

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Resolution: AR-2025-11-01
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE WVU
ADMINISTRATORS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS THE
CONCERNS IDENTIFIED IN THE FALL
2025 SAFETY AND
ACCESSIBILITY WALK**

Short Title: Fall 2025 Safety and Accessibility Walk Report

Author(s): Bryan Cole, Senator

Sponsor(s): Sydney Hickle, Senator
Olivia E. Robinson, President Pro Tempore (Eberly)
Zadie Worley, College Senator (Eberly)
Ava Hill, College Senator (Statler)
Gracey Champ, Senator

Contributor(s): Ethan Enterline, Local Government Liaison

Committee Endorsement: Safety

First Reading Date: 11/12/25

Second Reading Date: 11/19/25

Date of Approval: 11/19/25

Presidential Signature:



Whereas, the West Virginia University Mission Statement reads “As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity...and by leading transformation in West Virginia

and the world through local, state and global engagement.”¹; and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) Vision Statement reads “To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone, actively engaging all 55 counties in West Virginia, supporting economic development, enhancing environmental stewardship, participating in meaningful community service, fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders.”²; and,

Whereas, West Virginia University is dedicated to “providing a safe learning, working and living environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors.”³; and,

Whereas, West Virginia University Board of Governors rule 1.6 prohibits discrimination, including, “...failure to provide reasonable accommodation, consistent with state and federal law, to persons with disabilities...”⁴; and,

Whereas, the Campus Safety & Accessibility Walk serves as an initiative to identify safety concerns on campus and in the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Area, including but not limited to inadequate lighting, poor signage, structural hazards, accessibility issues, pedestrian safety risks, and more; and,

Whereas, collaboration between the Student Government Association, WVU Facilities Management, University Police Department, the City of Morgantown, and other relevant university and community stakeholders is essential to fostering a safe, accessible environment in and surrounding campus; and,

Whereas, previous Safety Walks have resulted in improvement projects including lighting repairs, additional pedestrian safety signage, new crosswalks, the addition of truncated domes, and more; and,

Whereas, on October 16, 2025, the West Virginia University Student Government Association conducted its Fall Safety and Accessibility Walk, consisting of the Downtown and Evansdale campuses; and,

¹ [West Virginia University Mission Statement](#)

² [West Virginia University Student Government Association \(SGA\) Vision Statement](#)

³ [WVU Safety Statement](#)

⁴ [WVU Board of Governors Rule 1.6](#)

Whereas, participants in the walk took note of broken/cracked sidewalks, missing sidewalks, missing/unlit lighting, lack of curb ramps, and lack of truncated domes on sidewalks, and more;⁵ and,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) recommends that the University and City of Morgantown investigate and address the safety and accessibility concerns detailed in Appendix A: Safety and Accessibility Walk Report.

Section 2: The West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) formally requests that the University and the City provide regular updates on the status of the concerns outlined in the report, as well as any future plans to address them.

Section 3: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:

Gary G Furbee II, Vice President of Student Life

Carrie Showalter, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

Michael T. Benson, University President

Daily Athenaeum

Colin Street, Student Body President

Rozaireo Jones, Student Body Vice President

Emma Davis, Executive Secretary

Sherry St. Clair, Chief, University Police Department

Chuck Roberts, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Operations, WVU Facilities and Services

James Goins Jr., Director of Compliance, Title IX Coordinator, Office of Compliance and Prevention Education

Drew Gatlin, Staff Engineer, City of Morgantown

Damien Davis, P.E., CFM, Director of Engineering & Public Works, City of Morgantown Engineering & Public Works

Sam Miller, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management, WVU Facilities and

⁵ [Safety Walk Report Database](#)

Services

Jim Mirage, Director of Roads & Grounds, WVU Facilities and Services

John Hando, Risk Assessment and Emergency Response Coordinator/Ergonomics,
WVU Environmental Health & Safety

Shauna Johnson, Executive Director, Strategic Communications

Trish Cedana, Executive Director, Housing and Residence Life

Matthew Cross, Chairperson, Pedestrian Safety Board

Danielle Trumble, Mayor, City of Morgantown

APPENDIX A - SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY WALK REPORT

Executive Summary

On October 16th, 2025, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) conducted the Fall 2025 Safety and Accessibility walk, alongside members of the University and the City of Morgantown. The Fall 2025 Safety Walk was divided into two sections, the Downtown and Evansdale Campuses. The findings of these walks are summarized in this report. As with the previous Safety and Accessibility Walks, participants utilized the QuickCapture App. In total, there were 174 reports. Out of 174 reports, 113 reports were categorized accordingly and 61 reports were categorized as other. The full database of reports can be found [here](#). Findings that were of higher priority are bolded for convenience.

Collection Process

Electronic field reporting using geolocated photos was developed by the City of Morgantown and first deployed in the Spring 2023 Safety and Accessibility walk and have been used in all Safety Walks conducted since. These reports continue to have large effects on the complaint submission and reporting process.

Reports from the Downtown Campus

Accessibility Reports

- There were 15 accessibility reports on the Downtown Campus.
 - Out of these 15 reports, 13 of these reports were due to the lack of curb ramps and/or truncated domes.

Lighting Reports

- There were 16 lighting reports on the Downtown Campus.

- Lighting is requested around the Life Sciences Building (LSB), including the quad, and the stairwell that allows students to walk east towards the University Avenue/Falling Run Road intersection.
- Additional lighting is requested around Ming Hsieh Hall, including the trail that allows for students to walk from Ming Hsieh Hall to the intersection of Falling Run Road and Yoke St.
- Several lighting is reported to be out/broken on or near Ming Hsieh Hall.
- Lighting is reported to be out/broken near the Canady Creative Arts Center.
 - Pole Number 1374
 - Pole Number 1362
- All additional lighting that was reported were on street poles which are out of jurisdiction of the university.
 - An additional report will be sent to the City of Morgantown containing all pole numbers.

Sidewalk Reports

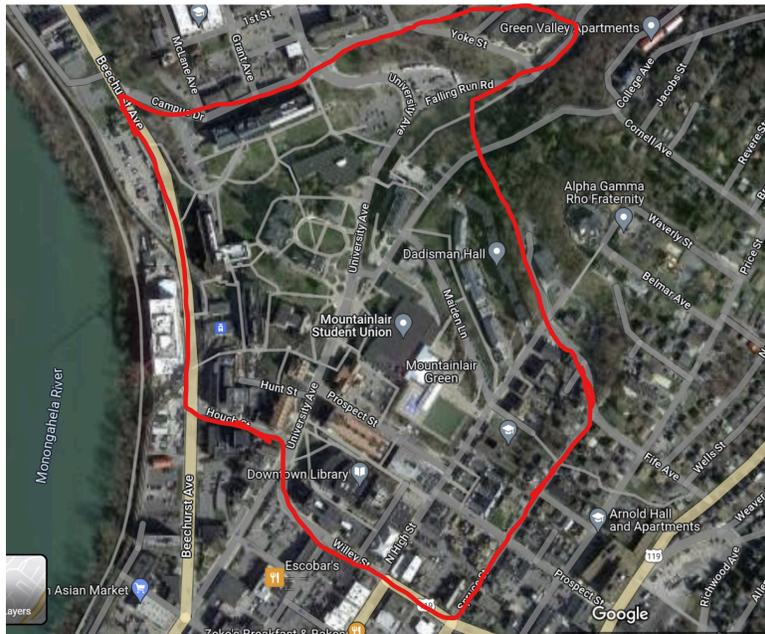
- There were 49 sidewalk reports on the Downtown Campus.
 - Out of these 49 reports, a majority of these reports were minimal damage complaints, specifically cracked sidewalks.
 - On the Downtown Campus, there were 3+ reports concerning the sidewalk on the West Side of University Avenue approaching Field Hall. These reports included cracked sidewalks, inclines with large potholes, and other damages.
 - The pavement that connects University Avenue to Area 5 was noted of high concern, specifically large potholes that pose a tripping hazard for students.

Crossing Reports

- There were 14 crossing reports on the Downtown Campus.
 - A lack of a painted crosswalk was noted at the intersections of Area 10 & Campus Drive, Short Term 10 & Falling Run Road, and Hunt St & University Avenue.
 - Faded crosswalks were reported at the intersections of Campus Drive & Grant Ave, North High St & Willey St, N Spruce Street & Willey St, Willey St & Spruce St, N Spruce St & Prospect St, N High St & Maiden Ln, and Maiden Ln & Mountainlair Stairs.

No Category

- There were 53 “other” reports on the Downtown Campus.
 - Out of this category, the raised concerns are:
 - Vegetation Overgrowth on the Hough St Sidewalks
 - Emergency Blue Light falling over on the Mountainlair Plaza
 - North High St with extreme road damage that is virtually impassible to traffic
 - Vegetation Overgrowth on the retaining wall of College Ave
 - No crosswalk lighting on the traffic lights at the intersection of College Avenue, Stewart St, & University Avenue.
 - Deteriorating wall on the ADA ramp to gain access to Woodburn Circle
 - Non-compliance with ADA sidewalks on the outer loop of Woodburn Circle
 - A lack of permanent fix to the stairs by the PRT towards Brooks Hall
 - Corroding Handrails on & around Woodburn Circle
 - A lack of railing on the Ming Hsieh Trail that leads to a massive drop onto a heavily trafficked road (Falling Run Rd & University Avenue)



Reports from the Evansdale Campus

Accessibility Reports

- There was 1 accessibility report on the Evansdale Campus.
 - A lack of a curb ramp with truncated domes was reported on the south side of Area 50 closest to the Blaney House.

Lighting Reports

- There were 5 lighting reports on the Evansdale Campus.
 - Multiple broken lights were reported on/near the Canady Creative Art Center.
 - Pole Number 1381
 - Pole Number 1374
 - Pole Number 1362
 - Pole Number 1360
 - Additional lighting was requested on the Rawley Lane strip that connects Evansdale Dr to Patteson Drive.
 - A light was reported out/broken on Rawley Lane closest to Area 72.

Sidewalk Reports

- There were 5 sidewalk reports on the Evansdale Campus.
 - There were 2 broken/chipped sidewalks reported on the sidewalk between Allen Hall and the Blaney House.
 - A broken sidewalk was reported on the west side of University Avenue closest to the Crime Scene Houses.
 - Additional sidewalks were requested at the intersection of Harding Avenue & Oakland Street.

Crossing Reports

- There were 8 crossing reports on the Evansdale Campus.
 - Faded crosswalks were reported at the intersections of Evansdale Drive & Area 45, Evansdale Dr & Fine Arts Dr, Morrill Way & Rec Center Dr, Area 44 & Area 43, and Saint Joseph St between University Park East/West & University Park North.

No Category

- There were 10 “other” reports on the Evansdale Campus.
 - A pothole was reported in Area 43 & Area 79.
 - A loose storm water drain was reported on Oakland St in front of Eagle

Place and in front of Crime Scene House 2, and at the intersection of Oakland Street & Pierpont Apartments.

- A drain missing its cover was reported in front of Crime Scene House 1.
- A request for the traffic light at University Avenue & Oakland Street to have longer pedestrian crossing cycles was made.
- A request for speed bumps was made on Rawley Lane.

