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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Russell Street Renovation**
3 **October 15, 2008**
4 **Senate Bill Number SB18-08/09**
5 **Authored by: Senator John Wilke**
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8 Whereas, many students of The University of Montana walk, bike, or use public transit to get to
9 campus;

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11 Whereas, affordable housing is difficult for students of The University of Montana to find in
12 Missoula;

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14 Whereas, a five-lane roadway on Russell Street would decrease pedestrian and bicycle safety,
15 increase vehicle speeds, remove thirteen houses and two businesses from the core of Missoula,
16 negatively affect neighborhood character, induce additional traffic and create a Reserve-style
17 street in the core of Missoula;

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19 Whereas, traffic counts in Missoula are currently stabilizing while bus ridership is increasing,
20 making a five-lane roadway on Russell Street unnecessary;

21 Whereas, a more efficient three-lane plan would work within the existing right-of-way and
22 would not require removing any homes or businesses on Russell Street;

23 Whereas, under a three-lane plan, there would be adequate space for all segments of Russell
24 Street to include sidewalks, bike lanes, and at least two travel lanes;

25 Whereas, the ASUM senate in fall 2006 opposed a five-lane option, and any plan that would
26 remove an excessive number of houses on Russell Street;

27 Whereas, the ASUM senate in fall 2006 supported a three-lane system for the Russell Street
28 renovation;

29 Therefore, Let It be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana oppose
30 a five-lane roadway for the Russell Street Renovation; *this resolution will be submitted as public*
31 *comment for the Russell/Third EIS.*

32 Let it be Further Resolved that ASUM would support a more efficient, bike and pedestrian
33 friendly three-lane system for the Russell Street Renovation.

34 Authored by: John Wilke

35 Sponsored by: Miranda Leftridge, Gail Tangjaipak, Emily May

36 Passed by Committee: October 13, 2008

37 Passed by Senate:

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