

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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Creation of an Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board

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ENDORSED BY: External Affairs Committee

ABSTRACT: A bill to create a board similar to UFFAB and UTFAB, but for alternative transportation projects and to provide counsel and advice to the ASCSU president.

WHEREAS

Colorado State University has been deemed one of the most sustainable universities receiving the first ever STARS platinum rating for institutional comprehensive sustainability. These accolades have been achieved through an intensive collaborative process that could only be achieved with a strong cultural consciousness devoted to sustainability; and,

WHEREAS

The current trajectory of pursuing a more robust sustainable campus can be found in almost every facet of the university. The Associated Students of Colorado State University can be an instrumental piece of this endeavor; and,

WHEREAS

Unlike most student fee funded areas, a board that uses fees to fund alternative transportation projects can be maximized further than the initial capital investment from students. This can be accomplished by pursuing state and federal opportunities that match funds. In addition to this, the multiplier effect could possibly be extended even further by ensuring investment in affordable alternative transportation models so that students will save on transportation; and,

WHEREAS

UTFAB and UFFAB have provided excellent examples of student oversight of student fees for capital projects, and serve as a forum for students to directly help define the lasting image of this university.

These examples can be used to help refine our vision of being the most environmentally and sustainable university; and,

WHEREAS

The Transfort contract is a vital and complex contract budgeted at \$820,231.00. It has now been determined that within the contract a clause allows for Transfort to bill ASCSU over the amount negotiated. This year ASCSU will be responsible for an extra \$8203.00 totaling \$828,434.00 for this year; and,

WHEREAS

Transfort has incredible expertise and knowledge to negotiate this three year contract, and has the staff and resources in advance to devote towards preparing for these negotiations. ASCSU is fortunate enough to have several administrative advisors to provide counsel to the ASCSU President before signing the contract; however, there is opportunity for more student input to be involved before negotiations; and,

WHEREAS

Shared governance is more than just shared decision making; it is also sharing the burden of achieving success. The city of Fort Collins is highlighted in the Smithsonian exhibit "Places of Invention" because of the delicate, yet impactful nexus between itself and Colorado State University. That was only accomplished through a fostering of a collective consciousness devoted to sustainable innovation. This is a feat that includes all students, faculty, and staff of Colorado State University. To embody this sentiment we must play a greater role in pushing the envelope as a campus community; and,

WHEREAS

Any contribution to mitigating the negative trajectory of our changing climate should be through the establishment of institutions, so that our attempts are everlasting; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the 45th Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University call for the creation of an Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board, consisting of college council committee representatives, a graduate student representative, ASCSU representatives and student members-at-large, to provide advice and guidance pertaining to the allocation of the fee, to approve all proposed allocations of the fee; and, to provide insight and guidance on the contracts that ASCSU is engaged with pertaining to alternative transportation or sustainability; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The members of The Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board shall be appointed by College Councils no later than 14 business days following the signing of this bill. Should the College Councils fail to meet this deadline, the Deans of those respective colleges shall appoint the necessary members to the Board; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board shall be charged with the following initial mission statement:

“The mission of the Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board shall be to provide guidance and advice in the implementation and application of alternative transportation at Colorado State University; to approve all proposed allocations of the Alternative Transportation Fee; oversee, provide insight and counsel on ASCSU contracts that pertain to alternative transportation and sustainability; and to ensure that all allocations of the Alternative Transportation Fee will be used to provide for alternative transportation and sustainable capital projects that has the potential to benefit the community of Colorado State University”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Board’s initial task shall be to construct their own bylaws and governing procedures, as well as seeking out an advisor, determining feasibility and need for alternative transportation projects, , and to present the conclusion of these efforts to the Forty-Fifth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University by the second scheduled meeting of the 2016 spring semester; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board’s bylaws should outline any procedures necessary to ensure efficient and effective oversight of a potential Alternative Transportation Fee, as well as defining the process by which the budget for this fee will be presented to the Student Fee Review Board; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That it be recommended the Chair of the Board be the ASCSU Director of Environmental Affairs. The Chair will report to the President and Vice President of the ASCSU Executive bi-monthly until the Board receives student fees via the Student Fee Review Board. This can be accomplished by means of a report in similar format to a director’s report; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, President of Colorado State University and CSU System Chancellor; Dr. Rick Miranda, Provost of Colorado State University; Dr. Mike Ellis, Executive Director of the Lory Student Center; Lynn Johnson, Chief Financial Officer; Aaron Fodge, Manager of Alternative Transportation; Phoenix Dugger, ASCSU Vice President; Dakota Truitt, ASCSU Director of Environmental Affairs

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PRESIDENT JASON SYDORIAK

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