

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Lefkowitz	x		
Peluso	x		
Swain	x		
Zharnest	x		
Cosgrove	x		

June 20, 2017

**RESOLUTION NO. 236-2017**

By Deputy Mayor Peluso

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lefkowitz

**WHEREAS**, the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runners, and bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, the paths are heavily used, with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the sidewalks are ten feet wide except where the bridge's suspender ropes pass through, where they are less than seven feet wide; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide if they are heavily used; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge's suspender ropes beginning in 2017 and lasting until 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the project, the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps that will provide access to the sidewalks will be constructed, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority's own Bicycle Policy states that its goals are to integrate "improved bicycle access" and "safe bicycle lanes," and to "promote the safe co-existence of motor vehicles, bicycles and bicycle access" and "safe bicycle lanes," and to "promote the safe co-existence of motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians" at its facilities; and

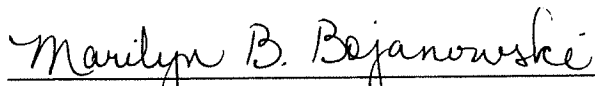
**WHEREAS**, the width of the bridge's sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high-use pedestrian and bicycle paths, and

**WHEREAS**, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Bergen County Executive and the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The within Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council at their meeting on June 20, 2017.



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Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC  
Municipal Clerk