RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE
OF
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Adopted 23 February 2017

Whereas, Enrollment at MSU has increased steadily for several years and is likely to continue increasing in the coming years; and,

Whereas, An increase in the number of students requires an expanded safe, multi-modal transportation infrastructure; and,

Whereas, Current east-west connections to campus are limited and an east-west trail would provide a safe, separate connection for pedestrians and bicyclists; and,

Whereas, The current Gallagator Trail crosses S. Willson Ave., and a connection to W. Lincoln St. would create an ideal route for MSU bicyclist and pedestrians; and,

Whereas, The current Gallagator Trail provides access to downtown Bozeman, the Bozeman Public Library and several parks and neighborhoods; and,

Whereas, Concerns about loitering have been expressed. In current trails, including the Gallagator, such worries have proven to not be a matter of contention; and,

Whereas, Earlier expansion of the Gallagator met resistance from surrounding neighbors, but now is a valuable pedestrian route for neighbors and the surrounding community; and,

Whereas, Such a trail has the support of the Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT) and the Good Neighbor Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Associated Students of Montana State University supports the expansion of the Gallagator Trail towards the MSU Campus.