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Kevin J. O'Toole, Chairman
Port Authority of NY&NJ
4 World Trade Center
150 Greenwich Street
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Dear Chairman O'Toole,

The Borough of Tenafly, NJ calls upon the Port Authority to widen the bicycle pedestrian paths on the George Washington Bridge to comply with national standards as part of the upcoming recabing and reconstruction in order to support the growth of cycling throughout the region.

A robust GWB connection will create critical new commuting capacity to reduce congestion and offset the inevitable disruption of bus and train service resulting from upgrades to the Midtown Bus Terminal and Penn Station, repairs to the Hudson rail tunnels, or any number of natural or man-made events.

It will enhance regional tourism and provide residents with opportunities for exercise and recreation.

We further believe that the upcoming \$1.9 billion reconstruction, during which the already overcrowded paths will be ripped out and restored, represents the ideal opportunity to do so.

Accordingly, we wish to join neighboring boroughs of Cliffside Park, Edgewater, Fort Lee, and Englewood Cliffs in calling on the Port Authority to widen the GWB paths as part of the upcoming recabing.

Respectfully,

Peter Rustin
Mayor, Borough of Tenafly

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