwood Drive as critical issue areas, and

WHEREAS, all students, faculty, and staff members are called to take concern for the welfare of all pedestrians on campus, and as the negligence of this problem serves as a potential safety risk to the welfare of those in association with Valdosta State University, and

WHEREAS, the lack of driver visibility of pedestrians using the midblock crosswalks on Brookwood Drive, Georgia Avenue, Oak Street, and Sustella Avenue, increases the likelihood of an accident, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon passage of the 2019 Spring semester Valdosta State University Student Government Association, this resolution will carry the support of the student body of VSU, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Valdosta State University Student Government Association will collect student feedback concerning midblock crosswalks, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, representatives from the VSU SGA Campus Safety Committee will be meeting with city officials and the Valdosta police department to submit a list of recommendations and to discuss the implementation of additional safety and visibility measures on midblock crosswalks, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SGA Campus Safety Committee recommends VSU and the City of Valdosta to invest in Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), In-roadway warning lights (IRWLs), In-street Crosswalk Signs (ISCSs), and Radar Speed Indicators, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SGA Campus Safety Committee recommends the investment of additional RRFBs, IRWLs, and Radar Speed Indicators to the Oak Street and Sustella Avenue midblock crosswalk areas to ensure safe and predictable situations for both drivers and student pedestrians, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is also recommended for a Radar Speed Indicator sign be put on Oak Street and Brookwood Drive as well as having an active police presence to slow drivers down; to help prevent any accidents from occurring at any VSU midblock crosswalk, and

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Valdosta State University Student Government Association will continue to strive to represent and protect the students of Valdosta State University to the best of our abilities.

For: <u>39</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>1</u>
Primary Mover: <u>Senator Katen</u>	Secondary Mover: <u>Senator Kirkland</u>	
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<u>Just Bell</u>		Date: <u>3.11.19</u>
_____, Student Government President		