ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-Third SESSION

BILL NO. 53-27
INTRODUCED BY: Noffsinger SECONDED BY: Brown

A RESOLUTION TO: Make Recommendations to the Capital Area Transportation Authority’s Bus Rapid Transit Project

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Traveling the Capital Area, consisting of the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, and Meridian Township, can often be difficult without the use of a car as currently the Capital Area Transportation Authority’s (CATA) buses in Route 1 are unable to meet current demand; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to the negative effects cars have on the East Lansing environment in relation to pollution and traffic, using a car as a primary form of transportation while in college is often expensive and inconvenient as it can be difficult to park on and off campus; and,

WHEREAS, CATA is proposing to implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which would carry passengers in designated bus lanes from Lansing to Meridian Township via Michigan Avenue and Grand River Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, While the BRT project will potentially provide benefits ranging from reduced wait and ride times for passengers to economic development in depressed areas of Lansing and East Lansing, the project faces several challenges ranging from the elimination of necessary stops to a lack of future bike lanes; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) neither officially supports or opposes the BRT project at this point in time; and be it further,

RESOLVED, ASMSU shall still have the ability to make recommendations to the proposed BRT project plans in keeping with ASMSU’s preamble to “ensure the protection and defense of the rights of students” as ASMSU accepts the “responsibility to address the unique needs and concerns of the student community.”

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