

Resolution R-#-20
The University of Alabama
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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUSHBUTTON-
INTEGRATED ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS ACROSS CAMPUS**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is a flagship university in research, innovation, and safety; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama Transportation and Parking services continually improve the quality of commuting on campus; and

WHEREAS, several crosswalks across campus utilize pushbutton-integrated accessible pedestrian signals to aid students with visual impairments and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, accessible pedestrian signals are defined as “devices that communicate information about the walk and don’t walk intervals at signalized intersections in non-visual formats to pedestrians who are blind or who have low vision” by the official accessible pedestrian signal website; and

WHEREAS, not all crosswalks on The University of Alabama campus currently have the pushbutton-integrated accessible pedestrian signals; and

WHEREAS, The American Council of the Blind endorses the use of these accessible pedestrian signals for members of society with visual impairments and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all students that commute around campus;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association encourages The University of Alabama to work with the city of Tuscaloosa to implement consistent technology among crosswalks in the form of accessible pedestrian signals.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be enacted by the Fall of 2020.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Stephanie Shamblin, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Chris D'Esposito, Director of Transportation Services; Lee Busby, District Four City Councilman; Savannah Bullard, *The Crimson White* Editor-in-Chief; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.