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Missing: Campus Bike Policy

Many bicycle users across campus are becoming disheartened and disillusioned at the seeming lack of a cohesive policy to accommodate the burgeoning demand for official bike-parking facilities.

The situation has recently been scrutinized in the local press, with some cyclists parking at railings, which has the potential of blocking ADA or safety access.

To address this issue, the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) has set out proposals that request UNM formally recognize both the demand and long-term validity of bike use across campus.

The proposals include:

- More bike racks and lockers located in high bike traffic areas



Cycle of Neglect: a growing demand for good quality, accessible bike parking is addressed by ASUNM.

- Better signage to direct cyclists to bike parking
- Improved security to reduce theft and vandalism

ASUNM has observed that existing bike racks and lockers are completely full, resulting in overflow parking to railings and pipes, etc. Though this could be construed as an effect of the positive impact of pro-alternative transportation initiatives, the situation however, now seems to require more attention.

ASUNM hopes that the proposals are acted upon and adopted as official policy, so that cycles will be recognized as a legitimate -if not the preferred-mode of campus transport.

The proposals have been submitted to PATS as well as the UNM Office of Planning and Campus development.

Ideas? Information? Talk to us: bkilburn@parking.unm.edu

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