**PURDUE STUDENT SENATE**

Bill 23-35

*“Experimental Bike Rack Initiative (EBRI)”*

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Agenda Date(s):

Recommendations:

Action(s):

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WHEREAS, Purdue admin recently purchased $33,000 worth of bike racks (due to the recent funding received from Veo)[[1]](#endnote-2); and

WHEREAS, The Purdue Student Government (especially the Senate) could significantly impact many students lives by giving money to the Purdue admin for specific causes that we care about relating to bike racks; due the fact that the transportation department must fight for each bike rack and concrete slabs (which are often needed for permanent bike racks); and

WHEREAS, bike racks greatly improve the quality of life of students, especially when placed near residence halls[[2]](#endnote-3); and

*WHEREAS*, It is the Purdue Student Government’s responsibility to improve campus life in an equitable fashion; and

*WHEREAS*, the lack of bike racks in necessary locations is not unique to Shreve Residence Hall and a pilot program will collect valuable data for future legislation as well as defining a (somewhat unique) power that PSG has to improve campus mobility; and

*WHEREAS*, the lack of bike racks leads more people to choose to walk which in turn leads to more traffic on the sidewalks increasing danger and transportation time for everyone as pedestrians spill into the bike lanes; and

*WHEREAS*, Purdue has excellent bike lanes that have capacity for more bikes; and

*WHEREAS*, Purdue has record enrollment and thus needs new and collaborative solutions to campus mobilty; and

*WHEREAS*, bike racks lead to a greater use of bikes which allows people to access the Co-Rec easier as well as encourage people to, which improves mental health[[3]](#endnote-4);

*WHEREAS* “Lack of bike racks at destination” is a problem for college students[[4]](#endnote-5); and

*WHEREAS*, (modify this clause for future legislation) the temporary bike racks in front of male side of Shreve Residence Hall, installed last year were removed despite seeing heavy use (partially because they were the old bike racks and partly because of the differing priorities between the administration, university residences and the grounds department); and

**Therefore, be it ENACTED,**

that the Purdue Senate will create a pilot program (by working with the Administration operation grounds department) with a budget of $6000 (10 ft by 20 ft concrete pad to fit approximately 10 U racks[[5]](#endnote-6)) with the express purpose of creating permanent bike racks on the male side of the Shreve Residence Hall (the location is specified here in this bill to force a student chosen location as well as to make it the administrations job easier).

In return for the PSG funding, the Transportation Department will report on the successes and failures of this program using the existing systems it has in place.

If successful, this legislation can be used a model for further PSG campaigns will be taken for further UR residences, including but not limited to: Wiley Residence Hall, Earhart Residence Hall, Benchmark UR Residences and Hilltop.

Furthermore, consideration will be taken for students living further from campus on how PSG many assist them in bike security and transportation.

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1. Aaron Madrid, Transportation Demand Coordinator [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
2. Daniel Dorfman, “Retail trade employment: before, during, and after the pandemic,” Beyond the Numbers: Employment & Unemployment, vol. 11, no. 4 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2022), <https://www.bls.gov/opub/btn/volume-11/retail-trade-employment-before-during-and-after-the-pandemic.htm> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
3. BATEMAN-HOUSE, A. (2014). Bikes, Helmets, and Public Health: Decision-Making When Goods Collide. *American Journal of Public Health (1971)*, *104*(6), 986–992. https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2013.301810 [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
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5. Aaron Madrid, Transportation Demand Coordinator [↑](#endnote-ref-6)