WHEREAS, in 2013, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (hereafter UWM) Transportation Services, the Physical Environment Committee (PEC), the Student Association transportation committee, and the consultant team led by Nelson Nygaard embarked on a comprehensive review of all aspects of the campus transportation and parking system.

WHEREAS, the study recommends UWM to improve its return on its large transportation investment, resist cutting services, and consider implementing cost-effective strategies.

WHEREAS, the transportation and parking study has recommended simplifying bike parking on campus as one key cost-effective strategy for non-motorized transport.

WHEREAS, total transportation expenses in 2013-2014 for UWM totaled approximately $7.2 million, of which only $1000 was spent on bike rack maintenance, representing less than 1/100th of one percent of its transportation budget.

WHEREAS, the current transportation budget does not meet current needs in student non-motorized transport. A recent survey finds that 27% of students indicate that they either walked or biked to campus on a regular basis.

WHEREAS, biking to campus is an affordable alternative form of transportation that supports healthy lifestyle choices and student’s concerns for environmental sustainability; such positive initiatives should receive priority funding opportunities from UWM departments and programs.

WHEREAS, one of UWM’s guiding visions includes “stewardship of resources that promote sustainability, prosperity, and equity for all in the local and global communities” and has created a bicycle advisory task force to improve bicycle infrastructure at UWM.

WHEREAS, accessible/easy-to-use bike racks, shelter, and surveillance ranked as the highest needs of the UWM bike community in a survey conducted by the Office of Sustainability.

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability has proposed a plan to create UWM bike hubs to create secure bike parking corrals throughout campus that meet user needs, are conveniently located, shelter bikes from weather, connect to pathways, and create a sense of place and identity at UWM.

WHEREAS, these bike hubs are envisioned to provide covered shelter for 30% of current bike parking, and include security cameras for surveillance, bike fix-it stations, and community resource boards.

WHEREAS, this bike hub vision must develop a plan with specific budgets, schedules and implementation steps. To accomplish this, a local planning firm has helped put forth a phased approach to enhance bicycle infrastructure at UWM.

WHEREAS, this vision currently requires investment in the amount of $110,000 to complete its goals in Phase I of the bike hub proposal.
WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability has secured 50% of funds for Phase I but is need of the other 50% from other campus departments committed to improving bicycle infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Student Association (hereafter SA) has committed itself to improving bicycle infrastructure at UWM through its partnership with Bublr bikes and its endorsement of a pedestrian bridge over the Milwaukee River to better connect campus with community bicycle infrastructure.

WHEREAS, student investment in the proposal will allow for student input throughout the bike hub implementation process and help move the proposal forward in a timely, effective manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association endorses the Office of Sustainability's UWM Bike Hubs proposal and will fund a portion of Phase I in the amount of $1,000 from our legislative budget.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association will be involved in Phase I and II of the UWM Bike Hubs proposal to make sure decisions are made in the best interest of students who bike to campus.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association encourages other campus departments and programs to endorse this sustainable initiative to help meet the $110,000 goal.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; That upon passage this resolution is communicated to Chief Sustainability Officer Kate Nelson, UWM Chancellor Mark Mone, Associate Vice Chancellor James Hill, Assistant Vice Chancellor Administrative Assistant Autumn Anfang, Transportation Services Director Prasanna Nanda, Facility Services Interim Director Geoff Hurtado, Alumni Association Associate Vice Chancellor Adrienne Bass, UWM Foundation President David H. Gilbert, Chair of UWM Foundation Board of Directors Jacquelyn Fredrick, University Recreation Director Steven Mohar, Dean of College of Health Sciences Ron Cisler, Dean of the College of Nursing Kim Litwack, Dean of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning Robert Greenstreet, Cycling Club at UWM President Christopher Osborne, and the Student Association Professional Staff.

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Legislative History
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