EA R7: Advancing a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Ithaca Campus

Abstract: This resolution calls upon Transportation Services to advance a Comprehensive Transportation Planning Study.

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Whereas, the 2008 Cornell Master Plan for the Ithaca Campus articulated 10 key objectives related to Transportation and Circulation and detailed several enhancements to campus streets; and

Whereas, many of the objectives set forth in the 2008 Cornell Master Plan have not been advanced in total while the campus population is increasing and available parking is decreasing; and

Whereas, the last known intra/inter campus travel survey was conducted in 2005; and

Whereas, the last comprehensive transportation study occurred in 2008 (t-GEIS); and

Whereas, in 2013 the GPSA adopted Resolution 20: A resolution regarding housing, transportation, and family services; and

Whereas, in 2015 the SA adopted Resolution 55: Improving Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategy at Cornell; and

Whereas, in September 2017, Transportation Services released an RFP for a Parking Optimization Study to be completed by Fall 2018; and

Whereas, due to vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle crash data, a number of campus intersections have been identified as high conflict zones; and

Whereas, during the November 17 meeting, the Campus Planning Committee restated their vision for and support of integrated transportation planning for the campus; and

Whereas, staff and retirees continue to voice transportation, parking, and campus access concerns to, from, and around the Ithaca campus.

Be it therefore resolved, the Employee Assembly calls upon Transportation Services to advance a Comprehensive Transportation Planning Study beginning in Spring 2019 for the Ithaca campus, including the city of Ithaca and neighboring counties within the employee commuting range, that holistically approaches transportation, circulation, parking, safety and campus access.

Be it further resolved, the Employee Assembly will partner with Transportation Services through the Transportation Taskforce to actively support the study and encourage employee and retiree engagement and feedback to ensure a thorough assessment of employee concerns.
Be it further resolved, the results of the study will be shared initially with the Employee Assembly and then publically with the employee community in 2020, and any subsequent recommendations reviewed by the Employee Assembly.

Be it finally resolved, the Employee Assembly requests a moratorium on the reduction of the total number of parking spaces, including the number of free spaces, until the study is completed and a campus circulator shuttle is in operation.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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