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AR 21 Regarding the Need for a Crosswalk at the UT Administration Building

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Summary: A resolution requesting the University of Texas at Austin urge the City of Austin to establish marked crosswalk in front of the UT Administration Building

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Administration (UTA) building is the primary location for School of Information instruction, hosting upwards of 300 graduate students, as well as numerous undergraduate courses; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 2,000 undergraduates take courses through the School of Information each year, travelling to the UTA building for class times, office hours, and special presentations on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Students, faculty, and staff in the School of Information cross Guadalupe St. at all times of the day and evening as a means to get to the greater UT campus, as well as access local businesses, museums, and public transportation located to the East of the UTA; and

WHEREAS, The UTA building also houses offices for the Center for Transportation Research, Public Health, Computer Science, University of Texas Systems, and the Charles A. Dana Center, all of which employee and work with students from across the UT campus; and

WHEREAS, Students and faculty of the UT School of Information who participated in a planning and mapping exercise regarding the need for a crosswalk on Guadalupe expressed that they currently cross most frequently at the south side the 17th St. and Guadalupe St. intersection, and the north side of the 16th St. and Guadalupe St. intersection; and

WHEREAS, Students, faculty, and staff at UTA have expressed serious concerns about their safety in crossing Guadalupe; and

WHEREAS, In Spring of 2012, building occupants at the UTA signed and filed a petition requesting a crosswalk, and this petition was denied by the City of Austin's Planning and Development Review Department in September, 2012.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we request that the University of Texas Police Department, Carlos Martinez and Gwen Grigsby of UT Governmental Relations Office, Dr. Langlois, interim Graduate School Dean, and the UT President's office work with the Austin City Council, Transportation Department, Planning and Development Review Department, and the Mayor's office to place a marked crosswalk, or ideally a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, across Guadalupe on behalf of all current and future users of the UTA facilities; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request that the City put in place TWO marked crosswalks or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, one at the south side of 17th Street, and another at the north side of 16th street. If funds are not readily available, we request that a minimum of ONE marked crosswalk or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon be placed across Guadalupe St at the south side of 17th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be delivered to Interim Dean of the Graduate School, the University of Texas at Austin Police Department, Carlos Martinez and Gwen Grigsby of the University of Texas at Austin Governmental Relations Office, and the University of Texas President's Office.