



**BOROUGH OF ALPINE
RESOLUTION**

**Support for Widening the Bicycle-Pedestrian Paths on the George
Washington Bridge as Part of Upcoming Recabbling & Restoration Project**

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

SECONDED BY: Councilman Shadok

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on
Wednesday, October 25, 2017

WHEREAS, between 2017 and 2024 the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
will rip out and restore the 1931-era paths on the George Washington Bridge (GWB) as
part of a \$1.9 billion recabbling and restoration project; and

WHEREAS, the GWB is the sole bike-able connector between North Jersey and NYC and
the nexus of the 1650 mile Tri-State Trail Network; and

WHEREAS, the GWB's seven foot paths are dangerously overcrowded at 3700 cyclists per
day on weekends and growing 10% per year and, if not widened to national standards, it will
become a "walk-your-bikes" facility; and

WHEREAS, wider GWB paths would spur the development of connected facilities,
enhancing tourism, public health, property tax revenue, sustainability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, wider paths would also provide New Jersey residents with new commuting
options, critical new capacity should regional transit be disrupted by planned upgrades to the
Mid-Town Bus Terminal, Penn Station, emergency repairs to the Hudson rail tunnels or any
number of natural or man-made events; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming GWB reconstruction project, during which the existing paths will
be ripped out and restored represents an ideal opportunity to accomplish the widening;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine
calls upon the Port Authority of NY&NJ to widen the bicycle-pedestrian paths on the George
Washington Bridge to comply with national standards as part of the upcoming recabbling and
restoration project in order to support the growth of cycling throughout the region;

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.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, V. Frankel, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shadok

MOTION CARRIED

I hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the
Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine at a meeting held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.


Stephanie Wehmann, Borough Clerk