



SENATE RESOLUTION #3076

TITLE: **A Resolution Advocating for Increased Parking South of the North and South Hall Dormitories**

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1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, HB0293 authorizes the construction of North and South Hall and outlines

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4. the parameters for resulting infrastructure; and,
5. WHEREAS, the new dormitories will enhance the quality of life for students
6. living on campus and will enhance the historic and unique aesthetic of the university;
7. and,
8. WHEREAS, the new dormitories are meant to bring students closer to University of
9. Wyoming (UW) facilities such as Half Acre Recreation and Wellness Center, Coe
10. Library, and the Wyoming Union; and,
11. WHEREAS, these facilities are a vital asset to the health, wellbeing, and success of all
12. students attending the university not just those living on campus; and,
13. WHEREAS, in the absence of additional parking adjacent to these new dorms, access to
14. Half Acre Recreation and Wellness Center, Coe Library, and the Wyoming Union will
15. be significantly impeded; and,
16. WHEREAS, in the Fall 2022 ASUW Student Issues Survey, students directly reflected
17. their concerns with the removal of the Union Parking lot and the extent at which the
18. removal of the lot would negatively impact them (Addendum B); and,
19. WHEREAS, in the Spring 2024 ASUW Student Issues Survey, parking was the number
20. one concern students wanted addressed at a townhall with the University President
21. (Addendum A); and,
22. WHEREAS, in the Fall 2025 Townhall on October 27th, 2025, the main issue that
23. students wanted addressed was Parking; and,
24. WHEREAS, Section 3(iii)(C) of HB0293 additionally calls for “adequate and
25. appropriate parking” (Addendum C); and,
26. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate passed SR #3069; and,

27. WHEREAS, ASUW believes that additional parking integrated with medians and

28. strategic design choices can be compatible with HB0293 Section 3(B)

29. which calls for a “common space that accentuates the history, climate and

30. Outdoor nature of Wyoming” (Addendum D).

31. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

32. (ASUW) Student Government that ASUW believes that in keeping with the student

33. body’s commitment to a campus that is both beautiful and functional, it would be in the

34. best interest of the University Board of Trustees to utilize the flexibility granted in

35. HB0293 to allocate the space directly south of the new dormitories under construction

36. to include parking. This would facilitate access to Half Acre Recreation and Wellness

37. Center, Coe Library, and the Wyoming Union which under the current design would be

38. significantly restricted for students not living on campus; and,

39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that adding parking to this location would be in line

40. with lines 13 and 14 of HB0293 that “Parking added during the project shall result in a

41. net increase in parking spaces available for use by the university community;” and,

42. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage of this resolution, copies of this

43. resolution be provided to the President of the University of Wyoming, Vice President of

44. Campus Operations Mai, Director of Transportation Services Kunkel, the Task Force on

45. University of Wyoming Student Housing, interested members of the Wyoming State

46. Legislature, and the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees.

Referred to: SWAC & HOPE

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Date of

Passage: December 2, 2025

Signed:

Aidan McGuire
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 2, 2025**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this**

Senate action.”

Tayla Medina
ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

Q31: “ASUW is unable to host a town hall with President Seidel this semester, however, please write down any questions you would like ASUW to pass over to President Seidel?”

Questions are organized into categories with some specific examples included for each. For the full list of questions, contact the ASUW President.

Parking Issues (~19%)

Many respondents expressed concerns about the lack of parking on campus, the removal of existing parking lots, and the impact of construction projects on parking availability.

- “Why is it that the university has known about parking being an issue for a while and they are still removing places students can park at?”
- “Are there any plans to increase parking options around campus?”
- “Is the University true doing what it can to support commuting students during this time of construction? What about students who have to travel across campus for classes and activities and now have only one place to safely walk, no ability to drive themselves, and increased length of bus rides, not to mention lack of parking. Has any of the administration actually ridden on a bus or walked across campus?”

Student Parking and Transportation

Summary

The parking and transportation portion of the ASUW Fall Issues Survey opened on Wednesday, September 7th and has received feedback from over 1,315 students. We acknowledge this feedback is limited, but are confident it is a representation of student concerns across campus.

Beginning at Question 39 of the student issues survey, 51.69% of students at UW knew that the Union Parking lot would be removed in December of this year to be turned into a green space. 48.31% of students were not aware of this plan.

The results of the union parking lot being removed will have a severe impact on 326 (29.85%) students that attend UW. Students have shared their own comments about this parking lot being removed and ASUW recognizes student comments regarding the removal of the union parking lot.

Students were asked what mode of transportation they used most often to travel to campus. A majority of students (32.35%) responded that they use their vehicles to get to campus on the s on a daily. Followed by 31.43% of students walking, 17.10% using campus buses, 11.67% riding their bike, 4.96% using alternate means of transportation, and 2.48% utilizing carpooling.

Students were asked what modes of transportation they use to travel to campus for extracurricular activities. 64.60% of individuals responded that they use their personal vehicles to travel to campus for extracurricular activities.

Students were asked if they utilized parking permits on campus, 57.61% of students utilize parking permits that are provided from the City of Laramie and UW—these range from different colored parking permits and vehicle parking areas. Students provided additional information on why they do not have or need a parking permit on campus.

Concerning transportation via safe ride, most students (31.94%) know what Safe Ride is but have not utilized it. Students then had the opportunity to share their particular concerns and comments on different matters and comments including transportation and parking at UW.

Starting in December of this year, the main Union parking lot will be taken offline in order to begin construction of a new green space. Were you aware of this plan before the release of this survey?

#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Yes	51.69%	565
2	No	48.31%	528

To what degree will the removal of this parking lot (union parking) impact your ability to travel to campus?

#	Field	Choice Count	
1	No impact at all	22.07%	241
2	Minimal Impact	23.17%	253
3	Moderate Impact	24.91%	272

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4	Severe Impact	29.85%	326
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<i>What mode of transportation do you use most often to travel to campus?</i>			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	UW Busses	17.10%	186
2	Personal Vehicle	32.35%	352
3	Bicycle	11.67%	127
4	Walking	31.43%	342
5	Carpooling	2.48%	27
6	Other:	4.96%	54

<i>What mode of transportation do you use most often to travel to campus for extracurricular activities that occur outside of business hours? (e.g. Club meetings, campus events like Trivia Night, etc.)</i>			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	UW Busses	1.02%	11
2	Personal Vehicle	64.60%	697
3	Bicycle	7.69%	83
4	Walking	20.57%	222
5	Carpooling	3.71%	40
6	SafeRide	0.93%	10
7	Other	1.48%	16

<i>Do you currently have a parking pass for the 2022-2023 Academic Year? If so, which type of permit do you have?</i>			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Green Permit	28.73%	183
2	Electric Plug-in Permit	0.31%	2
3	Purple Permit	6.28%	40
4	Motorcycle Permit	0.47%	3
5	Orange Zone 202 Permit	11.93%	76
6	Red Permit	2.67%	17
7	CITY OF LARAMIE parking permit	7.22%	46
8	Other	42.39%	270

ADDENDUM C

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University of Wyoming student housing, be reviewed by the board of trustees' exterior design committee and be approved by the full board of trustees;

(iii) Include the planning and construction of all necessary components for the new student housing, including:

(A) Construction of appropriate dining facilities to support the new housing and the overall mission of the university;

(B) Demolition or renovation of existing student housing;

(C) Adequate and appropriate parking;

(D) Adequate and appropriate infrastructure;

(E) A traffic plan focusing primarily on pedestrian traffic first and with secondary provisions for emergency vehicle and delivery traffic to accommodate the project.

(iv) Be built in a construction method consistent with an expected useful life span that is appropriate for the mission of the student housing and is similar to the useful life expectancy of the campus buildings in proximity to the new student housing on the university campus.

ADDENDUM D

(B) The dormitory buildings and supporting dining services and other student life facilities shall be constructed on the University of Wyoming campus within the following bounded areas: beginning at the southeast corner of the Wyoming Union, thence northeast to the southeast corner

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of Half Acre Gymnasium, thence north to the east side of McWinnie Hall, following the east side of McWinnie Hall to the southeast corner of the parking lot north of McWinnie Hall, thence west along said south edge of the parking lot to the west edge of the parking lot, thence north along the west edge of the parking lot to the south boundary of Lewis Street, thence west to the intersection of Lewis Street and 13th Street, thence north along 13th Street to Bradley Street, thence east along Bradley Street to the west side of 15th Street, thence south to Sorority Row, thence west to the point of beginning; and the block bounded by Grand Avenue, 14th Street, Iverson Avenue and 15th Street. Dining services shall be provided within the new dormitory buildings, a new dining facility, and in a renovated Wyoming Union extending to the east of that building as determined by the trustees. The area east of the Wyoming Union shall be a common space that accentuates the history, climate and outdoor nature of Wyoming;

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