The Visual Impairment Aid Bill

A bill requesting measures to improve on campus navigability for students with visual impairments.

Whereas(1): Navigation of campus is especially difficult for students with visual impairments in the Texas A&M community; and,

Whereas(2): Specific areas have been identified as especially problematic for students with visual impairments; and,

Whereas(3): These areas include, but are not limited to: Academic Plaza, Harrington Plaza, the entrance to Butler Hall along the Trigon, the West entrance of the Liberal Arts and Arts and Humanities Building, the Wehner Building, West Campus Library, the Northwest Entrance of the Koldus Building, the North side of the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building, the Academic Building, the Peterson Building, and the North end of Military Walk; and

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Speaker of the Senate
Whereas(4): Auditory cues, braille plates, and other devices are already utilized available on campus for the visually impaired community; and

Whereas(5): The addition of such devices in the aforementioned areas would greatly aid the navigation of campus for students with visual impairments.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): Under the advisement of members of the visually impaired community, the Student Senate requests that wind chimes be placed at, or near the following areas: in the grove of trees between the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross and the Academic Building, Harrington Plaza, the entrance to Butler Hall along the Trigon, the West entrance of the Liberal Arts and Arts and Humanities Building, the main entrance of the Wehner Building, the main entrance of West Campus Library, the Northwest Entrance of the Koldus Building, the North side of the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(2): That truncated domes be placed on the North end of Military Walk along Ross Street to indicate the edge of the curb; and,

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Enacted(3): That braille plates be placed at the entrances of rooms in the Peterson Building; and,

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Enacted(4): That a copy of this document shall be sent to:
Mr. Tom Reber, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Kristie Orr, Director of Disability Services
Mr. Richard Gentry, Resident Regional Manager-Facilities Services, SSC
Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President of Texas A&M University
Mr. John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System